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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
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District

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Roaring River State Park

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Roaring River State Park

Both the CCC and the WPA took part in developing Roaring River State Park, a dramatic slice of the Ozark Mountains, seven miles south of Cassville, in Barry County, Missouri. The original park, acquired in 1923, contained a lake (destroyed by a flood in 1939), a trout hatchery, and a few cabins. CCC Company 1713 arrived in the area in June 1933 and remained until November 1939. During this period, the CCC enrollees developed the hatchery, built new cabins and other park buildings, developed hiking trails, and repaired the damages of a disastrous flood. The major achievement of WPA workers at Roaring River was the construction of an impressive three-story stone and timber Lodge. An important survival in the park is Camp Smokey, which contains four original CCC officers' barracks. There is one historic district in the park: Camp Smokey-Company 1713 Historic District. Nominated as non-contiguous sites are the following: Deer Leap Trail, the lodge, the club house (bathhouse), the honeymoon cottage, the shelter and restroom (#'s 30 & 31), and the dam/spillway. District data follows; please see inventory data sheets on non-contiguous sites.

1. NAME

HISTORIC Roaring River State Park, Shelter Kitchen No. 2 and Rest Room

AND/OR COMMON Roaring River State Park, Shelter House and Rest Room

2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

 district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

 public
 private
 both
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 in process
 being considered

 occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress
ACCESSIBLE
 yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

 agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military
 museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**TITLE DETERMINED ELEGIBLE? YES NO FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION

 excellent
 good
 fair

 deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

CHECK ONE

 unaltered
 altered

CHECK ONE

 original site
 moved

date _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The shelter house (shelter kitchen #2) and rest room in the picnic area at Roaring River State Park are rustic buildings of wood and stone in a picturesque setting on the western banks of a spring-fed trout stream. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the summer of 1934, the shelter house is a rectangular building of horizontal log construction with a flagstone floor, a pitched side-gable roof, and two large fireplaces of rough coursed ashlar. Its floorplan is similar to those of the small shelter house at Van Meter State Park, the open shelter at Arrow Rock State Historic Site, and other rectangular shelters with two fireplaces, enclosed ends, and open sides. However, the use of rough log construction makes the Roaring River picnic shelter unique in the Missouri state park system. An identical shelter (shelter kitchen #1) was constructed, but has failed to survive, in the Roaring River camping area. The stone rest room, located a short distance to the northwest of shelter kitchen #2 is a small rectangular building with a front-gable roof, flared eaves, and a patterned arrangement of small square openings at the gable ends. The wall treatment of rough ashlar in horizontal courses echoes the stonework in the fireplaces and

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900 -	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Recreation

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1934 BUILDER/ARCHITECT CCC/NPS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (IN ONE PARAGRAPH)

The shelter house (shelter kitchen #2) and rest room in the picnic area at Roaring River State Park are significant under Criteria A and C in that they are early examples of Civilian Conservation Corps construction projects and also in that they are exceptionally fine examples of the type of rustic architecture promoted by the National Park Service during the 1930's. CCC Company 1713 moved into Roaring River State Park in June 1933, just two months after passage of the federal law creating the CCC program. The rugged tract of Ozark mountain land was virtually undeveloped before the arrival of the company. To quote Irene Horner, local author and historian: "What Roaring River State Park is today, is, in large part due to the CCC camp which was there in the 1930's."¹ The rough log shelter house and the rustic stone rest room, so wonderfully suited to the Ozark landscape, are fine illustrations of the lasting character imprinted by the CCC on this magnificent state park. Their fine craftsmanship and enduring beauty are excellent testimonials to the new hope and sense of purpose instilled by the CCC in the hard-pressed youth of the Depression Era.

¹Irene Horner, Roaring River Heritage (Cassville, Mo., 1978), p. .

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY * QUADRANGLE NAME Eagle Rock, Mo. SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES Less than one acre

A

15	425280	4048810
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B

15	425300	4048770
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

C

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D

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property is bounded on the east by Roaring River. The west line runs parallel to and 200' from the river. The north and south lines, each 200' long, are parallel to each other and 400' apart. The resulting parallelogram measures 400' north-south by 200' east-west.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Bonnie Wright

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

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chimneys of shelter kitchen #2. Both these buildings are well-preserved and in nearly pristine condition. However, the bark has fallen from the logs used in the shelter house walls, which have recently been painted a dark brown. The rest room is in the process of being re-roofed with cedar shakes in a manner as close as possible to the original.

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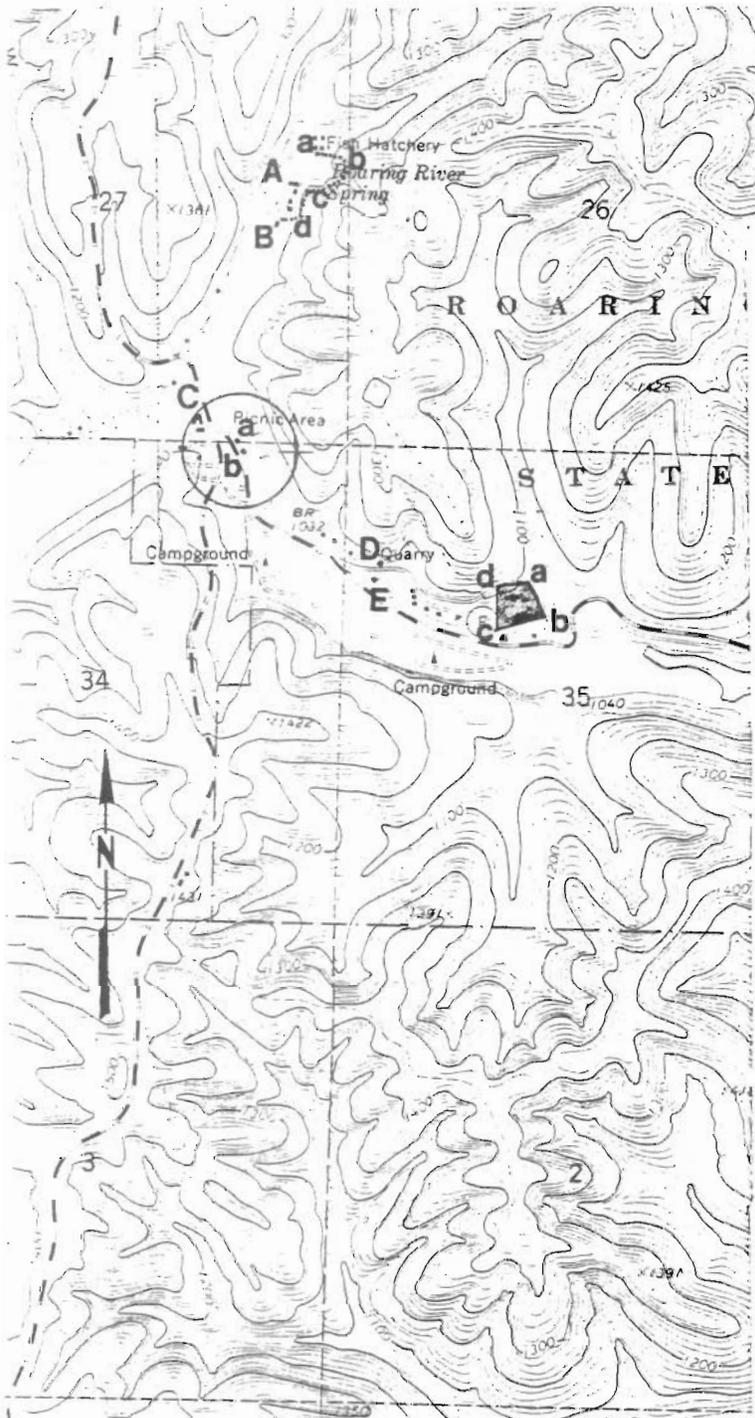
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and forms a compact and convenient boundary for the property. The parallelogram is centered on the above-referenced UTM point.



EMERGENCY CONSERVATION WORK ARCHITECTURE
IN MISSOURI STATE PARKS, (1933-1942) T.R.

Roaring River State Park
Barry County, Missouri

U.S.G.S. 7.5' Scale 1:24,000
EAGLE ROCK, MO Quadrangle (1974)

DEER LEAP TRAIL

- a. 15/425530/4049770
- b. 15/425630/4049710
- c. 15/425500/4049650
- d. 15/425480/4049570

HATCHERY DAM

- A. 15/425450/4049680

ROARING RIVER LODGE

- B. 15/425400/4049550

PICNIC AREA

- C. a. Rest Room 15/425280/4048810
- b. Shelter 15/425300/4048770

HONEYMOON CABIN

- D. 15/425740/4048400

CLUBHOUSE

- E. 15/425720/4048340

CAMP SMOKEY HISTORIC DISTRICT

- a. 15/426240/4048320
- b. 15/426290/4048210
- c. 15/426120/4048170
- d. 15/426140/4048310

