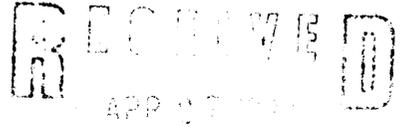


United States Department of the Interior National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Interstate State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Campground
other names/site number Interstate State Park

2. Location

street & number off U.S. Highway 8
city, town Shafer Twp. Taylors Falls
state Minnesota code MN county Chisago code 025 zip code 55084

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal, building(s), district, site, structure, object, and resource counts for contributing and noncontributing.

Name of related multiple property listing: Minnesota State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Historic Resources
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.
Signature of certifying official Ian R. Stewart, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Date 4/20/92
State or Federal agency and bureau Minnesota Historical Society

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

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
entered in the National Register.
determined eligible for the National Register.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper Beth Boland
Date of Action 6/11/92

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION/Outdoor Recreation
LANDSCAPE/State Park

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION/Outdoor Recreation
LANDSCAPE/State Park

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: NPS Rustic Architecture

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
walls Stone/Wood
roof Asphalt
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Landscape Architecture
Recreation
Government

Period of Significance

1938-1941

Significant Dates

1938

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

National Park Service
State of Minnesota
Works Progress Administration

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Department of Natural Resources. Working Drawings and Specifications for Buildings and Structures at Interstate State Park. Bureau of Engineering. St. Paul, Minnesota.
Dunn, James Taylor. State Parks of the St. Croix Valley. St. Paul: Minnesota Parks Foundation. Minneapolis: Minnesota. 1982.
Hazzard, George H. Minnesota State Park of the Dalles of the St. Croix. Report of the Minnesota Park Commissioner. 1895-96.
State of Minnesota. Minnesota State Park, Parkway and Recreational Area Study. 1938.

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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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 22 Acres

UTM References

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C 1,5 5,2,5,6,4,0 5,0,2,5,7,4,0

B 1,5 5,2,6,6,4,0 5,0,2,6,8,4,0
Zone Easting Northing

D _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Interstate State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Campground is shown as the heavy, cross-hatched, line shown on the accompanying map entitled, "Interstate State Park." It is defined by the St. Croix River to the south and east and the inside edge of the parking area to the west.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the buildings and structures that have been historically associated with the property and that maintain historic integrity. The boundary includes the area of the park developed by the Works Progress Administration.

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The Interstate State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Campground is a 22 acre area of grassy, heavily deciduous wooded land rising at a gentle grade from the edge of the St. Croix River. Facilities for intensive recreation were provided in this area which is located nearly a mile downstream from the Interstate State Park Historic District. The Campground includes three buildings and three objects built by the Works Progress Administration, as well as one non-contributing building. Local basalt stone was utilized in the construction of the park buildings. The stone was probably quarried at a site near the boundary of the park at a place where Highway 8 had cut through a section of rock in 1931. A CCC crew may have quarried the stone for the WPA. Architects for the Campground were from the National Park Service and the Design Office of the Minnesota Division of State Parks.

1. Building: Sanitation Building Builder: WPA
Architect: Taylor Date: 1938

The Sanitation Building is a rectangular structure constructed with basalt rock and covered by a gable roof. The overall dimensions of the building are 32' x 18' including 5'5" x 8'5" entrance screens which project from each end of the building. The building is constructed entirely of stone with the exception of log rafters and purlins and heavy wooden lintels. The openings in the entrance screens feature corbelled stonework.

2. Building: Picnic Shelter Builder: Unknown
Architect: Dept. of Natural Resources Date: 1980

The Picnic Shelter is a 26' x 37'6" structure covered by a gable roof supported by 8 stone piers. A free standing metal fireplace rests on a 7'6" square stone base. An earlier building, possibly a WPA constructed kitchen shelter, may have been removed from the site. The Picnic Shelter is non-contributing.

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3. Building: Shelter/Refectory Builder: WPA
Architect: Taylor Date: 1938

The Shelter/Refectory is a T-shaped structure built with basalt stone and covered by a gable roof. The overall dimensions of the building are 55'6" x 35'6". The shelter is located in the long portion of the T while the refectory was once located in a top of the T. The shelter may be entered through both the east and facades through two 7' openings which are separated by 2'6" x 1'6" stone piers. These entrances are flanked by 5' wide openings which pierce the stonework. All openings feature corbelled masonry. The shelter contains a massive stone fireplace with a segmental arch.

The concession contained two service counters, one which opened into the shelter and one which opened on the south, exterior wall. The opening on the exterior wall features a segmental arch covered by a canopy supported by log brackets. The concession was converted into rest rooms during a 1976 remodeling. The original wooden shingles have been replaced with asphalt.

4. Objects: Drinking Fountains Builder: WPA
Architect: State of Minnesota Date: 1938

Three Drinking Fountains are located in the Campground. One is placed near the Sanitation Building and the remaining two are near the Shelter/Refectory. The stone fountains are 2'6" square at the base and rise to a height of 3' with a slight batter. A faucet is located at the side and the bubbler is placed on the top.

5. Building: Combination Building Builder: WPA
Architect: O. Newstrom Date: 1941

The 59' x 30' Combination Building provided space for rest rooms, a laundry, a kitchen shelter, and a utility area. Although the design is essentially rectangular, the building takes on an H-shaped appearance due to the replacement of the intersecting gable roof. The central section houses the laundry and utility space while the kitchen shelter and rest rooms are located in the respective wings.

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The central section is constructed entirely of stone while the walls of the kitchen shelter are constructed of stone which rises only to a height of 4' with 3'4" of board and batten siding above. These proportions vary slightly on the rest room section with the stone walls rising 5' up to the sill level and with 2'4" of board and batten above. The board and batten siding extends into the gables.

The building contains its original casements windows, however, the cedar shingles have been replaced with asphalt. During a 1969 remodeling, a new entrance was constructed in the central section of the building.

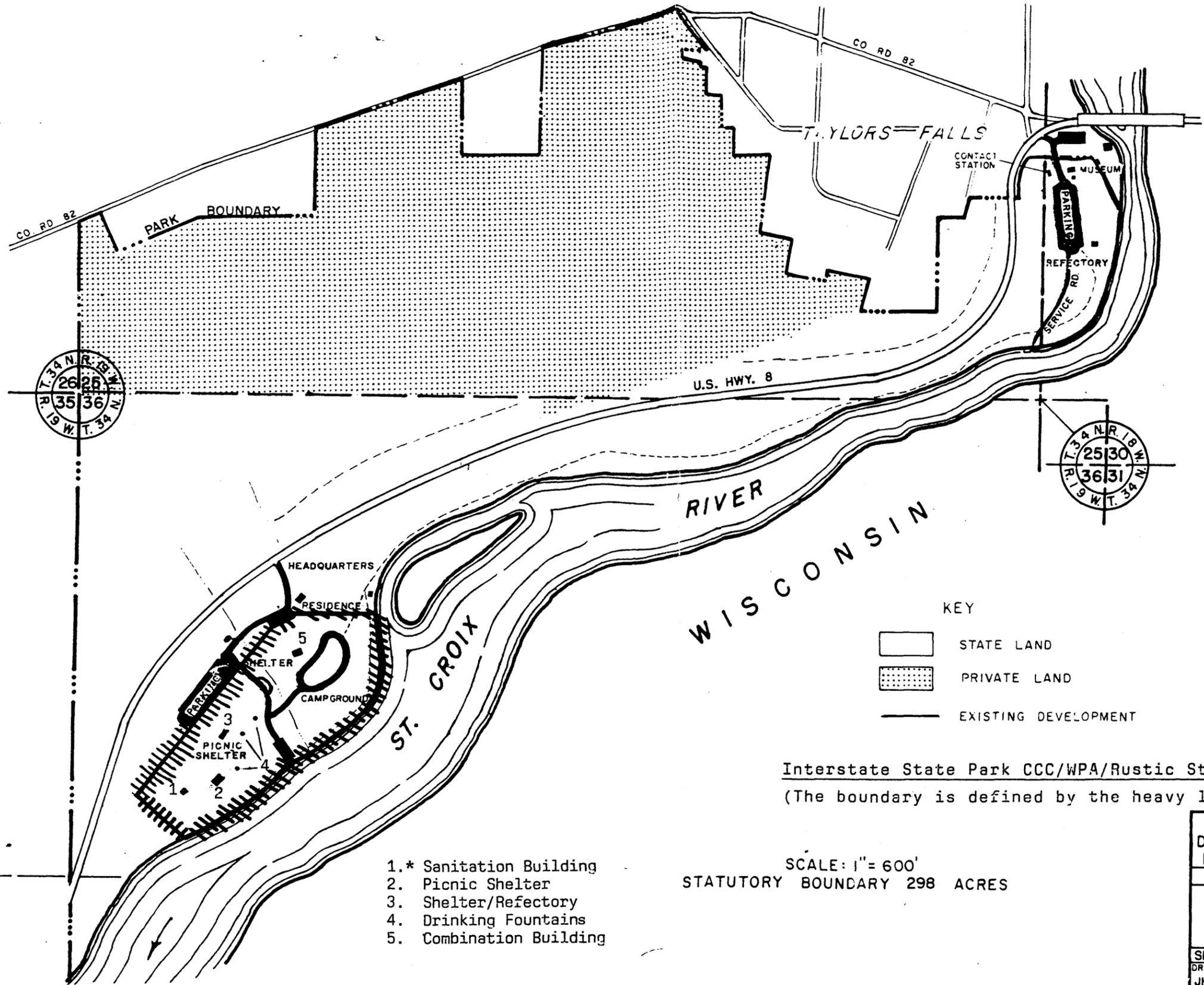
The plans for this Combination Building are based on an earlier design executed in 1938 at Whitewater State Park.

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The Interstate State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Campground is historically significant for its association with the social, political, and economic impact of the Great Depression and the subsequent development of the various Federal Relief Programs which were responsible for its construction. Interstate State Park is also historically significant for its association with the development of the Minnesota state park system. The park is one of the oldest parks in the state and was established in 1895 when Minnesota and Wisconsin created separate interstate parks across from each other on the St. Croix River. This was the first example of an interstate collaboration in the country. During the period of significance, Interstate State Park received the highest number of visitors of any park in the state, 327,496 in 1937 alone, which was comparable to the attendance at several National Parks.

The Interstate State Park Campground is architecturally significant for its exceptional examples of finely-crafted Rustic Style construction featuring native basalt rock quarried from within the park. The design of the buildings was influenced by the Rustic Style construction in the Glacial Gardens section of the park which was completed in the 1920s, long before the establishment of the Federal Relief Programs of the Depression Era. Of particular interest is the visual appearance of the Combination Building which was based on a design first used at Whitewater State Park. A different type of stone was employed in each of these nearly identical buildings, clearly demonstrating the variety of effects which could be achieved by a change in native building materials.

The functional division of the park into the Glacial Gardens and the Campground is a significant example of landscape design based on National Park Service master planning. The areas were logically designed based on the type of users and their possible activities in order to avoid congestion and overcrowding caused by undifferentiated space.



KEY

STATE LAND

PRIVATE LAND

EXISTING DEVELOPMENT

- 1.* Sanitation Building
- 2. Picnic Shelter
- 3. Shelter/Refectory
- 4. Drinking Fountains
- 5. Combination Building

*Keyed to nomination

SCALE: 1" = 600'
 STATUTORY BOUNDARY 298 ACRES

Interstate State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Campground
 (The boundary is defined by the heavy line with crosshatches)

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION STATE PARK SITE		
INTERSTATE STATE PARK CHISAGO CO. - AT TAYLORS FALLS		
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