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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Crystal Springs Camp Shelter

other name/site number: MN 0033

2. Location

street & number: Forest Service Road 177; east of State Highway #27

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Norman

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Montgomery code: AR 097 zip code: 71960

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas, 1933-42

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#### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.

Evan D. DeStor 9/3/93  
Signature of certifying official Date

Federal Preservation Officer Forest Service

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets        does not meet the National Register criteria.        See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Byrd 10-9-91  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

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#### 5. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

✓ entered in the National Register Patty S. Chrisman 10/21/93  
       See continuation sheet.         
       determined eligible for the         
       National Register         
       See continuation sheet.         
       determined not eligible for the         
       National Register         
       removed from the National Register         
       other (explain):       

fn Signature of Keeper Date  
of Action

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#### 6. Function or Use

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Historic: Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

Current : Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other: Rustic Architecture

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Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Asphalt  
walls Wood Posts other \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Social History  
Architecture  
Entertainment/Recreation  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: c.1939 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates : N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
X See continuation sheet.

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**Description:**

The Crystal Springs Recreation Area is located on Forest Service Road No. 177 off of Arkansas Highway 27 in Montgomery County. The recreation area is a rectangular shelter which is on a concrete foundation. The structure is all open air and has low bench-like seats on both the north and south sides. The structure has a hipped roof covered with composition shingles and is supported by eight (8) large log columns; four columns on both the north and south sides. The structure is in good condition.

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The Crystal Springs Camp Shelter was constructed circa 1935 by members of the 741st Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Crystal Springs Camp that was located close nearby. It was constructed as part of a small, public recreational complex within the Ouachita National Forest (ONF) as a result of the CCC's emphasis upon recreational construction that began in earnest circa 1935. The extant historic structures within this complex include only this camp shelter and a dam (nominated separately), both of which allowed the area to function purely as a swimming and picnicking facility, as it continues to do today. As such, the Crystal Springs Camp Shelter remains significant through its associations with the contributions to American social history made by the Civilian Conservation Corps, its associations with the emphasis upon outdoor recreation that guided such construction, and its status as an excellent example of CCC recreational architecture in a remarkable state of preservation.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942," Section H.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>441400</u>	<u>3815300</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of Forest Service Road #177 located approximately 15,000 feet east of its intersection with State Highway #27, proceed southerly along a line running parallel with the shelter's western elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed easterly along a line running parallel with the shelter's southern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a line running parallel with the shelter's eastern elevation for a distance of 200 feet to its intersection with the southern edge of Forest Service Road #177; thence proceed westerly along said edge for a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes the land surrounding the shelter and its principal approach from the road, all of which constitutes the property historically associated with this resource.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 8/28/91

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 93001087      Date Listed: 10/21/93

Crystal Springs Camp Shelter      Montgomery      AR  
Property Name:                      County:              State:

Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS

Multiple Name \_\_\_\_\_

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*for* Patty S. Chrisman  
Signature of the Keeper

10/22/93  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

There was a discrepancy in the nomination form and the text for the construction date of the Crystal Springs Camp Shelter. The correct date of construction is c.1935. This correction was made following a phone call to the Arkansas SHPO. The nomination is officially amended to include this information.

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**DISTRIBUTION:**

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Crystal Springs Camp Shelter  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Montgomery

DATE RECEIVED: 9/14/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/28/93  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/14/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/29/93  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001087

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10/21/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C  
REVIEWER Dallas S. Christian  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 10/21/93

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

\_\_\_summary paragraph  
\_\_\_completeness  
\_\_\_clarity  
\_\_\_applicable criteria  
\_\_\_justification of areas checked  
\_\_\_relating significance to the resource  
\_\_\_context  
\_\_\_relationship of integrity to significance  
\_\_\_justification of exception  
\_\_\_other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





Crystal Springs Camp Shelter  
Norman vic., Arkansas  
Photographed by Todd Ferguson  
February 1991  
Negative on file at AHPP  
View from the north

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500019