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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 97000769


Date Listed: 7/25/97

Holmes County State Park
Property Name

Holmes MISSISSIPPI
County State

State Parks in Mississippi built by the CCC, 1934-1942, MPS
Multiple Name

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.



Signature of the Keeper

8/15/97

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

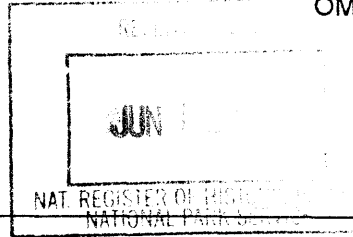
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This nomination is amended to show that the category of property is district.

This change has been discussed with the Mississippi SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)



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REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name: Holmes County State Park
other names/site number: Holmes County State Park Historic District

2. Location

street & number: south off of Highway 51 not for publication N/A
city or town: Durrant vicinity X
state: Mississippi code MS county Holmes code 051 zip code

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

Kenneth H. P. Pool JUNE 2, 1997
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
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

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
X 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 Date of Action
[Signature] 7/25/97

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:
PUBLIC/state

Number of Resources within Property: 9
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property:	Contributing	Noncontributing	
	7		buildings
	1		sites
		1	structures
			objects
	8	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions: Recreation and Culture- Outdoor Recreation
Landscape- Park

Current Functions: Recreation and Culture- Outdoor Recreation
Landscape- Park

7. Description

Architectural Classification(s): OTHER/ Rustic Style

Materials:

foundation: concrete block, brick, limestone
 roof: tar shingles
 walls: wood, plank lumber, weatherboard, brick
 other: glass

Narrative Description: See Continuation Sheets

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Narrative Description

Holmes County State Park is located four miles south of Durant, Mississippi off Highway 51 in Holmes County. This park consists of five hundred thirty-eight acres of which approximately twenty are included in this nomination. Holmes County State Park was the sixth of ten state parks in Mississippi developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC Company 4429 began creating the park in 1935, and opened the site to the public in 1939. Six park cabins and the park manager's residence were built by the CCC. All buildings were designed in the popular Rustic style of architecture commonly found in state park construction. The Rustic style of architecture emphasized local materials that would allow buildings and structures to blend with their natural surroundings. Standardized plans were developed by the National Park Service for the layout and construction of park facilities throughout the United States.

The Holmes County State Park Historic District is characterized by a heavily wooded pine forest, adjoining a twelve-acre lake, and eight buildings that are set adjacent to the lake and face a curvilinear paved drive emphasizing its scenic beauty. In order to further blend the man-made landscape with the natural one, all buildings and structures from the CCC era were designed in the Rustic style of architecture. Although many of the original screened porches have been enclosed, the buildings all retain their basic forms, interior and exterior materials, and sense of place.

The park retains a high degree of its overall historic and architectural integrity. However, the majority of the CCC resources are limited to only twenty acres of the park. The other park buildings date from the 1950s and 1980s and are not included in this nomination. However, it is important to note that the newer buildings do not distract from the landscape and use similar materials. The Holmes County State Park Historic District contains nine buildings that contribute to its architectural and historical character that are listed below. All contributing buildings are identified with the notation "C." One building within the district does not contribute since it was not constructed by the CCC and does not fit into the architectural or historical character of this nomination. This building is identified with the notation "NC." The designed landscape of the park is another contributing element and is noted in the inventory.

01 C Park Manager's Residence

This is an asymmetrical, one-story, five-bay, wood frame, gablefront-and-wing house situated on a limestone foundation with a tar-shingle roof. The facade is dominated by a shed-roofed porch supported by square-wood beams on a limestone base. All windows are six-over-six double-hung sash set into a wooden frame in groups of three. The house retains many of its interior historic features including limestone mantels and exposed timbers.

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02 C Cabin Number 1

This is an asymmetrical, one-story, two-bay, wood frame, side gabled house situated on a concrete block foundation with a tar-shingle roof. The facade has exposed rafter tails. The windows are paired, two-over-two double-hung sash set into wooden frames. A screened porch dominates the southeastern half of the facade and includes a one-over-four screened door that leads to the main entrance. (PHOTO #1)

03 C Cabin Number 2

This is an asymmetrical, one-story, three-bay, wood frame, side gabled house situated on a limestone pier foundation with concrete block in-fill and topped with a tar-shingle roof. The windows are paired, two-over-two double-hung sash set into wooden frames. The entrance is marked with a vertical plank door with "z" shaped battens and covered with a peaked shed roof. The building once had a screened porch that has been enclosed with weatherboard. (PHOTO #2)

04 C Cabin Number 3

This is an asymmetrical, one-story, three-bay, wood frame, gabled-front-and-wing house with an exposed limestone chimney at the inner angle of the facade. The cabin is on a brick pier foundation with concrete block in-fill and topped with a tar-shingle roof. There are two gabled-front windows both are two-over-two double-hung sash set into wooden frames. The side of the gabled-front contains a single one-over-one double-hung sash window. The entrance is on the wing of the house and is characterized by a vertical plank door. (PHOTO #3)

05 C Cabin Number 4

This is a symmetrical, one-story, two-bay, wood frame, side gabled house with a limestone foundation and a tar-shingle roof. The facade has one grouping of three two-over-two double-hung sash windows set into wooden frames and on the northern end is a pair of two-over-two double-hung sash windows set into wooden frames. The north elevation has two windows flanking a vertical plank door that is covered with a shed roof. The windows on the eastern half of the north elevation are paired, two-over-two double-hung sash set into wooden frames. The window on the western half of the north elevation is a two-over-two double-hung sash set into a wooden frame. (PHOTO #4)

06 C Cabin Number 5

This is an asymmetrical, one-story, two-bay, wood frame, side-gabled house with a limestone pier foundation with concrete block in-fill and topped with a tar shingle roof. The facade is characterized by two bays of a grouping of three, two-over-two double-hung windows set into wooden frames. The south elevation is characterized by a pair of two-over-two double-hung windows set into wooden frames. There is evidence that this grouping of windows once contained a third window that was later enclosed. The entrance is located on the south elevation and is marked by a vertical plank door covered with a shed roof. (PHOTO #5)

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07 C Cabin Number 6

This is an asymmetrical, one-story, three-bay, wood frame, side gabled house with a limestone pier foundation with concrete block in-fill and topped with a tar shingle roof. The (west) facade is characterized by two groupings of paired, two-over-two, double-hung sash windows set into wooden frames. The entrance is marked by a vertical plank door with "z" shaped battens and covered by a peaked, shed roof. Alterations have been made to the south elevation of the building. Evidence suggests that at one time a screened porch dominated this section, similar to Cabin Number One. Presently the porch has been enclosed with weatherboard. The south elevation is characterized by its centrally placed two-over-two double-hung sash window set into a wooden frame. (PHOTO #6)

08 NC Park Pavilion

This is timber structure with a concrete slab floor that is approximately 100' x 100' and is characterized by its timber rafters that support a shed roof covered with tar shingles. On the north end of the pavilion is an open brick fireplace. This is a non-contributing structure because of its more recent construction even though it is visually harmonious with the other buildings in the district.

09 C Park Landscape

This is a designed landscape that emphasizes the scenic beauty of the park's terrain. Notable features include clearly planned paved drives that are curvilinear in shape and lead to vistas, lakes, and park service facilities. The general characteristics of the park landscape include paved or dirt trails that do not distract from the natural environment. The CCC strove to make non-intrusive man-made landscapes. Holmes County State Park is an example of this philosophy. (PHOTO #7)

8. Statement of Significance**Applicable National Register Criteria**

- X **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.
- X **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.

Areas of Significance

Architecture
 Entertainment and Recreation
 Landscape Architecture
 Social History

Period of Significance

1934-1942

Significant Dates

1935, 1939

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

- 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.

Significant Person(s)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation(s)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Civilian Conservation Corps

Narrative Statement of Significance: See continuation sheets.**9. Major Bibliographical References****Bibliography** 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
- Name of repository: _____

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Statement of Significance

The proposed Holmes County State Park Historic District has local and statewide significance under Criterion A in the areas of entertainment and recreation and social history, and under Criterion C in the areas of architecture and landscape architecture. The period of significance extends from 1934 to 1942. The historical development of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) is discussed in detail in the MPS "State Parks in Mississippi built by the CCC between 1934-1942." Holmes County State Park Historic District is an example of one of the ten new parks built in Mississippi by the CCC and placed under the supervision of the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

The CCC administered a variety of programs including road, park, and defense construction, reforestation, and erosion control, as well as many other facilities. The effects of this agency on the man-made landscape are overwhelming. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established the CCC as part of his New Deal program to help combat the economical hardships of the depression (see the MPS cover document for a detailed analysis on pages 3-5).

The CCC used standardized plans for park layout to create regional interpretations that would blend into the natural surroundings. Holmes County State Park Historic District was the sixth park in Mississippi created by the CCC. The CCC Company 4429 began working the 538-acres in 1935 and opened the park to the public in 1939.¹ The CCC workers took the natural landscape of piney woods and lakes and transformed it with man-made roads, walking trails, cabins, and other necessary park facilities thus combining national agendas with regional materials and surroundings. The use of the Rustic architectural style was promoted by the National Park Service since it allowed structures to be built with organic materials found within the landscape.

All buildings within the district are constructed in the Rustic style and blend nicely into their environment. Although many of the original screened porches have been enclosed, the buildings all retain their basic forms, interior and exterior materials, and sense of place.

¹ Holmes County State Park, Mississippi Landmarks File, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

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Additional Registration Requirements

The registration requirements for listing of Holmes County State Park Historic District have been discussed in the cover document. However, because of their brevity, it has been determined that in order to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as a part of the "State Parks in Mississippi built by the CCC between 1934-1942" multiple property submission, a state park historic district must meet these additional registration requirements.

1. It must be or have been a Mississippi State Park developed by the CCC between 1932 to 1942.
2. It must retain, within the proposed district boundaries, a high degree of historical integrity from the period of its construction. It must retain most of its historic buildings, and they must retain a high degree of integrity of design, location, craftsmanship, and materials. It must retain its major landscape features, including lakes, woodlands, CCC-built walks, steps, and other structures, as well as the basic arrangement of roads and trails.
3. Areas of these parks not historically associated with the CCC or developed after that period will be excluded whenever possible from the boundaries of the historic district.

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Major Bibliographical References

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. Mississippi Landmark File. Holmes County, Holmes County State Park.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. National Register File. State Parks in Mississippi built by the CCC between 1934-1942.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. The National Forest of Mississippi: A Cultural Resources Survey, John Linn Hopkins, preservation consultant.

National Register of Historic Places, Washington DC. Historic Park Landscapes in National and State Parks, Linda Flint McClelland, historian.

Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description-- The boundary of the nominated property is delineated by the rectangular whose vertices are marked the following UTM reference points:

A16/226660/3658000, C16/227140/3658450,
B16/227000/3658100, D16/226695/3658390.

Boundary Justification-- The boundary includes the largest intact area of historic resources that were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: approximately twenty acres

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16/226660	3658000		C	16/227140	3658450
B	16/227000	3658100		D	16/226695	3658390

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Harrison Lea Stamm; Architectural Historian and Richard Cawthon; Chief Architectural Historian
organization: Mississippi Department of Archives and History date: 10 February 1997
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city or town: Jackson state: MS zip code: 39211

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)

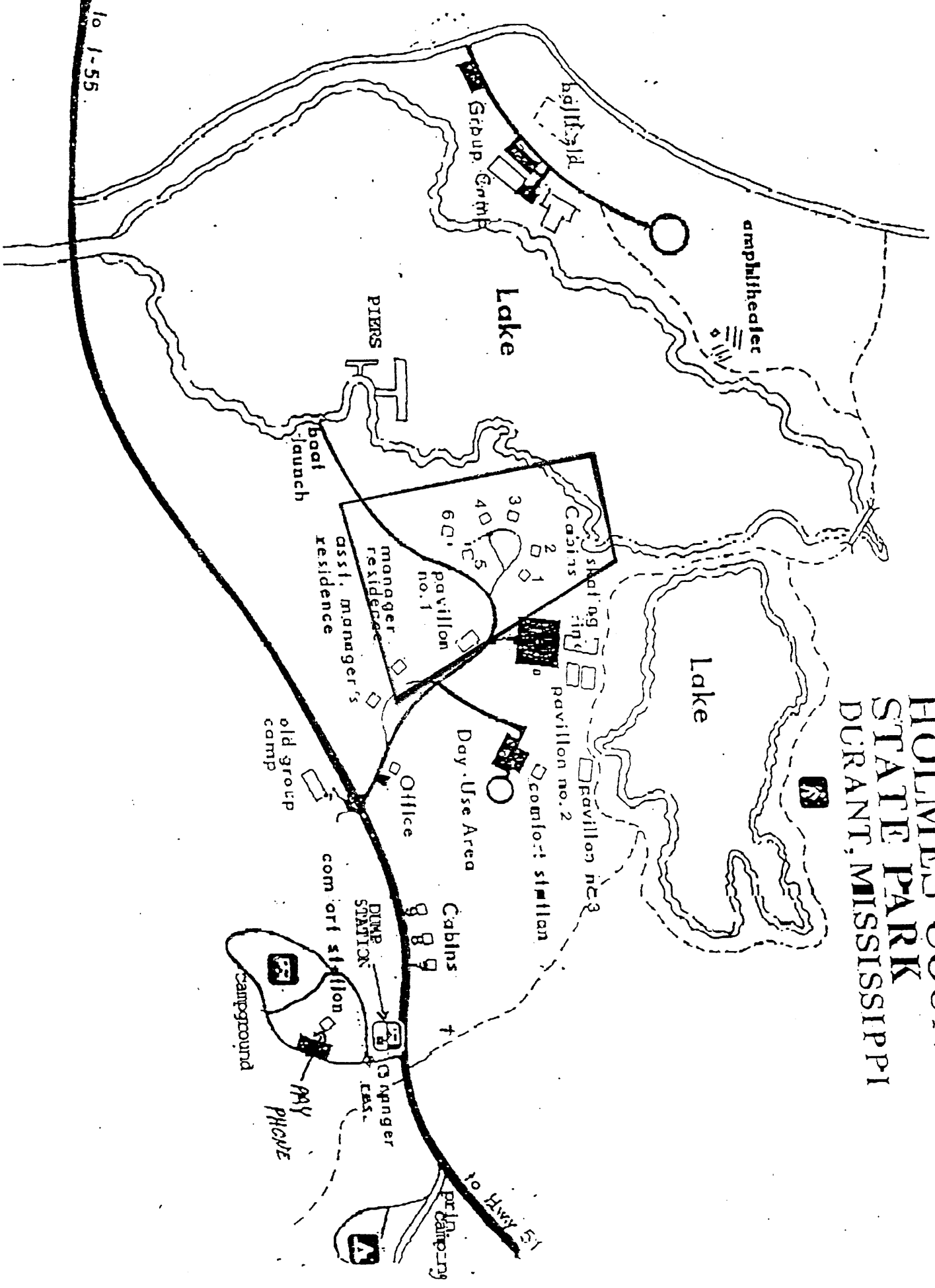
Property Owner(s)

name: Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Parks
street & number: P.O. Box 451 telephone:
city or town: Jackson state: MS zip code: 39205-0451

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4. Winter 1997
5. Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1 View of facade (south) of Cabin One, view to southeast

Photo 2 View of facade (south) of Cabin Two, view to south

Photo 3 View of facade (west) of Cabin Three, view to west

Photo 4 View of facade (west) of Cabin Four, view to west

Photo 5 View of facade (east) of Cabin Five, view to east

Photo 6 View of facade (west) of Cabin Six, view to west

Photo 7 View of park landscape, view to south