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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 1985). 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) and identify the section being continued. Type all entries.

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Standing Stone State Rustic Park Historic District

historic name

other names/site number N/A

2. LOCATION

street & number Standing Stone State Rustic Park NA not for publication

city, town Livingston vicinity

state Tennessee code 047 county Overton code 133 zip code 38570

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	45	16 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	2	sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	6	1 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	53	17 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:

	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Act
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain:) _____	_____	_____

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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 National Park Service

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
 walls log
 weatherboard
 roof asphalt
 other stone
 woodshingle

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Standing Stone State Rustic Park Historic District is located on the Cumberland Plateau in upper Middle Tennessee. The district is part of the 11,000 acre Standing Stone State Rustic Park and Forest. Most of the historic (c. 1938-1942) buildings in the district are constructed of hewn logs and rest on rock faced coursed stone foundations. Wane edged siding, weatherboard, and gable roofs are other common construction materials used on park buildings. Low stone guard rails, probably See continuation sheet once connected by wood rails, are used extensively along the roads. Other than moderniza-

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

1938-1942

Significant Dates

1938

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.

Standing Stone State Rustic Park Historic District is being nominated under 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 Work Projects Administration 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 of See continuation sheet the park

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Armstrong, W. H. "Memorandum." September 22, 1941.

Coleman, Bevley R. A History of State Parks in Tennessee. Nashville: Department of Conservation, 1968.

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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 1300 acres.

UTM References

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A 116	614, 27, 2, 0	403, 89, 5, 0	B 1, 6	64, 43, 0, 0	403, 41, 7, 0
C 116	614, 31, 3, 8, 0	403, 42, 0, 0	D 1, 6	63, 99, 0, 0	403, 58, 9, 0
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 Standing Stone State Rustic Park administered as a park. Boundaries generally follow contour lines near the lake, creeks, and roads.

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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 forests which are administered by the Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation. Standing Stone State Rustic Park Historic District includes sufficient acreage to protect the historic setting and architectural integrity of the park.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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Location of Legal Description

Overton County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Livingston, Tennessee 38570

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tion and alteration of wood shingle roofs to asphalt shingle, few changes have occurred to individual buildings. A number of modern cabins have been built, usually in the same location as historic buildings. Only the group camp in the south part of the district is not in use and in poor condition; the remainder of the district is well maintained.

1. Entry sign. c. 1930s. Wood, stone. (C)
2. Storage building. Modern. One story, concrete block, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan. (NC)
3. Ranger Residence. Modern. One story, wood siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan. (NC)
4. Comfort Station. Modern. One story, rock faced coursed stone and weatherboard, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan. (NC)
5. Comfort Station. Modern. One story, brick, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, exposed rafters. (NC)
6. Picnic Shelter. c. 1930s. Peeled log posts, bracing, open sides, asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete deck, rectangular plan. (C)
7. Park Residence. Modern. One story, waney edged and wood siding, asphalt shingle gable and shed roof, rectangular plan. (NC)
8. Group Cabin No. 3. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, six/six windows, awning windows, uncoursed stone foundation, rectangular plan; weatherboarded, hip roof and gable roof additions; interior fireplace. (C)
9. Recreation Center. Modern. One story, brick, wood shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, two picnic shelters adjacent. (NC)
10. Pool House. Modern. One story, weatherboard, metal roof, rectangular plan, two sections with pool between. (NC)
11. Tennis Courts. Modern. (NC)
12. Amphitheater. c. 1938. Rock faced coursed stone, short piers connected by logs, rectangular plan, two fireplaces. (C)
13. Pumphouse. c. 1938. One story, rock faced coursed stone, asphalt shingle gable roof, six pane windows, rectangular plan, waney edged siding in gable ends. (C)

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14. Visitor Center. Modern. One and one-half stories, stone and wood, metal hip roof, dormer, rectangular plan. (NC)
15. Cabin No. 6A. Modern. One and one-half stories, weatherboard, asphalt shingle gable roof, stone foundation, rectangular plan. (NC)
16. Cabin No. 6. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, eight by eight casement windows, rectangular plan, shed roof porch with rock faced coursed stone foundation and chimney, exposed rafters. (C)
17. Cabin No. 7. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, four pane windows, T-shaped plan with front porch extension, exposed rafters, rock faced coursed stone foundation and chimney. (C)
18. Cabin No. 8A. Modern. One and one-half stories, weatherboard, asphalt shingle gable roof, stone foundation, rectangular plan. (NC)
19. Cabin No. 9. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, eight/eight windows, T-shaped plan with front porch extension, rock faced coursed stone chimney and foundation. (C)
20. Cabin No. 10. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, four pane windows, L-shaped plan with front porch extension, rock faced coursed stone chimney and foundation. (C)
21. Cabin No. 11. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, eight/eight windows, rock faced coursed stone chimney and foundation, L-shaped plan with front porch extension, basement entry. (C)
22. Cabin No. 8. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, six/six windows, L-shaped plan with front porch extension, rock faced coursed stone chimney and fireplace, stone hearth inside. (C)
23. Cabin No. 12. Modern. One story, log, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, exposed rafters. (NC)
24. Cabin No. 13. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, four pane windows, rectangular plan, front porch, wood shingles in gable end, rock faced coursed stone chimney and foundation, crawl space access. (C)
25. Cabin No. 14. Modern. One story, wood, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan. (NC)

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26. Cabin No. 15. Modern. One story, wood, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan. (NC)
27. Cabin No. 16. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, four pane windows, L-shaped plan, rock faced coursed chimney and foundation. (C)
28. Cabin No. 17. c. 1938. One and one-half stories, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, eight/eight windows, irregular plan, rock faced coursed stone chimney and foundation. (C)
29. Cabin No. 18. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, six/six windows, square plan, rock faced coursed stone chimney and piers. (C)
30. Boathouse. c. 1938. Rock faced stone piers, metal hip roof, benches, exposed rafters, many parts have been replaced, but structure still retains integrity. (C)
31. Group Lodge No. 2. c. 1938. One and one-half stories, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, six/six windows, cruciform plan, stone patio, dormer, exposed rafter; rock faced coursed stone foundation, patio wall and chimney. (C)
32. Group Lodge No. 1. c. 1938. Two stories, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, six/six windows, irregular plan, rock faced coursed chimney, exposed rafters. (C)
33. Cabin No. 1. Modern. One story, wood, asphalt shingle gable roof, stone foundation, one/one windows, rectangular plan. (NC)
34. Cabin No. 1A. Modern. One story, wood, asphalt shingle gable roof, one/one windows, rectangular plan, stone basement. (NC)
35. Cabin No. 2. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, six/six windows, rectangular plan, rock faced coursed stone chimney and piers on porch. (C)
36. Cabin No. 3. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, six/six windows, square plan with front porch extension, rock faced coursed stone chimney and foundation, exposed rafters. (C)
37. Cabin No. 4. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, six/six windows, T-shaped plan, rock faced coursed stone fireplace and foundation, exposed rafters. (C)

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38. Cabin No. 5. c. 1938. One story, hewn log siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, six/six windows, rectangular plan, rock faced coursed stone chimney and foundation, weatherboarded basement with access. (C)
39. Recreation Hall. c. 1938. One story, hewn log and waney edged siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, varied window sizes, irregular plan, porches; rock faced stone piers, foundation, walls and steps; used for storage; some wood deterioration. (C)
40. Standing Stone Lake and Kelly Dam. c. 1938. Rock faced coursed stone and concrete; approximately 300 feet long, fifteen feet tall on lake side, thirty feet tall on river side; buttresses, two spillways, stone guard rails at top. (C)
41. Picnic Shelter. c. 1940. Hewn log posts, exposed rafters, open sides, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan. (C)
42. Moses Fisk House. Moved and reconstructed in 1980s. Two stories, weatherboard, asphalt shingle gable roof, square plan. (NC)
43. Check Dam. c. 1938. Concrete, straight dam; several other check dams are located throughout the park. (C)
44. Picnic Shelter. c. 1938. Hewn log posts, exposed rafters, open sides, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan. (C)
45. Overton Lodge. Modern. One story, stone and wood, asphalt shingle hip and gable roof, chimney, multi-pane windows, new picnic shelter adjacent. (NC)
46. Group Camp. c. 1938. Contains eight girls cabins, eight boys cabins, two bathhouses, storage shed, lodge, three staff cabins, swimming area.

Cabins. One story, weatherboard, gable roof, awning windows, rectangular plan, stone piers, screened porches, bunk beds.

Bathhouses. One story, weatherboard, gable roof, lattice over window area, rectangular plan.

Lodge. One story, weatherboard, gable roof, screened windows, irregular plan.

Staff Cabins. One story, weatherboard and board and batten, gable roof, rectangular plan.

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Swimming Area. Stone dam and steps, irregular plan.

The group camp has not been used and is deteriorating. All buildings in and structures in the camp are contributing. (C)

47. Residence. c. 1930s. One story, weatherboard, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, six/six windows (no panes), stone fireplace, deteriorating, abandoned. (C)

48. Low stone piers, trails, stone steps, and roads built by the Work Projects Administration are located throughout the park. (C)

(A few modern buildings were not surveyed).

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

BACKGROUND

Standing Stone State Rustic Park and Forest was acquired from the United States Department of Agriculture through the Land-Use Area program of the 1930s. The area was leased to the Division of State Parks, Department of Conservation on March 23, 1939. Development of the park by the Work Projects Administration centered around the sixty-nine acre, man-made lake. In 1938, plans called for \$53,213.00 to be spent on recreational development at Standing Stone. (Forest development costs were \$55,163.00 and general development costs were \$38,800.00). Work was still continuing in the park in 1941.

Development of the park stopped during the war years. In 1949, the area was administratively divided between the Division of State Parks and the Division of Forestry. The park area was renovated in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

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Standing Stone Forest Development Map, 1938. Located at Tennessee Department of Conservation, Nashville.

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