

United States Department of the Interior  
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms (revised 1986). 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 area of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form ) and identify the section being continued. Type all entries.

**1. NAME OF PROPERTY**

historic name Pickett State Rustic Park Historic District  
other names/site number N/A

**2. LOCATION**

street & number Pickett State Rustic Park  NA not for publication  
city, town Jamestown  vicinity  
state Tennessee code 047 county Pickett code 137 zip code 38856

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>2</u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
		<u>21</u>	<u>18</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
State Parks in Tennessee built  
by the CCC and WPA between 1934-1942.

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

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4. STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION See NRHP Inventory-Nomination Form (10-900)

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

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

Date of Act

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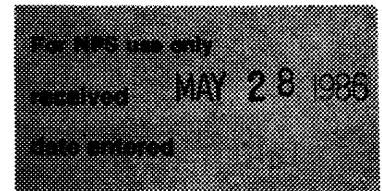
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Location of Legal Description

Pickett County Courthouse  
Courthouse Square  
Byrdstown, Tennessee 38549

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**6. FUNCTION OR USE**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and culture: outdoor  
recreation

Landscape: park

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and culture: outdoor  
recreation

Landscape: park

**7. DESCRIPTION**

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Other: rustic architecture of the  
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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone roof asphalt  
walls stone other weatherboard  
log wood shingle

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Pickett State Rustic Park Historic District is located near the Tennessee-Kentucky border in the upper Cumberland Mountains of Middle Tennessee. It is part of the 11,752 acre Pickett State Rustic Park and Forest. The reforested park is adjacent to the Big South Fork of Cumberland River National Recreation Area. Pine growth occurs on the plateau lands while hemlock and birch predominate in the ravines. Rock formations, natural bridges, and caves are located throughout the area.  See continuation sheet

**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)

Entertainment/Recreation  
Social History  
Architecture  
Politics/Government

Conservation

Period of Significance

1934-1942

Significant Dates

1934

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

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

Pickett State Rustic Park Historic District is being nominated under National Register Criteria A and C for its historic and architectural significance in Tennessee. Constructed from plans drawn by the National Park Service by personnel of the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s, the district represents the historic context "Development of State Parks in Tennessee between 1934-1942." While not yet fifty years old, the district has exceptional significance as a comprehensive collection of buildings and structures designed in the rustic park architecture style. Construction  See continuation sheet of the

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Coleman, Bevley R. A History of State Parks in Tennessee. Nashville: Department of Conservation, 1968.  
 Pickett Forest Master Plan, 1937. Located at Tennessee Department of Conservation, Division of State Parks, Nashville, Tennessee.

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- Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A
- 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:  
Tennessee Department of Conservation

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Acreage of property Approximately 900 acres

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	697740	4049740	B	16	698920	4048100
C	16	696820	4045730	D	16	695760	4047700
E				F			
G				H			

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the nominated property is shown on the accompanying map #1 (scale: 1"=2000'). This is the area of Pickett State Rustic Park administered as a park. Boundaries generally follow the lakeshore, creeks, roads, trails, and contour lines.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary of the nominated property contains land historically associated with the development and administration of the state park. It excludes the surrounding forest which is now administered by the Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation. Pickett State Rustic Park Historic District includes sufficient acreage  See continuation sheet to protect the historic setting and architectural integrity of the park.

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

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Most historic resources in the park (c. 1934-1942) are one story in height with gable roof. The majority of the buildings and structures are constructed of rock faced coursed stone and have wood trim. Roofs were originally wood shingle, but all are now asphalt shingle. Some window alterations have occurred, but there have been few other alterations or additions to the buildings. New intrusive buildings have been added to the park. The pattern of trails and roads constructed in the 1930s is still largely intact.

INVENTORY

1. Ranger House. Modern. Two stories, Crab Orchard sandstone and wood, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, 1/1 windows. (NC)
2. Contact Station. c. 1935. One story, rock faced coursed stone, asphalt shingle gable roof, eight by eight casement windows, rectangular plan, peeled log and waney edged siding trim, interior fireplace with arched opening, flagstone floor, some wood deterioration, stone wall adjacent to station and across road. (C)
3. Park Office. Modern. One story, glass and wood, asphalt shingle gable roof, picture windows, irregular plan, stone foundation. (NC)
4. Large Woodshed. Modern. Vertical board, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, exposed rafters. (NC)
5. Building. Modern. One story, asbestos shingles, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, small windows. (NC)
6. Maintenance Building. Modern. One story, board and batten, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, exposed rafters. (NC)
7. Comfort Station. Modern. One story, vertical board, asphalt shingle shed roof, rectangular plan. (NC)
8. Water Tank. c. 1935. Rock faced stone base, wood board tank with asphalt shingle mansard roof (new), polygonal plan. Tank severely altered c. 1978 with mansard roof. (NC)
9. Picnic Shelter. Modern. One story, open sides with log posts and Y-braces in gable end, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, concrete floor. (NC)

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10. Naturalist Station. c. 1935. One story, rock faced coursed stone, asphalt shingle gable roof, basically rectangular plan, modern doors and windows, on main section, 4 by 4 casement windows, waney edged siding in gable ends, exposed rafters, battered stone porch piers with log columns, interior chimney. (C)
11. Chalets. Modern. One and one-half stories, board and batten siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, exposed rafters. (NC)
12. Pickett Lake and Dam. c. 1935. Concrete, segmental arch plan dam, irregular shape lake. (C)
13. Trail Shelter. c. 1935. One story, rock faced coursed stone base, open sides, peeled log posts, asphalt shingle gable roof with logs in gable ends, log bracing, stone seat, open sides, rectangular plan, log deterioration. (C)
14. Trail Shelter. c. 1935. One story, rock faced coursed stone base, open sides, asphalt shingle gable roof with wood in gable ends, log bracing, stone seat, rectangular plan. (C)
15. Cabin No. 2. C. 1935. One story, rock faced coursed stone, asphalt shingle gable roof, casement windows, L-shaped plan, interior fireplace, screened porch with log posts, flagstone porch floor, peeled log rafters, some log deterioration; interior has stone floor and fireplace with arched opening and chestnut mantle shelf, three floor levels, door and window hardware may be original. (C)
16. Cabin No. 1. c. 1935-1939. One story, wood shingle siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, modern windows, L-shaped plan, rock faced coursed stone foundation, screened porch, interior fireplace. (C)
17. Storage Shed. c. 1935-1939. One story, wood shingle siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, two four-pane windows, rectangular plan, set on stone piers. (C)
18. Trailer. Modern. One story, metal siding, flat roof, rectangular plan. (NC)
19. Pumping Station. c. 1935. One story, rock faced coursed stone, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, peeled log purlins, exposed rafters, large wood double door. (C)
20. Cabin No. 9. Modern. One story, Crab Orchard sandstone, asphalt shingle gable roof, picture window, rectangular plan, fireplace, exposed porch rafters. (NC)

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21. Cabin No. 8. Modern. One story, Crab Orchard sandstone, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, fireplace, exposed rafters. (NC)
22. Cabin No. 7. Modern. One story, Crab Orchard sandstone, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, fireplace, exposed rafters.(NC)
23. Cabin No. 6. Modern. One story, Crab Orchard sandstone, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, fireplace, exposed rafters. (NC)
24. Cabin No. 5. c. 1935-1937. One story, rock faced coursed stone, asphalt shingle gable roof, six by six and twelve by twelve casement windows, L-shaped plan, peeled logs in gable ends, screened porch with peeled log posts, log rafters, low stone wall, flagstone patio and porch; interior has fireplace with arched opening and chestnut mantel and wood floors; some log deterioration. (C)
25. Cabin No. 3. c. 1935-1937. One story, rock faced coursed stone, asphalt shingle gable roof, four by four and six by six casement windows, L-shaped plan, peeled logs in gable ends, log rafters, screened porch with peeled log posts, flagstone patio and porch; interior has fireplace with arched opening and chestnut mantel and wood floors. (C)
26. Cabin No. 4. c. 1935-1939. One story, wood shingle siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, eight by eight casement windows, L-shaped plan, interior fireplace, screened porch, rock faced coursed stone foundation. (C)
27. Boathouse. c. 1935. One story, rock faced coursed stone, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, battened wood doors, concrete deck, exposed peeled log purlins, exposed rafters, some log deterioration, stone wall and steps adjacent. (C)
28. Swing Bridge. Modern. Steel tubing and wood planks. Although a new bridge, it is the site of earlier swing bridges. (NC)
29. Trail Shelter. c. 1935. One story, rock faced coursed stone base, open sides, peeled log posts and railing, exposed rafters, rectangular plan, flagstone floor. (C)
30. Picnic Shelter. Modern. One story, asphalt shingle gable roof, open sides, rectangular plan, Y-bracing, exposed rafters. (NC)
31. Picnic Shelter. c. 1935-1937. One story, asphalt shingle gable roof, rock faced coursed stone base, open sides; peeled log posts, railing and gable end bracing; rectangular plan, concrete slab floor, some log deterioration. (C)

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32. Comfort Station. c. 1935. One story, rock faced coursed stone, asphalt shingle gable roof, awning windows, L-shaped plan; peeled log porch posts, rafters and purlins; battered wall drinking fountain nearby. (C)
33. Electric Generating Station. c. 1935-1939. One story, waney edged siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, concrete floor; not used, deteriorating. (C)
34. Lodge. c. 1935. One story, rock faced coursed stone, asphalt shingle gable roof, awning windows, L-shaped plan, waney edged siding in gable ends, two interior fireplaces, flagstone patio floor; c. 1984-1985 glass doors altered, now wood; low stone walls and steps surround building. (C)
35. Tennis Court. Modern. (NC)
36. Bridge. c. 1935. Rock faced coursed stone, segmental arch plan, low stone guard rails. (C)
37. Cabin No. 10. Modern. One story, Crab Orchard sandstone, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, fireplace, exposed rafters. (NC)
38. Swimming Area. c. 1935. Stone and concrete barrier, arched plan beach area. (C)
39. Low stone walls and barriers, trails, and roads built by the Civilian Conservation Corps are located throughout the park. (C)

(A few modern buildings were not surveyed.)

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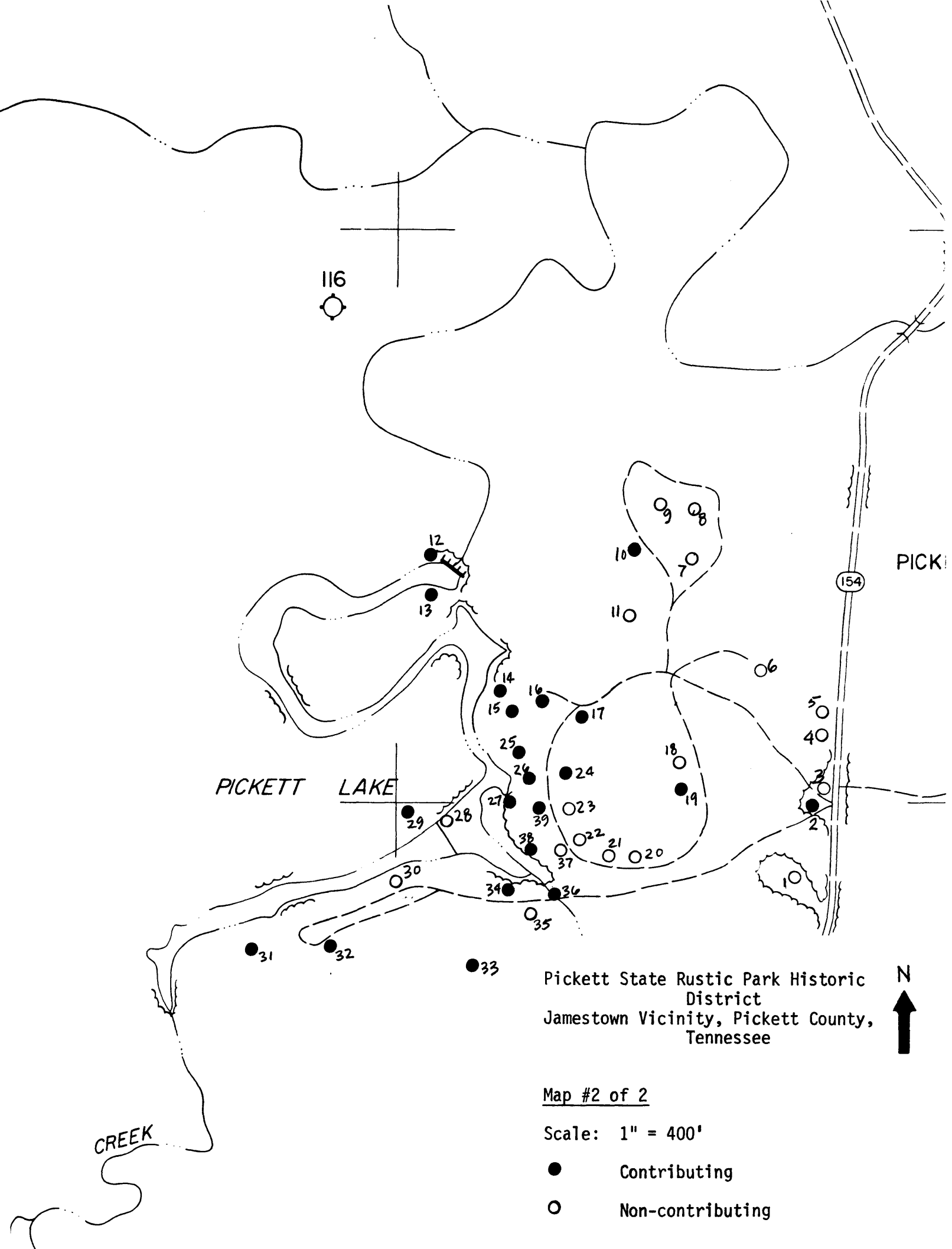
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park was part of a cooperative effort between Tennessee and the federal government to develop a recreation system in the state and ease unemployment.

Background

In 1910 Stearnes Coal and Lumber Company of Michigan acquired land for logging in Pickett and Fentress Counties of Upper Middle Tennessee. In 1933, when logging operations were no longer feasible, the company deeded the land to the State of Tennessee. All of the land was administered by the Tennessee State Forester in the Department of Agriculture until 1937 when it was transferred to the newly established Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation. Although development of the park area began in 1934, it was not until 1949 that about 1000 acres of developed park was transferred to the Division of State Parks, Department of Conservation.

In 1933, Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1471, S-65 was organized at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. First located near Cookeville in Putnam County, Tennessee, the company moved to Pickett on May 21, 1934. Here they built the dam, roads, telephone lines, trails, a lodge, picnic areas, a contact station, fences, and cabins. (The company also built fire towers and ranger stations in the forest area). The construction continued into the late 1930s. No known structures were then built until the early 1950s when additional cabins and the superintendent's residence were built.



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Jamestown Vicinity, Pickett County,  
Tennessee



Map #2 of 2

Scale: 1" = 400'

- Contributing
- Non-contributing