

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

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

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Continuation sheet Montauk State Park

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Montauk State Park

Montauk State Park is located on 633 acres of land in the southern portion of Dent County, twenty-one miles southwest of Salem, Missouri. The outstanding natural feature of the park is a spring that forms an excellent trout stream near the head of the Current River. An old mill, rehabilitated by CCC enrollees, is an important historical feature of the park. In addition to working on the old mill, Veterans Company 1770 constructed a dam and bridge, tourist cabins, and other park buildings. Fire, heavy use, and modernization have taken their toll at Montauk, leaving few of the original CCC structures intact. The buildings and structures nominated in this park are, as follows: the old mill, the shelter and footbridge, and the dam and spillway (near the fish hatchery). See inventory data sheets on these properties.

MISSOURI OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION / INVENTORY SURVEY FORM

1. NAME Dam and Spillway in the Hatchery Area at Montauk State Park

HISTORIC  
AND/OR COMMON

2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

STATE Missouri CODE 29 COUNTY Dent CODE 065

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME State of Missouri, Department of Natural Resources

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 176

CITY, 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 SURVEYS

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DETERMINED ELEGIBLE?  YES  NO  FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_

Missouri State Historical Survey, 1982-1984

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		<input type="checkbox"/> moved

date Aug. 1984

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dam and Spillway in the Hatchery Area at Montauk State Park are rustic stone structures on concrete footings in the Spring Branch that flows into the Current River. Company 1770 of the Civilian Conservation Corps constructed the impoundment structures in the summer of 1935 in order to control the outflow of water from the hatchery fish ponds. According to an official report on the project, "The side and wing walls were constructed of stone, placed within forms to obtain the desired lines, grouted in place."<sup>1</sup> These walls and the random stone spillway, which gives the impression of a natural fall of rock, remain intact, although the wooden bridge that originally spanned the dam has been replaced with a concrete span.

<sup>1</sup>"Narrative Report of Activities at Montauk State Park, SP-1, Missouri, for June and July 1935."

## 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 checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social /
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900 -	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

SPECIFIC DATES 1935 BUILDER/ARCHITECT CCC/NPS

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (IN ONE PARAGRAPH)

The Dam and Spillway in the Hatchery Area at Montauk State Park have exceptional significance under Criteria A and C, in that they represent an important part of a park development project carried out during the early years of the Civilian Conservation Corps and also in that they form a distinctive example of the rustic park architecture promoted by the National Park Service during the 1930's. The Spillway and Dam were important structures in a trout hatchery development project on a spring-fed stream at the headwaters of the Current River. The rough and tumble character of the stonework gives the impression of a natural, rather than a man-made, feature that blends well with the park landscape. This and other construction projects at Montauk State Park provided useful work for the members of Company 1770 of the Civilian Conservation Corps, a veterans' company, which included several experienced stonemasons.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Townsend Godsey, "Missouri's State Parks in the Making," in Missouri Magazine February 1934, p. 7.

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

DNR archives.

Godsey, Townsend. "Missouri's State Parks in the Making." Missouri Magazine February 1934, p. 7.  
 "Narrative Report of Activities at Montauk State Park, SP-1, Missouri," June and July 1935.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY \* 1 QUADRANGLE NAME Montauk, Missouri SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES \*Less than one acre

A	<u>15</u>	<u>616340</u>	<u>4146000</u>	B	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	D	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

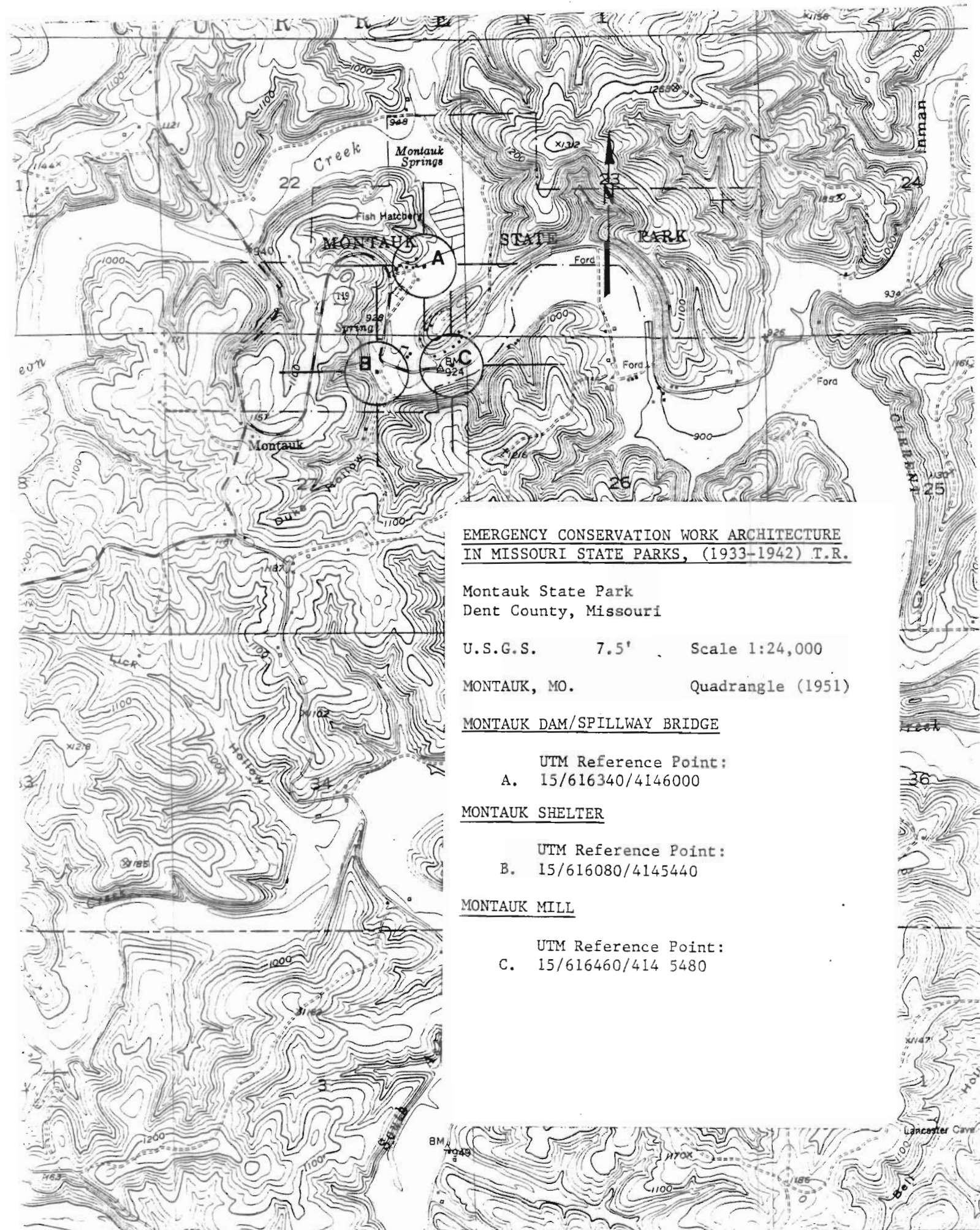
The nominated property is contained within a 50' x 50' square centered on the above referenced UTM point with sides that are parallel to the walls of the structure.

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE B. Wright

ORGANIZATION

DATE



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

Montauk State Park  
Dent County, Missouri

U.S.G.S. 7.5' Scale 1:24,000

MONTAUK, MO. Quadrangle (1951)

MONTAUK DAM/SPILLWAY BRIDGE

UTM Reference Point:  
A. 15/616340/4146000

MONTAUK SHELTER

UTM Reference Point:  
B. 15/616080/4145440

MONTAUK MILL

UTM Reference Point:  
C. 15/616460/4145480



