

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
(203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Town No.:		Site No.:	
UTM 18	679610	4636700	
QUAD: Avon CT			
DISTRICT		IF NR, SPECIFY	
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <i>(Historic)</i>		Stratton Brook Park Pavilion		Massacoe Forest Pavilion		
	2. TOWN, CITY		VILLAGE		COUNTY		
	Simsbury				Hartford 003		
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)						
	Off Old Farms Road inside park						
	4. OWNER(S)						
	Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private						
	5. USE (Present) <i>(Historic)</i>						
	Picnic Shelter Picnic Shelter						
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN open structure						
DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING				DATE OF CONSTRUCTION		
	Rustic				1935		
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)						
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Log			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:				
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM						
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)							
10. ROOF (Type)							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
(Material)							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)				
11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS							
1		20' x 40'					
12. CONDITION (Structural) <i>(Exterior)</i>							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
14. RELATED BUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES							
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) None				
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden					
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT							
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site				
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS							

Located in a pine grove on south side of dam & pond constructed in 1934 by Civilian Conservation Corps.

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and/or exterior)
 The open five-bay, rustic style picnic shelter is well-proportioned and handsomely detailed. Of hewn post-and-beam construction with corner brackets, the structure has a fieldstone-set-in-concrete floor and exposed roof trussing with decorative rounded rafter ends. A massive freestanding sloped-shoulder chimney of rubble-coursed fieldstone is set on the north end. A distinctive ledge/bench is set into the north side of the chimney. The masonry work is of the highest quality. Well-preserved.

The shelter is located on the eastern bank of a small, approximately 1.5-acre pond created by damming Stratton Brook. The low poured-concrete dam is located at the north end of the pond and is crossed by a modern wooden plank pedestrian footbridge.

18. ARCHITECT: Unknown
 BUILDER: CCC, CWA, FERA

SIGNIFICANCE

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 Stratton Brook State Forest was created from Massacoe State Forest in 1949. The original intended use of the small approximately 120-acre tract sold to the state in 1908 by the Eno family was for experiments in fire prevention and reforestation along a railroad right-of-way which ran through the forest. Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood donated funds for the experiments, which sought to reduce destructive fires started by railroads, and was a devoted naturalist. Spark-scattering trains were a common source of forest fires prior to the advent of diesel engines, and while the Massacoe Forest experiments did not find a solution to that problem, the forest did prove that burned-out areas could be successfully reforested and productive. Much of the reforestation work was done by Civilian Conservation Corps labor. In addition to their silviculture activities, the CCCs worked with the Civilian Works Administration, the Federal Emergency Relief (see continuation sheet)

SOURCES

DEP. Bureau of State Parks & Recreation. Historical File: Massacoe Forest, Stratton Brook.
 Park & Forest Commission. Biennial Report to the Governor. 1930-44.

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS
 N/A

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Expiration _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 19 Date: _____ Massacoe Forest Pavilion

Administration, and Simsbury residents, who donated money for materials, to develop a recreational area in the forest. In 1933 the CCCs built a small dam across Stratton Brook to create Massacoe Pond, which was used as a swimming area until the new, larger pond was built in the park in 1965. The handsome rustic picnic shelter located on the eastern bank of the pond was also erected. The pavilion is a well-preserved example of the high-quality structures built by Depression-era relief labor. Of particular significance is the stone chimney, which epitomizes the superb masonry work done by the CCC, CWA, and FERA. The shelter also stands as a record of the federal assistance that made the rapid development of public recreational facilities in the state possible. Without the Civilian Conservation Corps program, it has been said that it would have taken fifty years to accomplish what was done in seven. The federal work relief programs built several fine open picnic shelters in the state, but the one at Stratton Brook is the finest extant building of its type in the state system.

Verbal Bunday Description and Justification

Pavilion and 1.5 acre manmade pond are located in 148-acre park. Nominated acreage of approximately 2.5 acres is defined on attached map: Stratton Brook State park, Scale 1" = 500'. Pond and area around pavilion represent historic focus of recreational facility developed by CCC,FERA,CWA.

Massacoe Forest pavilion - Historic Name

STRATTON BROOK STATE PARK

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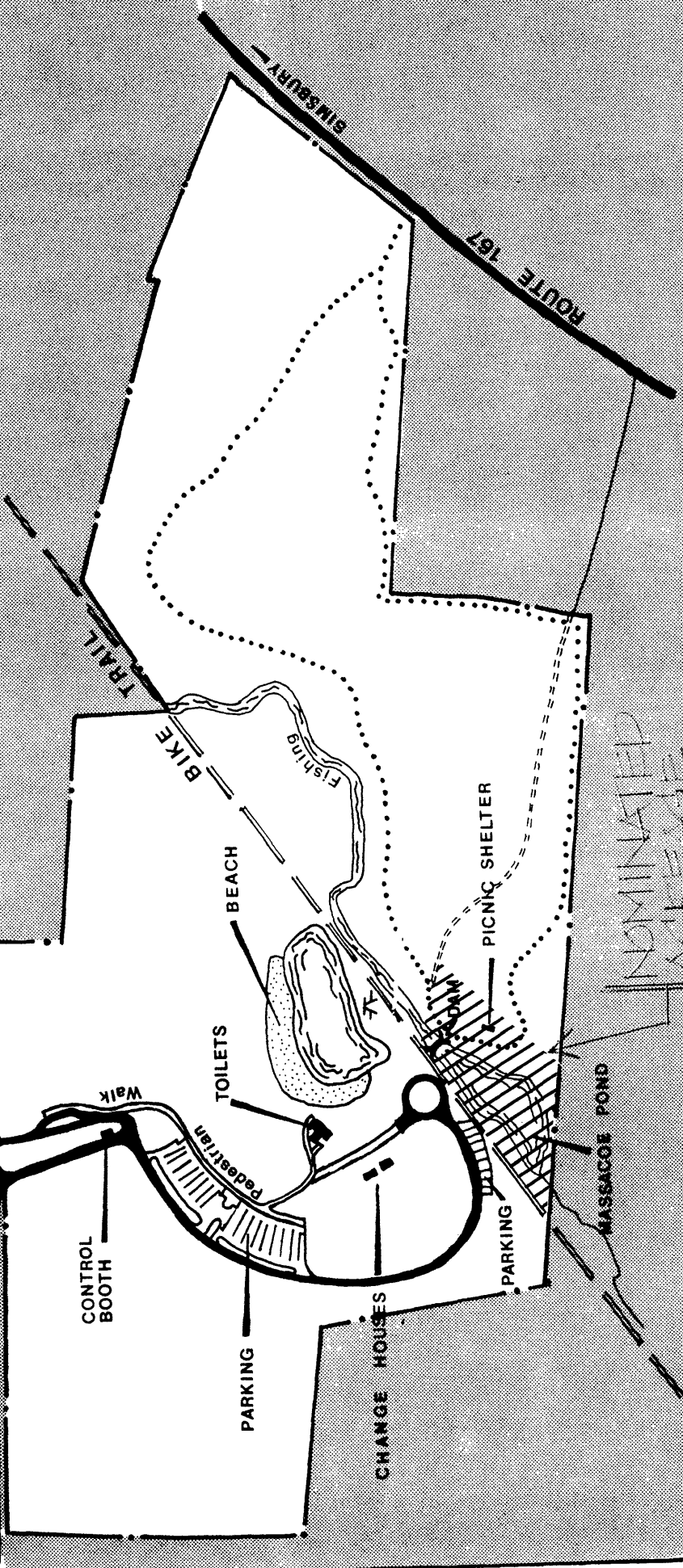
SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT

Scale in Feet



- KEY**
- Foot Trail
 - ... Picnic Area
 - Bike Trail

WEST SIMSBURY
 VILLAGE ROAD (ROUTE 309)
 FARMS



677000m E 678

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50'

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Massacoe Forest Picnic Pavilion
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