

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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District

Continuation sheet 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

AND/OR COMMON Roaring River State Park, Deer Leap Trail**2. LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE MissouriCODE 29COUNTY BarryCODE 009**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

 district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

OWNERSHIP

 public
 private
 both
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 in process
 being considered

STATUS

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

PRESENT USE

 agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military
 museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:
4. OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME State of Missouri, Department of Natural ResourcesSTREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 176CITY, TOWN Jefferson City

VICINITY OF

STATE Missouri**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Department of Natural Resources
 P.O. Box 176
 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYSTITLE _____ DETERMINED ELEGIBLE? YES NO FEDERAL STATE COUNTY _____ LOCAL _____Missouri State Historical Survey, 1982-1984**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION

 excellent
 good
 fair
 deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

CHECK ONE

 unaltered
 altered

CHECK ONE

 original site
 moved
date Sept. 1984

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Deer Leap Trail at Roaring River State Park is a man-made trail, approximately 3/10 of a mile in length, that rises to the east of the trout hatchery, ascends a steep bluff, circles the spring lake formed by the dam, and descends along the edge of the bluff to the area of the rental cabins north of the swimming pool. Between 1933 and 1939, the Civilian Conservation Corps laid out this spectacular trail, placing rough stone steps and stone retaining walls at the starting and ending points and at points of steepest ascent and descent. A dramatic feature of the trail is Deer Leap Overlook, a rocky projection of the bluff that offers a panoramic view of the spring at the source of the Roaring River, the hatchery complex, and the wooded hills to the north. According to local legend, Deer Leap takes its name from a dramatic incident that occurred in the 1870's when a deer and a pursuing hound leaped from the edge of the bluff and plunged into the pool of spring water below. Deer Leap Trail is an attractive man-made feature that allows park visitors to enjoy a spectacular view of the spring and hatchery at Roaring River State Park.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<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 1933-1939 BUILDER/ARCHITECT CCC/NPS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (IN ONE PARAGRAPH)

Deer Leap Trail at Roaring River State Park has exceptional significance under Criteria A and C as an important park development project carried out by the Civilian Conservation Corps and also as an example of landscape architecture that provided public access to a dramatic rock-faced cliff without detracting from the natural beauty of the landscape. The simplicity of the structure, the use of natural materials, and the harmony of man-made elements with natural features place this trail within the tradition of rustic architecture upheld by the National Park Service in the 1930's. Construction of the trail was important as part of a larger effort to develop a trout stream, a beautiful spring, and a dramatic tract of land in the southwestern Missouri Ozarks for recreational purposes. In social/humanitarian terms, the project provided useful employment for enrollees in Company 1713 of the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brewer, Wanda Eve. Roaring River Realities. Kansas City, Mo.: Lowell Press, 1973.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

UTM REFERENCES *Less than one acre

A	1,5	42553.0	40497.0	B	1,5	42563.0	40497.0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
c	1,5	42550.0	40496.5	D	1,5	42548.0	40495.7

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

Deer Leap Trail begins just east of the hatchery and follows the contour of the bluff to Deer Leap Overlook, proceeding along the contour of the bluff south and west to the rear of the lodge. The trail is approximately .3 miles in length. See appended U.S.G.S. map.

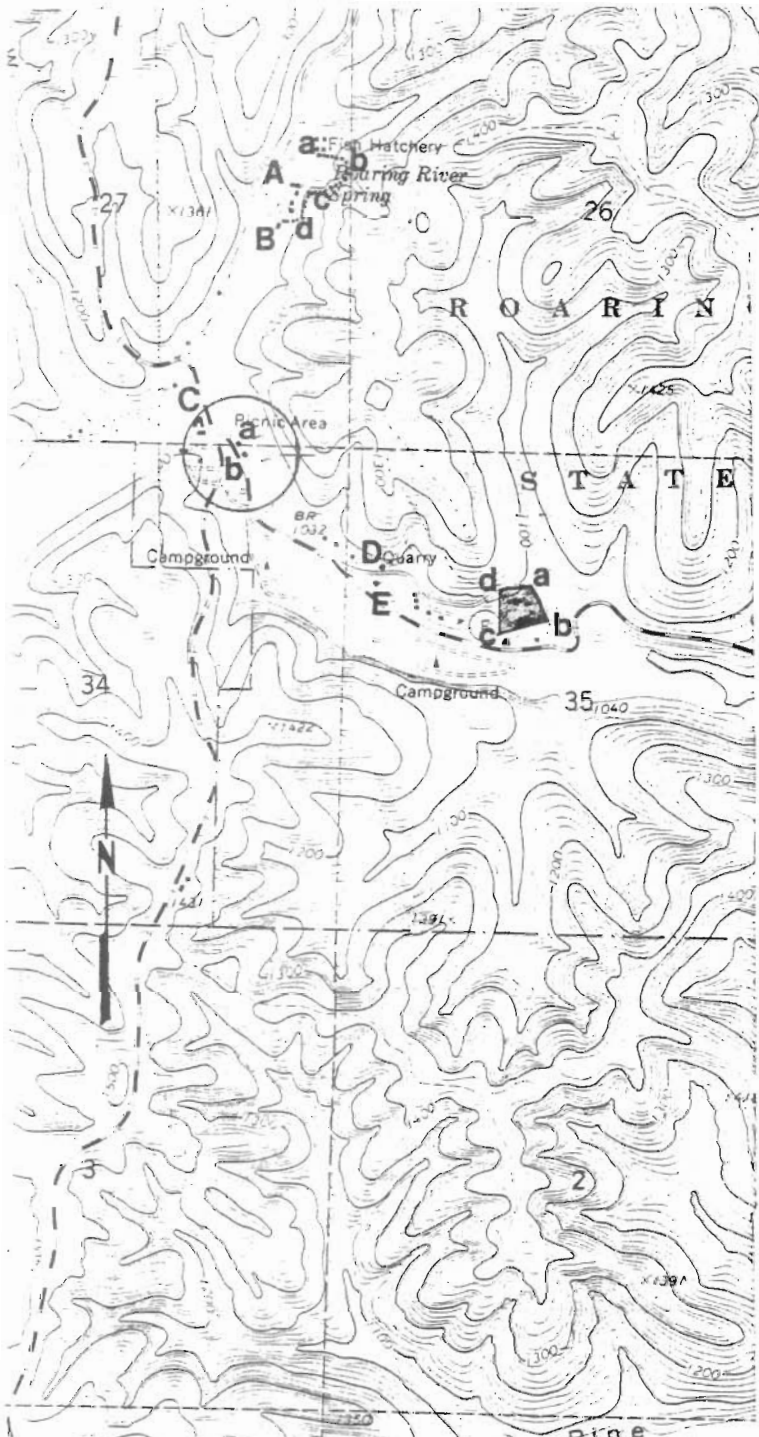
11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Bonnie Wright

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

DATE



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

