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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Shady Lake Bathhouse

other name/site number: PL 0102

2. Location

street & number: County Road #64

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Athens

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Polk code: AR 113 zip code: 71971

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Building(s)

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: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas, 1933-42

#### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Preservation Officer--**

## Forest Service

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Keeper

Date  
of Action

## 6. Function or Use

## Historic: Recreation and Culture

Sub: Outdoor Recreation

**Current : Recreation and Culture**

Sub: Outdoor Recreation

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other: Rustic Architecture

\_\_\_\_\_

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Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Asphalt  
walls Wood/Weatherboard other \_\_\_\_\_  
Wood/Logs

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  
Architecture  
Entertainment/Recreation  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: c.1940 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates : N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

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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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**Description:**

The Shady Lake Recreation Area is located on Forest Service Road No. 38 in Polk County. A unique structure at the recreation area is the bathhouse. The bathhouse is an irregularly-shaped single story structure constructed of logs and novelty siding, resting upon a continuous concrete block foundation. The structure is constructed in three sections which are connected with short covered walkways. Each of the end buildings are used as male and female changing rooms. The middle section serves as a concession and picnic area. The restrooms have louvered windows and the rear of the middle section has six-over-six windows. Each section of the structure has a gable roof covered with composition shingles.

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The Shady Lake Bathhouse was constructed circa 1940 by members of the 742nd Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Mena Camp that was located approximately eight miles to the northeast, near the small town of Shady. It was constructed as part of a small, public recreational complex within the Ouachita National Forest (ONF) as a result of the CCC's emphasis upon recreational construction that began in earnest circa 1935. The extant historic structures within this complex include this bathhouse, a picnic pavillion, a caretaker's house, and a dam (each of which is nominated separately), all of which allowed the area to function purely as a swimming and picnicking facility, as it continues to do today. As such, the Shady Lake Bathhouse remains significant through its associations with the contributions to American social history made by the Civilian Conservation Corps, its associations with the emphasis upon outdoor recreation that guided such construction, and its status as an excellent example of CCC recreational architecture in a remarkable state of preservation.



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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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

\_\_\_ 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	<u>15</u>	<u>405200</u>	<u>3802500</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of County Road #64 located approximately 900 feet west of its intersection with County Road 607, proceed southerly along a line running parallel with the bathhouse's eastern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed westerly along a line running parallel with the bathhouse's southern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a line running parallel with the bathhouse's western elevation for a distance of 200 feet to its intersection with the southern edge of County Road #64; thence proceed easterly along said edge to the point of beginning.

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

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource, including the bathhouse itself, its principal approach from the road, and the land immediately surrounding it that forms its historic setting.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Shady Lake Bathhouse  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Polk

DATE RECEIVED: 9/14/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/28/93  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/14/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/29/93  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001097

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10/20/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*The Shady Lake Bathhouse is significant under criteria A and C in the areas of social history, entertainment/recreation, and architecture.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A & C  
REVIEWER Patricia S. Chrisman  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 10/20/93

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  
☐ UTM's      ☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_





Shady Lake Bathhouse

~~Atkins~~ Athens vic., Arkansas

Photographed by Todd Ferguson

February 1991

Negative on file at AHPP

View from the south

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500019