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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000519

Date Listed: 5/28/92

Concrete Log Bridge  
Property Name

Conway  
County

ARKANSAS  
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.

Patrick Andrews  
Signature of the Keeper

7/1/92  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 1

This nomination is amended to show the name of the resource as "Petit Jean State Park--Concrete Log Bridge." This change was made to clarify the location of the resource and to avoid confusion with other resources which have been or may be submitted under this multiple.

The change was confirmed by phone with the Arkansas SHPO (6/29/92).

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National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Concrete Log Bridge

other name/site number: CN0133

2. Location

street & number: State Highway 154

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Winrock

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Conway code: AR 029 zip code: 72025

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-state

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>  1  </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 Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets        does not meet the National Register Criteria.        See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Byrd 4-6-92  
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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**5. National Park Service Certification**

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

  X   entered in the National Register Adams/Byrd 5/28/92  
              See continuation sheet. Entered in NSA  
       determined eligible for the                
       National Register                
              See continuation sheet. National Register  
       determined not eligible for the                
       National Register                
       removed from the National Register                
       other (explain):       

               
Signature of Keeper Date  
of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic: TRANSPORTATION Sub: Pedestrian-related  
               
Current : VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: N/A

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Other Description: Rustic\_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Concrete\_\_\_\_\_ roof N/A\_\_\_\_\_  
                  walls N/A\_\_\_\_\_ other N/A\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
                          LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE\_\_\_\_\_  
                          ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION\_\_\_\_\_  
                          \_\_\_\_\_  
                          \_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1935-1942\_\_\_\_\_

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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Concrete Log Bridge c. 1935

The Concrete Log Bridge was once used as a footbridge, but now is abandoned. The concrete was shaped to look like pieces of wood, and then the pieces were laid to form a curved set of stairs. The work may have been influenced by the work of Dionicio Rodriguez in Little Rock, but it is much less sophisticated. The bridge is quite similar to the concrete "stumps" found in Roosevelt Lake.

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The land that would comprise Petit Jean State Park was donated to the State of Arkansas in the mid-1920's by individual landowners and sympathetic lumbering concerns as the first step in the formation of a state parks system. The top of Petit Jean Mountain had already been recognized for its scenic splendor, and for its geological wealth and diversity, and so seemed a particularly worthy site. The initial plan of these citizens was to turn the entire site over to the federal government for the establishment of a national park; however, after considerable study, National Park Service officials determined that Petit Jean Mountain was not a unique natural resource when evaluated on a national basis, and thus declined to assume ownership. Yet these same officials strongly encouraged the state to preserve and maintain the site as an important representation of Arkansas's natural heritage, and in 1923, the Arkansas Legislature passed Act 276 authorizing the Commissioner of State Lands to accept land donations for state parks and reservations. Thus began the Arkansas State Parks system, with Petit Jean State Park as its flagship.

The Concrete Log Bridge was constructed c. 1935 at Petit Jean State Park by the men of the 1781st Company of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Arkansas District, stationed at Morrilton, Arkansas as a pedestrian bridge to be used by the park's staff and visitors for the recreational enjoyment of the park. This facility was constructed by the CCC as part of the overall plan to develop this part of the mountain as a public park to be administered by the state of Arkansas.

This structure was erected at Petit Jean State Park by the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps for the purpose of providing pedestrian access across a natural drainage channel within the park, and was intended to be used within the context of the recreational development of the park. Thus the Concrete Log Bridge is eligible under Criterion A for its associations with both the Civilian Conservation Corps' importance within Arkansas social history and its role in the development of outdoor parks dedicated to public leisure and recreational activities. It is also eligible under Criterion C due to its status as a representative and intact example of the Rustic style of architecture that was made popular nationwide by the CCC, and which has since become virtually identified with it.



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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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X 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    15    506860    3886840

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running parallel with the northern edge of the steps and located approximately 50 to the north thereof with a perpendicular line running parallel with the western edge of the steps and located approximately 50 feet to the west thereof, proceed southerly along the latter line for a distance of approximately 55 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the southern edge of the steps; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 55 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the eastern edge of the steps; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 55 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the northern edge of the steps; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 55 feet to the point of beginning.

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

This boundary includes both the historic structure and a representative amount of the surrounding terrain that includes the natural declivities and

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



drainage channels that these steps were designed to bridge.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942 MPS

	Date Listed
COVER	<i>Substantive Review</i> <u>Quay Federman 1/3/91</u>
1. Lake Leatherwood Recreational Facilities	_____
2. Leatherwood Dam	<i>Substantive Review</i> _____
3. Camp Ouachita Girl Scout Camp Historic District (Fed owned)	<u>2/3/92</u>
4. Devil's Den State Park Historic District	<i>Substantive Review</i> <u>Ret.</u>
<u>Conway Co</u> added to each name <u>PETIT JEAN STATE PARK</u> 5. Administration Office	<u>5/28/92</u>
6. Blue Hole Road District	<u>5/28/92</u>
7. Cabin No. 1	<u>5/28/92</u>
8. Cabin No. 16	<u>5/28/92</u>
9. Cabin No. 6	<u>5/28/92</u>
10. Cabin No. 9	<u>5/28/92</u>
11. Cedar Falls Trail Historic District	<u>5/28/92</u>
12. Concrete Log Bridge	<u>5/28/92</u>
13. Culvert No. 1	<u>5/28/92</u>
14. Lake Bailey--Roosevelt Lake Historic District	<i>Substantive Review</i> <u>5/28/92</u>
15. Mather Lodge	<u>5/28/92</u>
16. Office Headquarters	<u>5/28/92</u>
17. Water Treatment Building	<u>5/28/92</u>
<u>Greene Co</u> <u>CROWLEY'S RIDGE STATE PARK</u> 18. Amphitheater	<i>Substantive Review</i> <u>Ret.</u>
19. Bathhouse	<u>5/28/92</u>

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY *PETIT JEAN STATE PARK*  
NAME: Concrete Log Bridge

MULTIPLE Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Conway

DATE RECEIVED: 4/13/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/28/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/14/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/28/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000519

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 5/28/92 DATE

Entered in the  
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

DATE

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 \_\_\_\_\_





CONCRETE LOG BRIDGE

PETIT JEAN STATE PARK

WINROCK VIC., ARKANSAS

PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. DEPOSE

OCTOBER, 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM SOUTH



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500019