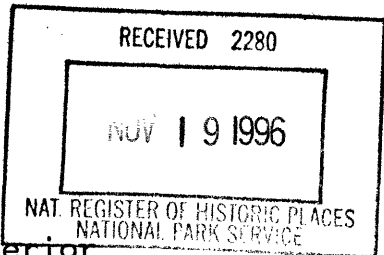


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OMB No. 1024-0018

NPS Form 10-900 (Rev. 8-86)

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Camp Manatoc Legion Lodge

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: Camp Manatoc, Truxell Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Peninsula

vicinity: X

state: OH county: Summit

code: 153

zip code: 44264

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

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: Recreation/ Conservation Resources of Cuyahoga Valley

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.

Barbara Power - Dept. Head Planning, Inv. & Reg. 10-7-96
Signature of certifying official Date

Ohio Historic Preservation Office -- OH SHPO

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Rowland J. Power 11/18/96
Signature of commenting or other official Date

National Park Service

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

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):

Edson H. Beall 1.2.97

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: Domestic_____ Sub: Camp_____

Current : Domestic_____ Sub: Camp_____

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:
Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements

Other Description: Other: Rustic_____

Materials: foundation Concrete__ roof Asbestos_____
walls Wood_____ other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. 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: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A and C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Recreation_____
Social History_____
Architecture_____

Period(s) of Significance: 1940_____ 1945_____

Significant Dates : 1940 _____

Significant Person(s): N/A_____

Cultural Affiliation: N/A_____

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

The nominated area encompasses the entire resource and the surrounding area that contributes to its historic significance.

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11. Form Prepared By
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Name/Title: Jeffrey Winstel, AICP/ Historian, prepared for the Boy Scouts of America, Great Trail Council, Inc.

Organization: National Park Service _____ Date: June 1995 _____

Street & Number: 15610 Vaughn Road _____ Telephone: 216/526-5256 _____

City or Town: Brecksville _____ State:OH_ ZIP: 44114 _____

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The Legion Lodge is located off the main entrance drive into Camp Manatoc off Truxell Road. The immediate area surrounding the building is wooded. The lodge is rectangular in plan and is one story in height. The moderate slope gable roof is covered with asbestos shingles and the eaves contain exposed rafter ends. A small chimney stack is located toward the south elevation. A full chimney is located on the south gable elevation and pierces the gable apex just inside the roof line. The portion of the chimney stack below the roof line is brick and fieldstone. Flat irregular shaped field stones are set in serpentine courses of brick.

The walls are covered with vertical board and batten siding. A plain, horizontal board serves as a stringcourse at the bottom of the gable section. Windows are six light casements, the panes set in two rows of three. The placement of the windows is irregular. Both of the lodge's two doors are vertical plank construction with plain surrounds. Fronting the eave elevation door is a concrete block stoop. The south gable door, which lacks a stoop, may no longer be used. Originally, the building rested on brick footers. The spaces between these footers have now been in-filled with cement block and hollow ceramic tiles.

The interior of the building is one open space, except a half wall and full wall that separates the small corner kitchen area. The walls are covered with vertical board and bead siding as is the flat ceiling, which slopes down near the eave walls. Wood plank boards cover the floors except a cement block which fronts the chimney hearth. The chimney is constructed of stretcher brick and has no mantle. Capping the chimney is a triangular arrangement of rough-faced, dressed sandstone blocks, each approximately the size of a brick. Incised within the sandstone is a carved plaque with the American Legion emblem, 1940, and society and company number.

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Legion Lodge is being nominated under Criterion A for Recreation and Social History and Criterion C for architecture. A local chapter of the American Legion is responsible for the construction of this A. H. Good designed structure. The Legion Lodge is associated with the efforts to promote the welfare of society and important trends in outdoor recreation. The period of significance dates from the construction of the lodge in 1940 to 1944, when the building continued to be associated with significant trends in recreation and social welfare. Legion Lodge is consistent with the property types, significance statements, and registration requirements of the Conservation/ Recreation Resources of Cuyahoga Valley Multiple Property Documentation Form, context Conservation and Progressive Reform Movement.

Historic Development

The first Boy Scout Council in Akron was organized in 1916, one year before the Boy Scouts of America was officially chartered by the Boy Scouts of England. Akron industrialist, Mr. H. Karl Butler, donated a large tract of land near his family farm to the Akron council in 1923 to establish a camp.¹ When the Akron Area Council was established in 1925, Butler began acquiring properties that surrounded the donated tract. He hoped to build a large permanent camp for Akron Area Council, which also included Kenmore, Cuyahoga Falls, and Barberton. Upon his death in 1926, he bequeathed his land to the council upon the condition that they raise \$100,000 to build a first class camp. With the help of corporate sponsorship, spearheaded by Goodyear CEO, P.W. Litchfield, and a fund raising banquet, more than sufficient funds were raised to build the camp.

The new camp was designed by the premier Akron area architectural firm of A.H. Good and E.D. Wagner and construction began in the Spring of 1931. The design of the camp stressed decentralization. Individual units served 32-40 scouts so as to facilitate personal attention to the group leaders and eliminate distractions from a large centralized group. The lodges were specially designed so they could be used in summer and winter.

The Kiwanis and Legion Lodges, which were built in 1939 and 1940 respectively, were designed to accommodate twenty for winter weekend camping and serve as a program centers in the summer. They are smaller in scale and simpler in design than the original lodges, such as Concord and Forester. Solid wall foundations

¹"The Story of Camp Manatoc" (Akron, Ohio: Great Trail Council BSA, 1931).

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were constructed underneath the lodges in 1946 as part of a project intended to winterize the camp buildings. Additional improvements to the Legion Lodge, according to the 1946 fund raising campaign brochure, included a concrete platform and the extension of a water line to the cabin. (See Illustration) In 1948, the Kiwanis Lodge was altered with a substantial addition and no longer retains its historic integrity.

Criterion A

Recreation and Social History:

The lodge is eligible under Criterion A for its association with significant trends in recreation and efforts to promote the welfare of society. Scouting was seen as a means of recapturing the adventure of pioneer life lost to boys growing up in an industrialized society. Camp activities such as Indian games, a gold rush, and a rodeo reflect the stress on frontier type adventures. Scouting was perceived as an important step toward becoming a man. Promotional literature for the camp stresses the need for the camping experience to develop strength and self-reliance. Camp brochures from the World War II period suggest boy scout camp as a form of wartime training. Built by a local chapter of the American Legion, the lodge is associated with a significant trend in local social history. The role corporations, private benefactors and civic organizations played in the development of park and camp facilities in Cuyahoga Valley is consistent with the progressive reform's emphasis engaging people to actively participate in improving society.

Criterion C

Architecture:

Architectural elements of the Legion Lodge reflect the dominant characteristics of the rustic style architecture. Like other historic Camp Manatoc buildings, the lodge has a low horizontal profile, is constructed of native wormy chestnut, is clad with vertical board and batten siding and contains exposed rafter ends. Although the Legion Lodge lacks some rustic elements of the other two lodges, such as the triangular knee braces, wood water tables and grouped casement windows, it does have a noteworthy chimney.

The north elevation chimney is constructed of fieldstone and brick. Rather than the brick and stone being set in any type of regular course, the fieldstones are

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set flat in short, serpentine sections of brick and brick pieces that curve around the fieldstones. This creates a very organic effect and suggests a craftsman influence.

Historic Integrity

The 1946 fund raising brochure contains a photograph of the Legion Lodge. Based on this image, the building retains a high degree of integrity. Alterations to the building are limited to the foundation in-fill and the replacement of two windows with solid sheets of plexiglass.

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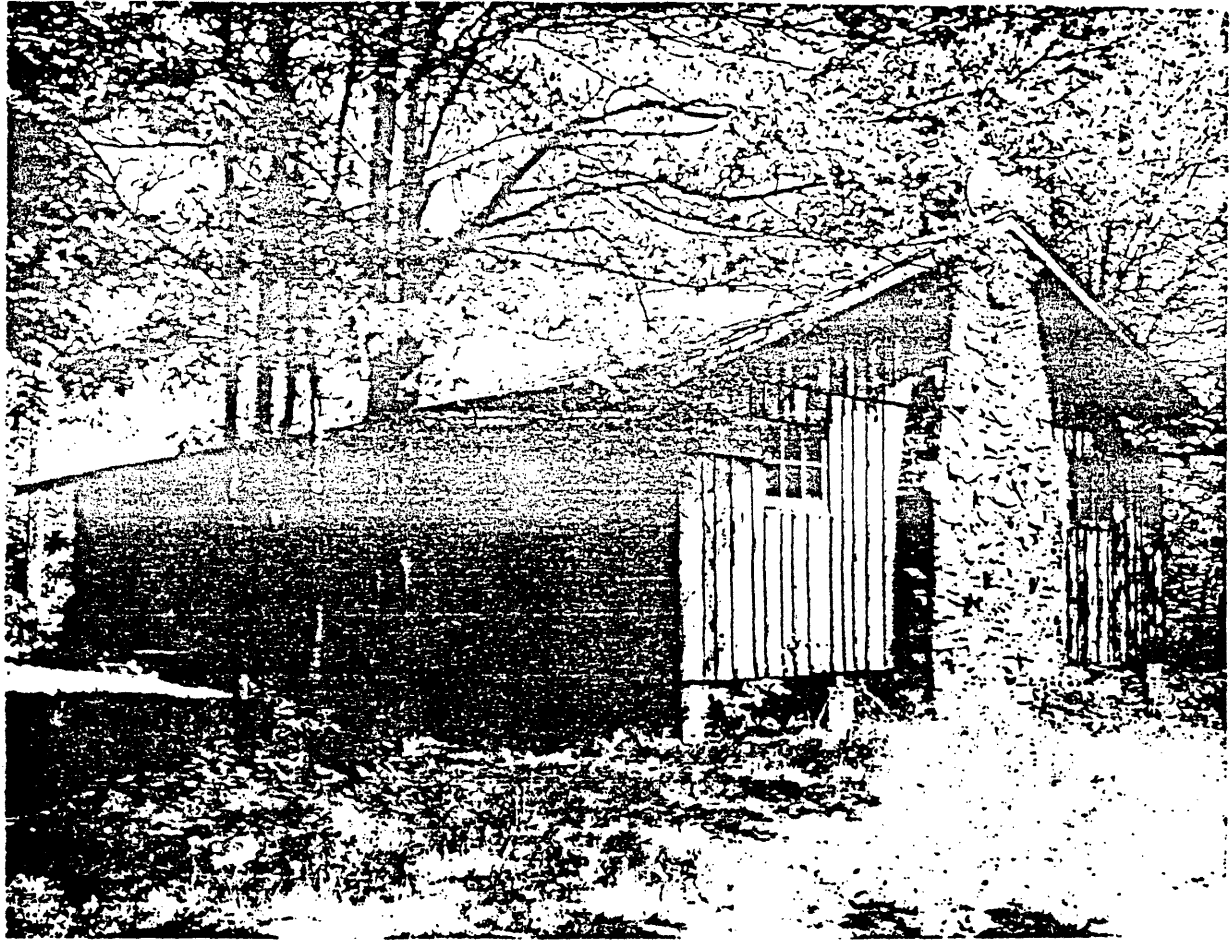
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LEGION CABIN

CAMP MANATOC LEGION LODGE
1946 FUNDRAISING BROCHURE
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO



In 1940 the members of Summit County Voiture No. 468 of the 40 & 8 Society of the American Legion provided the material and constructed the Legion Cabin which since that time has been accommodating 20 Scouts per week-end for year round use. The addition of a permanent foundation wall, concrete platform, and the extension of a water line to the cabin will provide greater comfort and eliminate a serious fire hazard for the 800 Scouts who will use this cabin each year.

Cost \$850

Project taken by

