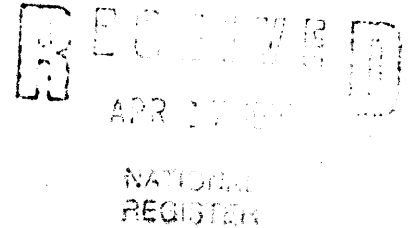


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *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 Jay Cooke State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Picnic Grounds
other names/site number Jay Cooke State Park

2. Location

street & number off Minnesota Highway 210 not for publication N/A
city, town Twin Lakes Township Carlton vicinity
state Minnesota code MN county Carlton code 017 zip code 56718

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>2</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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.
 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:)

Bob Boland 6/11/92

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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/Log

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See Continuation Sheets

See continuation sheet

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Twin Lakes, Carlton County, MinnesotaDESCRIPTION

The Jay Cooke State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Picnic Grounds consist of a 7 acre area located on Oldenburg Point, approximately one mile east of the Jay Cooke State Park Historic District. The Picnic Grounds include two buildings and one object and provide a dramatic view of the St. Louis River which is a highly turbulent stream running through a very picturesque rock gorge. The gorge consists of basalt rock which is generally inclined 45 degrees from the horizontal and pitched toward the south. Additional rock formations are scattered throughout the park. Architects for the park buildings were from the National Park Service.

Department of Natural Resources building identification numbers are located after the name of each building.

1. Building: Shelter 2-59 Builder: CCC
Architect: National Park Service Date: 1935-36

The overall dimensions of the rectangular shelter building are 49'6" x 26' with roughly three-fourths of the space devoted to the shelter and the remaining area serving as a concession. The shelter may be entered from both the north and south facades through 24' openings which are divided into 3 bays by stone piers. The east facade features a massive stone fireplace with a segmental arch. The 9'6" x 26' concession opens to the exterior along the west facade as well as into the shelter. Each opening includes a counter which is capped with a segmental stone arch. The concession also includes a storage area. The masonry used in construction is a dark, local gabbro.

In 1967 the entire gable roof was removed and a new truss system was installed which was similar to the original.

2. Building: Water Tower & Latrine 2-58 Builder: CCC
Architect: Edward W. Barber Date: 1934

This building combines a Latrine and a Water Tower which is located along the east facade. The overall plan is rectangular with dimensions of 42'2" x 17'3". Building materials are 8" or 9" peeled logs with saddle-notched corners and native stone laid in a rough ashlar pattern. The latrine portion of the building is a one story structure with 18"

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Twin Lakes, Carlton County, Minnesota

thick stone walls up to the sill line and logs laid horizontally above. The 5'6" high stone walls are followed by a 4'5" section of logs and the entire latrine is covered by a hip roof. Each of the two principal facades contains two 8 light casement windows. Stone and log screens originally shielded the entrances.

The Water Tower is a one and one-half story structure with a 10' high stone section followed by a 5'6" section constructed with horizontal logs. The tower is capped with a hipped roof. The lower section provides storage space with the water tank located above. The principal facades originally contained 8 light casement windows.

During a 1963 remodeling, the wooden shingles were replaced with asphalt, the doors were replaced, and louvers were installed in place of the tower windows. The log portion of the screens was also replaced with vertical boards.

3. Object: Drinking Fountain Builder: CCC
Architect: National Park Service Date: 1934

The Drinking Fountain rests on a 5'9" x 5'11" platform constructed with native stone flagging. The base of the stone fountain is 2'5" square and rises 3' with battered sides. A single stone step is placed on one side.

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

1934-36

Significant Dates

1934

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

National Park Service
Civilian Conservation Corps
Works Progress Administration

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

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Twin Lakes, Carlton County, Minnesota

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jay Cooke State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Picnic Grounds are historically significant for their 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 their construction. The Picnic Grounds are also historically significant as a portion of a major recreational facility which received intensive use from residents of the surrounding communities and the City of Duluth.

The buildings at the Picnic Grounds are architecturally significant as outstanding examples of Rustic Style construction featuring a dark native rock which blends with the rocky gorge of the adjacent St. Louis River. Of exceptional significance is the Water Tower and Latrine, a particularly successful example of a combination of log and stone construction, and, with its blockhouse style water tower, perhaps one of the most picturesque buildings in the state park system. The landscape design for Jay Cooke State Park is architecturally significant for its ability to successfully concentrate the intensive use areas of the park, such as the Picnic Grounds, which had been previously scattered along the entire 7 mile park drive.

Jay Cooke State Park was established in 1915 when the St. Louis Power Company donated 2,350 acres of land for that purpose. Large scale development began in 1933 when C.C.C. Camp SP-2 occupied the park on June 22, 1933. This camp constructed the Swinging Bridge, the Service Yard, and began development of the Oldenburg Point Picnic Grounds. They were also involved in eliminating soil erosion and in landscaping the Skyline Parkway so that the road would blend with the natural setting. However, due to declining C.C.C. enrollment on a nationwide basis, this camp was one of three in Minnesota which were terminated unexpectedly in October 1935. At that point, the picnic shelter at Oldenburg Point was only about half finished. However, the Lake Shore C.C.C. Camp SP-18 located north of Duluth provided the manpower to finish a number of incomplete projects.

A second C.C.C. Camp SP-21 Company 1171 was established in the park in May 1939. This camp continued development at the park and rebuilt the Swinging Bridge and constructed the River Inn. This camp was terminated on March 25, 1942 just before the C.C.C. came to an end. The WPA was also active in the park on a limited basis and was mainly involved with road work.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 7 Acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Jay Cooke State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Picnic Grounds is shown as the heavy line on the accompanying map entitled, "Jay Cooke State Park."

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the two buildings and one object that have been historically associated with the property and that maintain historic integrity. The boundary defines an area of the park developed by the Federal Relief Programs.

See continuation sheet

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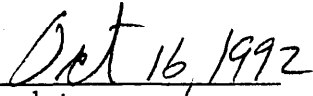
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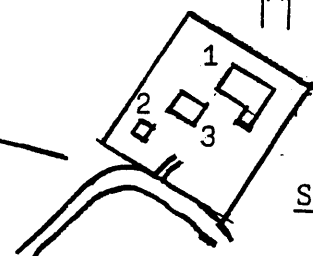
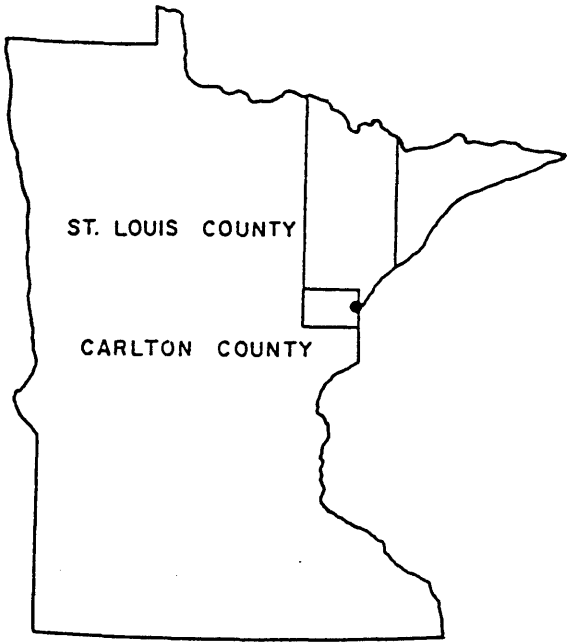
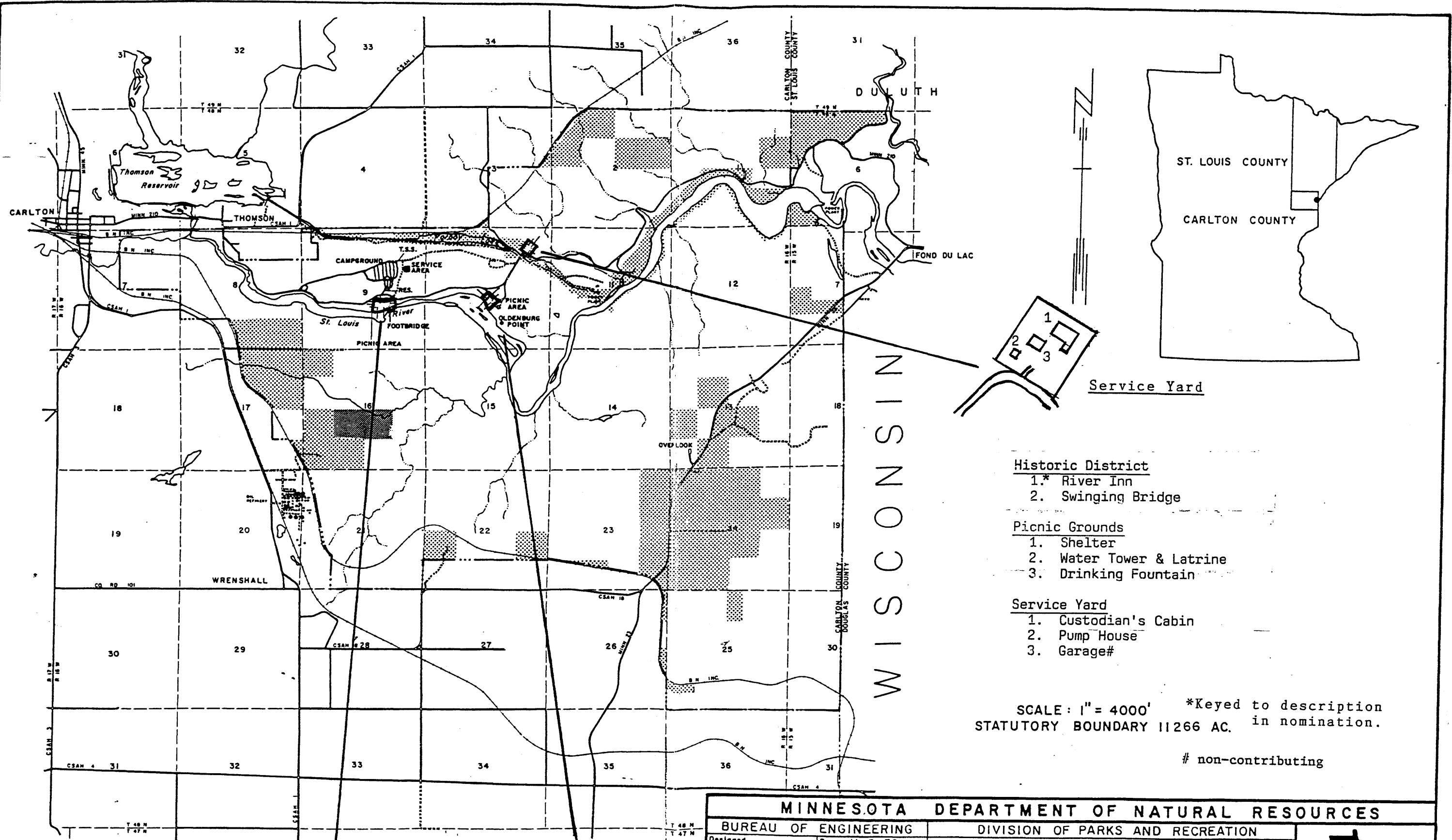
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Carlton County, Minnesota

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Thomson Township


Signature of certifying official


date

Ian R. Stewart
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer



Service Yard

Historic District

- 1.* River Inn
- 2. Swinging Bridge

Picnic Grounds

- 1. Shelter
- 2. Water Tower & Latrine
- 3. Drinking Fountain

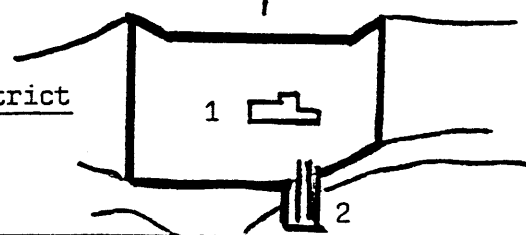
Service Yard

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- 2. Pump House
- 3. Garage#

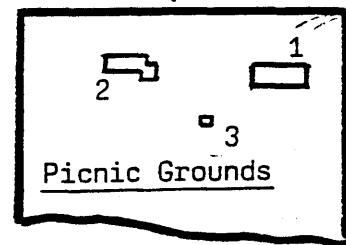
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non-contributing

Historic District



Picnic Grounds



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BUREAU OF ENGINEERING		DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION	
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