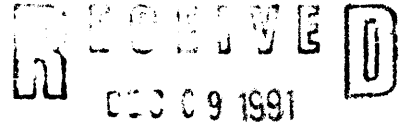


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See Instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Sibley State Park CCC/Rustic Style Historic District
other names/site number Sibley State Park

2. Location

street & number off U.S. Highway 71
city, town Lake Andrew Twp New London
state Minnesota code MN county Kandiyohi code 067 zip code 56273

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes sub-rows for Contributing and Noncontributing resources.

Name of related multiple property listing: Minnesota State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Historic Resources
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official Ian R. Stewart
Date 11/25/91
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau Minnesota Historical Society

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
[checked] entered in the National Register.
[ ] determined eligible for the National Register.
[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[ ] removed from the National Register.
[ ] other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper Beth Roland
Date of Action 1/22/92

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Recreation/Outdoor Recreation

Landscape/State Park

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Recreation/Outdoor Recreation

Landscape/State Park

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: NPS Rustic Architecture

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Stone/Wood

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See Continuation Sheets

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

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nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
Landscape Architecture  
Recreation  
Government  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1935-38  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Dates

1935  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

National Park Service  
Civilian Conservation Corps  
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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See Continuation Sheets

See continuation sheet

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

- Department of Natural Resources. Working Drawings and Specifications for Buildings and Structures at Sibley State Park. Bureau of Engineering. St. Paul, Minnesota
- Good, Albert H. Park and Recreation Structures: Part I - Administration and Basic Service Facilities. United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service. 1938.
- A Management Plan for Sibley State Park. St. Paul: Department of Natural Resources. 1979.
- Minnesota Department of Conservation. Progress Reports for the Division of State Parks 1935-38. Minnesota State Archives. Minnesota Historical Society

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### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property 41 Acres

### UTM References

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### Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for Sibley State Park CCC/Rustic Style Historic District is shown as the heavy line on the accompanying map entitled "Sibley State Park." The boundary is essentially defined by Lake Andrew to the south and State Highway 9 to the north, east and west. The boundary lines are crosshatched.

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### Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the buildings and structures in the public use area and the service yard that have been historically associated with the park and that maintain historic integrity. The boundary defines the areas of the park developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Sibley State Park CCC/Rustic Style Historic District encompasses the public use area of the park, located along the north shore of Lake Andrew, and the original Service Yard containing the Custodian's Cabin and the Office/Garage Building. Ten buildings, three structures, and six objects are included. Architects for the buildings were from the Central Design Office of the National Park Service.

Department of Natural Resources building identification numbers are placed after the name of each building.

1. Building: Shelter Pavilion 4-13 Builder: CCC  
Architect: Edward W. Barber Date: 1937

The Shelter Pavilion is a 52' x 24' building which contains a picnic shelter and a kitchen area arranged in a rectilinear design. The entire building is constructed with native split field stone. The shelter may be entered through openings on both principal facades which are divided into three bays by pairs of 12" x 12" rough hewn posts. The central 10'4" opening is flanked by two openings, 8'6" each. The end walls of the shelter contain massive stone fireplace with the fireplace on the west end of the building flanked by built-in benches. Rectangular openings with wooden grills are located on either side of the fireplace.

The kitchen area may be entered from the picnic shelter or by an 8' opening in the east facade. The opening is flanked by narrow windows covered with wooden grills. The kitchen once contained seven cast iron cook stoves built into the back of one of the shelter fireplaces. A 12" recess in the stone wall above the stove battery is supported by stone corbels. Two window openings, each 7' long and 2'8" wide, pierce the east and west walls of the kitchen.

A timber truss system supports the gable roof.

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2. Building: Pump House 4-12 Builder: CCC  
Architect: National Park Service Date: 1936

The Pump House is a one story stone building with a 14'6" square storage area and a 10' x 11'6" section to the rear for the pump. The 7' high stone walls of the storage room once extended an additional 15' to enclosed a water storage tank. The tower was finished with board and batten siding with wooden pegs. In the 1980s the tower was removed leaving the present one story structure which is now covered by a hip roof.

3. Building: Latrine 4-11 Builder: CCC  
Architect: National Park Service Date: 1936

The Cedar Hill Latrine is a 29' x 15' structure built with native split stone and rough face vertical boards with wooden pegs. Stone is employed on the end walls while the vertical siding is used on the principal facades. Entrance screens shield the entrances to both rest rooms. The screen on the north facade features two stone piers enclosing the 6'2" x 10'4" area. Vertical boards infill the areas between the stonework and 4" x 6" timber brackets are employed in the openings above. The entrance is covered with a gable roof. The entrance screen on the east facade is constructed entirely of stone. Two openings pierce the stonework; an opening covered by a grill on the north wall and a corbelled opening on the south. The entrance is covered by a shed roof. The interior was remodeled in 1963.

4. Object: Drinking Fountains Builder: CCC  
Architect: National Park Service Date: 1937-38

Six split stone fountains are located in the park. Two are located in the campground, one by the beach house, and 3 in the Cedar Hill Picnic Area. The drinking fountains rest on 7'4" square flagstone platforms and rise to a height of 3' with a slight batter. A 6" high stepping stone is placed at one side.

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5. Structure: Stone Steps Builder: CCC  
Architect: National Park Service Date: 1937

Two sets of stone steps constructed with massive granite slabs are located in the park. Stone steps lead from the beach area to the Cedar Hill Picnic Grounds and steps also lead from the main park road to the service area.

6. Building: Bath House 4-10 Builder: CCC  
Architect: National Park Service Date: 1937

The Bath House is constructed with split stone boulders and employs a standard design utilized throughout the state park system. This 45'6" x 22'5" gabled roof structure once contained a concession, rest rooms, and storage areas which were located in the central portion of the building. Two loggias which allowed free circulation through the building flanked this core area. The loggias also allowed access to adjacent changing wings which extended approximately 20' beyond the sidewalls of the present building. The changing wings were constructed with rough vertical boards placed on a stone base. A service counter for the concession once opened onto the beach facade and was protected by a canopy supported by heavy timber brackets.

The changing wings have been razed to the ground and the loggias have been converted into rest rooms. The concession area now serves as small store. The building was remodeled in 1960 and 1972.

7. Building: Fish House 4-9 Builder: CCC  
Architect: D.C. Grover Date: 1938

The Fish Cleaning House is a 12'8" square building located on a cliff high above Lake Andrew. The building is constructed with local split stone to the sill with twelve 10" x 10" native oak posts supporting a hip roof. The areas between the posts are screened. The building's original wooden shingles have been replaced with asphalt.

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8. Building: Ice & Wood House Builder: CCC  
Architect: G.C. Grover & E.W. Barber Date: 1938

This building was originally called a Pump House and Service Building and contained a wood storage area in the center of the building flanked by an ice house to the south and a pump and generator room to the north. The overall dimensions of the structure are 44' x 19'. The building is constructed entirely of native split stone with the exception of the south gable which contains rough 10" horizontal siding. Entrance to the wood storage area was gained through a large opening while the entrances to the ice house and pump room contained plank doors with strap hinges. Two 4 light casements flank the entrance to the pump room and three 4 light casements are located on the south facade. The floor of the ice house was originally sand and the floor of the wood storage area was dirt.

In 1968 the ice house was converted to provide rest room facilities and a 12' square addition extended the building to the north. The addition is sheathed in board and batten siding.

9. Building: Campground Shelter 4-7 Builder: CCC  
Architect: Edward W. Barber Date: 1938

The Campground Shelter and Kitchen is a 44' x 26' building with a 16' x 20' projection to the rear which provided the kitchen area. The T-shaped building is constructed entirely with native split stone, however, rough vertical boards with oak pegs are employed above the sill level on the shelter section of the structure. The shelter is entered through a projecting porch with a shed roof supported by three 10" square posts placed at each corner. The entrance is covered with granite flagging. The interior of the shelter features two massive split stone fireplaces with segmentally arched openings, plank seats supported by stone supports placed around the parameter, and wooden trusses with brackets.

All window openings are eight light casements with the exception of the openings in the plank entrance doors which contain six light casements. The gables are finished with rough clapboard siding.

The kitchen once contained 5 cast iron stoves which have been removed and the original shingle roof has been replaced with asphalt.



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10. Building: Combination Building 4-6 Builder: CCC  
Architect: National Park Service Date: 1937

This 46'6 x 29' Combination Building provides space for showers, rest rooms, and a maintenance room while an 18' x 15'8" extension to the north provides laundry facilities. The entire building is constructed with split stone boulders with the exception of the laundry which is stone to the sill level and rough board and batten siding above. The gable areas are also finished with rough horizontal siding. Entrance porches with shed roofs are located on each of the principal facades and are supported with squared rough hewn posts. The recessed entry on the west facade leads to either the mens' showers or rest rooms while the entrance on the east facade leads to the womens' facilities. Windows are four light casements in the main section of the building while windows in the laundry wing are six light casements.

11. Structure: Water Tower 4-8 Builder: CCC  
Architect: Edward W. Barber Date: 1938

The campground Water Tower is a 16'8" square structure constructed with native split face granite boulders laid random ashlar with horizontal bed joints. The stonework rises 14'6" and is followed by a 7' section of rough clapboards with louver openings. The tower is capped with a hip roof. The entrance features a stone step and a granite sill. An entrance canopy rests on corbelled stonework and a granite lintel is placed over the door.

The tower originally contained a 3,181 gallon tank which was 9'6" in diameter and 6'0" high. A new tank was installed in 1961.

12. Building: Custodian's Cabin 4-26 Builder: CCC  
Architect: Edward W. Barber Date: 1937

The Custodian's Cabin was designed as a rectilinear structure with overall dimensions of 35'8" x 32'4". The gable roofed residence contains a living room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bath. The entire building is constructed with stone with the exception of the bedroom wing and west

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facade of the living room where rough vertical boards with pegs are employed above the sill. An 18' long recessed entrance porch features granite flagging and 12" x 12" posts which support the roof. The living room features maple floors, native white oak beams, V-joint paneling and a brick fireplace.

In 1965 a 16'3" x 16' addition was made to the bedroom wing in order to add a third bedroom. The addition is sheathed with full length vertical siding space to the match the existing.

13. Building: Garage & Office 4-27 Builder: CCC  
Architect: Edward W. Barber Date: 1937

This 42'6" x 26'6" Garage and Office building is constructed entirely of split stone with the exception of the office wing which features rough board and batten siding above the sill line. The building contains a two stall garage, office space and a tool room. The two garage stalls are separated by corbelled stone piers and the garage doors are built with 2-ply rough boards. The garage is covered with a gable roof while the office is covered with a hip roof. All windows on the principal facade and the south end wall are six over six light double hung sash while the windows on the rear facade are 6 light casements.

The garage doors have been replaced and the building has been extended to the north with a non-contributing addition sheathed with vertical wood siding.

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sibley State Park CCC/Rustic Style Historic District is historically significant for its association with the social, political, and economic impact of the Great Depression and the subsequent development of the various Federal Relief Programs which were responsible for their construction. The Civilian Conservation Corps in particular is considered the most popular and successful of these programs and is also considered one of the great conservation programs in the history of the United States. The district is also significant for its association with the development of the Minnesota state park system.

The Sibley State Park CCC/Rustic Style Historic District is architecturally significant for its unique and distinctive rustic style construction featuring irreplaceable labor intensive methods and finely crafted detailing. These buildings and structures are characterized by nonintrusive and environmentally sensitive designs based on National Park Service design philosophy and master planning. The park contains a particularly cohesive and well developed collection of rustic style stone buildings. The labor intensive nature of the construction process was clearly apparent at Sibley State Park with state park records indicating that as a result of the difficulty in splitting the local stone, 75% of the masonry was unusable. The public use area of the park has also remained remarkably unchanged since construction and contains no non-contributing buildings or new construction.

The landscape design for the park represents an excellent example of master planning, a concept introduced to state park development by the National Park Service. According to the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Typical of these (master plans) would be the site plan for Sibley State Park which clearly defines use areas based on their functional intention. Bathers, picnickers and campers are all assigned to distinct areas to avoid the congestion and over crowding caused by undifferentiated space. Circulation patterns are also clearly delineated. Yet, the overall effect is one of considerable naturalness which conceals the well thought out landscape design. Careful attention to the existing terrain and the asymmetrical or picturesque placement of the Rustic Style buildings suggests an informality which serves as a successful foil to the precision of the site design."

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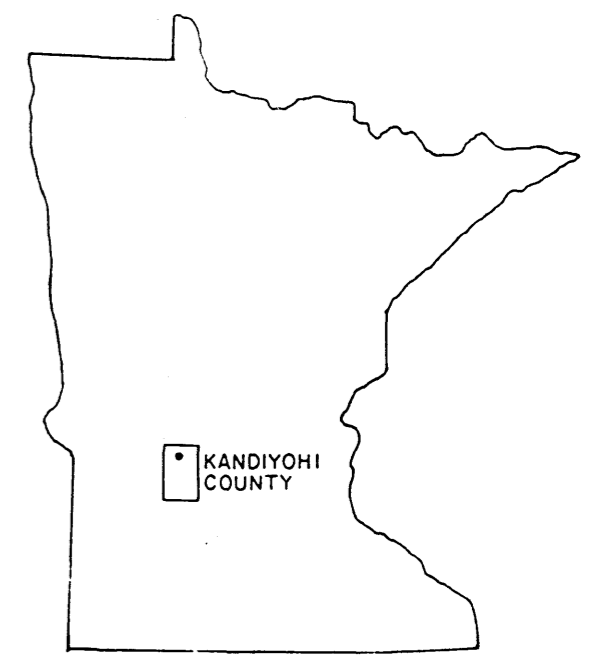
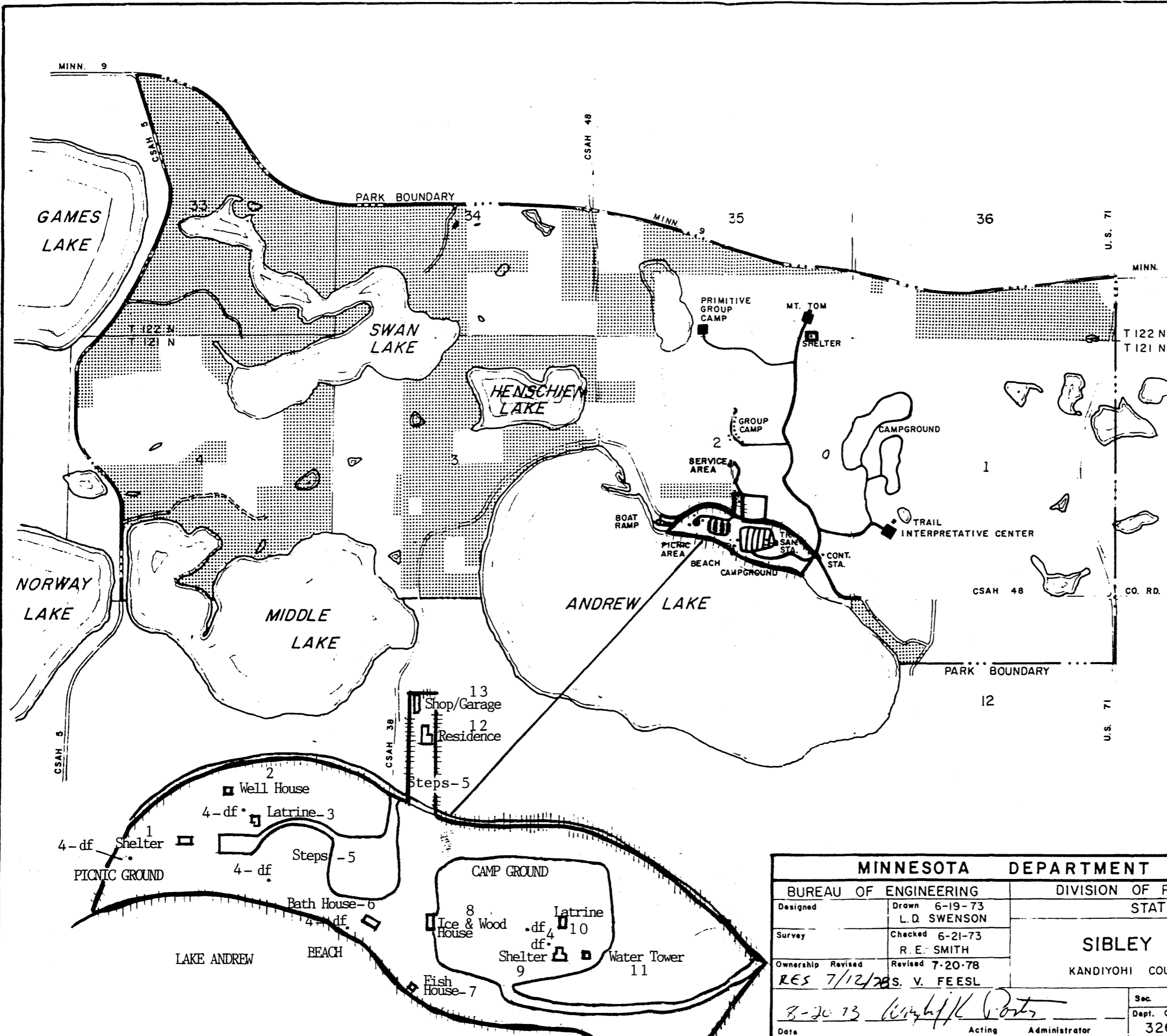
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Sibley State Park was established in 1919 although a game reserve had been established on this site in 1917. Although the area was technically a state park, it was maintained by county funds until the state assumed complete responsibility for its operation and development in 1935. C.C.C. camp SP-7, which actually consisted of Veterans of World War I, first occupied the park on April 30, 1935 and began the large scale construction which we see today. The camp was located between the beach area and the campground although there are no surviving buildings from the camp. After the development of the park was completed in 1938, the C.C.C. camp transferred to Itasca State Park where they completed such notable stone buildings as the Forest Inn.



**KEY**

- STATE LAND
- PRIVATE LAND
- EXISTING DEVELOPMENT

SCALE: 1" = 2000'  
 STATUTORY BOUNDARY 3100 ACRES

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES			
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING		DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION	
STATE PARK SITE		<b>SIBLEY STATE PARK</b>	
KANDIYOHI COUNTY - NEAR NEW LONDON			
Designed	Drawn 6-19-73 L.D. SWENSON	T. 121 & 122 N. R. 35 W.	
Survey	Checked 6-21-73 R. E. SMITH	Reg. 73-121	
Ownership Revised	Revised 7-20-78	Sheet 14	
Date 8-20-73 <i>W. J. Porter</i> Acting Administrator		File P.043.00.01	