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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Charlton Bathhouse

other name/site number: GA 0003

2. Location

street & number: North of U.S. Route 270

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Crystal Springs

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Garland

code: AR 051

zip code: 71938

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 F. DeBlois

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. Buford

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  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Patty S. Chrisman

10/20/93

for 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: WPA Rustic Architecture

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Materials: foundation Stone roof Asphalt  
walls Stone other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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  
Entertainment/Recreation  
Architecture

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Period(s) of Significance: c.1938 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates : N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

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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 Charlton Bathhouse is located within the Charlton Recreation Area along U.S. Hwy. 270 east of Mt. Ida, Arkansas. The bathhouse is a one story, rock structure with a one bay, central front porch supported by four large wooden posts. The structure is composed of three sections, a large center section and two small end sections. The small sections on either end originally had doors in them; however, these have since been filled with natural stone. Each section has a gabled roof in a straight line with the end sections being lower than the main gable. The porch has a simple shed roof. All roof areas are covered with composition shingles. The entrance to the structure is a set of double doors located on the porch area. The only windows on the structure are louvered vents. It also has two large sets of louvered vents on the front of the structure, a single vent on each end, and a series of vents across the back. The structure rests upon a continuous stone foundation and has the sloping exterior corners distinctive of CCC structures.

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The Charlton Bathhouse was constructed circa 1938 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 bathhouse and a spillway/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 Charlton Bathhouse 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.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>465920</u>	<u>3816330</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

Beginning at a point on the eastern edge of the paved access road loop located 400 feet from its intersection with U.S. Route 270, proceed easterly along a line running parallel with the southern elevation of the bathhouse for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a line running parallel with the bathhouse's eastern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed westerly along a line running parallel with the bathhouse's northern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed southerly along a line running parallel with the bathhouse's western elevation for a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.

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

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource, including the bathhouse itself, its principal approaches from both Walnut Creek and the paved access road loop, and the surrounding land that forms its historic setting.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Charlton Bathhouse

MULTIPLE NAME: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Garland

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: 93001080

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 10/20/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*The Charlton Bathhouse is significant under criteria A and C in the areas of social history, entertainment / recreation, and architecture.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A & C  
REVIEWER Dan Christman  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 10/20/93

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  
☐ UTM's      ☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_





Charlton Bathhouse  
Crystal Springs vic., Arkansas  
Photographed by Todd Ferguson  
February 1991  
Negative on file at AHPP  
View from the <sup>south</sup> east





Charlton Bath house  
Crystal Springs vic., Arkansas  
Photographed by Todd Ferguson  
February 1991  
Negative on file at AHPP  
View from the <sup>north</sup> west

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500019