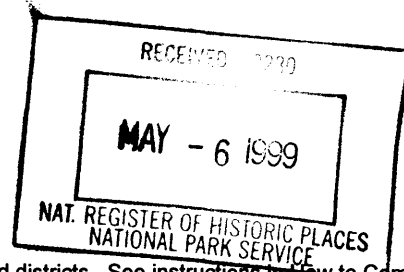


**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Palisades Bridge
other names/site number Palisades State Park Bridge

2. Location

street & number 25495 485th Avenue not for publication _____
city or town Garretson Vicinity X
state South Dakota Code SD county Minnehaha code 099 zip code 57030

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Voigt
Signature of certifying official

04-29-99
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. (____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the 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:)

Signature of the Keeper: Edson H. Beall
Date of Action: 6/3/99

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	Buildings
_____	_____	Sites
1	_____	Structures
_____	_____	Objects
1	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Historic Bridges in South Dakota 1893-1942

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Transportation Sub: Road Related
(vehicular) bridge

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Transportation Sub: Road Related
(vehicular) bridge

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Pratt Pin connected Through Truss

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Stone, Granite
Roof N/A
Walls N/A

Other Iron, Wood

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant Contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a Significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation
Engineering

Period of Significance

1908

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Minnehaha County, South Dakota
County and State

Significant Dates 1908

Significant Person N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Western Bridge and Construction Company

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository: _____

Palisades Bridge
Name of Property

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County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>14</u> Zone	<u>700032</u> Easting	<u>4840114</u> Northing	3	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing
2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Patrick C. Thompson, Park
Manager

organization Division of Parks and Recreation date March 9, 1999

street & number 25495 485th Avenue telephone 605-594-3824

city or town Garretson state SD zip code 57030

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Name of Property

Minnehaha County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
street & number 25495 485th Avenue Telephone 605-594-3824
city or town Garretson state SD Zip code 57030

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Narrative Description

The original bridge at Palisades State Park across the Splitrock Creek was built in 1883. On November 13, 1883, the county clerk was directed to draw an order in favor of Louise Peterson in the sum of \$1000.00 for the building of abutments and wing walls for the bridge across the Splitrock Creek in Palisades Township. This bridge stayed until 1896 when an ice jamb removed the bridge and carried it down stream. In 1908 the county built the present bridge at Palisades State Park.

Description

The present bridge is a five panel Pratt Pinned Connection Through structure. It measures 119 feet in length and 16 feet in width. Wood bridge planks make up the deck with the rest of the structure made of steel. The abutments are made of stone found along the Splitrock Creek. The Palisades Bridge spans Splitrock Creek 40 feet high on rock cliffs in the Palisades Township of Minnehaha County.

The road was constructed in 1883 at the cost of a local mill operator C. W. Patten to lead to the town of Palisades and to his Mill. The road and bridge, which now lead visitor to a picnic area in the Park, are still in use today. No alterations have been made to the original structure.

Statement of Significance

The bridge at Palisades State Park is significant under Criterion C for its contribution to engineering. It was constructed in 1908 to replace the original bridge that was destroyed by an ice jamb. The Palisades Bridge is also significant under Criterion A for its association with the town of Palisades and its importance for recreation activities. The bridge has long been associated with the settlement of Palisades and Garretson, South Dakota. The area of Palisades is unique in that 50 foot sheer cliffs of rocks line the Splitrock Creek. The bridge spans the creek at approximately 40 feet above the water providing a great view of the rocks and creek both up and down stream.

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In 1870's C. W. Patten built a dam and mill across the Splitrock Creek at the future site of the palisades bridge. The town of Palisades began to grow and provided the need for a crossing at the Splitrock Creek. In 1883, C.W. Patten and petitioners presented to the Minnehaha Commissioners that a bridge was needed for a crossing upstream of the dam and leading to the town of Palisades. The commissioners approved the construction of the bridge in a vote. In the winter of 1883 the first bridge was built. This bridge served the community of Palisades and the mill until 1889 when the railroad established a junction two miles north. At that point the town of Palisades moved to the railroad location and changed its name to Garretson, South Dakota. The mill continued until 1917 to operate and use the crossing to transport ground flour from local farmer's grains. The bridge lasted until 1896 when a flood and ice jamb took out the bridge. It took until 1908 to replace the bridge with the present bridge built by the Western Bridge & Construction Company out of Omaha Nebraska. Early settlers recognized the uniqueness of the area and visited the area frequently for Sunday drives and picnics.

The new bridge, 1908, utilized the natural resource of rock outcroppings. The abutments for the bridge are the palisades, for which the area was named. Research reflects that this is the only bridge in the State of South Dakota that utilizes this unique resource for construction.

The surrounding area was owned and farmed by local citizens until 1947. In 1947, 20 acres were donated to the State of South Dakota for a State park. In 1953, 22 acres were added and in 1967 & 1969, 17 and 50 acres were purchased. With the combination of the accumulated acres the area was then large enough to be declared a State park. In 1974, the Park of Palisades State Park was established. Throughout the period of significance, the bridge has stood the test of time and provided visitors with a great opportunity to enjoy the rocks of Palisades.

The Palisades Bridge, built in 1908 in Minnehaha County, is significant for its contribution to engineering. It is an excellent example of a Pratt Pinned Connection Through structure in the State of South Dakota. It is also significant in that it utilizes naturally occurring rock outcroppings as its abutments. As the bridge has had no alterations, it retains a high degree of integrity. Also, the bridge played a vital role in the development of the town of Palisades through transportation and the area for recreation purposes.

Palisades Bridge
Name of Property

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OMB Approval No. 1024-0018

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Verbal Boundary Description

One structure consisting of a five panel Pratt Pinned Connection Through structure measuring 119 feet in length by 16 feet in width spanning the Split Rock Creek.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the entire bridge and stone abutments.