

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 REV. 6/83

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 666060	4643215
QUAD:	New Hartford
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR, SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)		
Peoples Forest Museum	Peoples Forest Museum		
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Barkhamsted	Pleasant Valley	Litchfield 005	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
Greenwood Road in Peoples Forest			
4. OWNER(S)			
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)			
Vacant (Historic) Museum			
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Rustic		1935	

DESCRIPTION

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon		
<input checked="" 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 45'			
12. CONDITION (Structural)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	(Exterior) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN ?	(Alterations) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN
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				
Sited in a clearing on the rise east of the Farmington River in Peoples Forest.				

(OVER)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE: Nicely proportioned and handsomely detailed rubble-coursed fieldstone structure with battered piers and banks of wooden casement windows. South end has decorative cut stone window lintel. Gable ends sheathed with clapboard. Graceful bellcast roof with mock exposed rafter ends under boxed, overhanging eaves. Massive plank entrance door centered on west elevation is set with oversized, handwrought strap hinges. Ell on south elevation. Stone terrace on north end. The large open interior room is richly detailed with a bluestone floor, chestnut paneling, and huge queen-post trusses with wrought-iron straps. A massive fieldstone fireplace dominates the southern end of the main room, while the northern end is set with glazed double-leaf doors leading to the terrace. The small office in the southern ell is also paneled. The building is well-preserved, complete with original furnishings and lighting fixtures.

18. ARCHITECT: Unknown
 BUILDER: Civilian Conservation Corps

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 The Peoples Forest Museum was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1934-35 and was dedicated in the spring of 1935 with a ceremony attended by Robert Fechner, Roosevelt's director of the CCC program, and Governor Wilbur Cross. The museum, which operated under the direction of curator Robert Lund until the early 1950s, housed mounted fauna and flora specimens and exhibits on forest products. It is not known who founded the museum.

 The CCC program was begun in the spring of 1933 and Camp White, named for conservationist Alain C. White of Litchfield, operated from December, 1933, until the end of 1941. The remnants of the camp, which was mostly modest frame structures, are located in the American Legion Forest across the Farmington River. In addition to their primary activities of silviculture and road building, the CCCs (see continuation sheet)

SOURCES
 Wheeler, Richard, ed. Barkhamsted Heritage. Canton: Lithographics, Inc. 1975.
 Park and Forest Commission. Biennial Report to the Governor 1913-1944.

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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
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Peoples Forest Museum

frequently built small well-designed recreational and educational structures in the forests. Their buildings, of which the museum is one, are characterized by distinctive styling, superb masonry work, excellent craftsmanship, and fine wrought-iron detailing. The Peoples Forest Museum ranks architecturally as one of the most significant CCC buildings in the state. It is well-preserved and complete with the original trestle tables and benches, electrified wrought-iron wall sconces with hammered copper shades, and a handmade fireplace screen and andirons which were all made for the building.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The museum is located in a 783-acre state forest. The nominated acreage includes the building situated in the center of a circle with a radius of 400' which provides an representation of its historic wooded setting.

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Addendum: Connecticut State Park and Forest Depression-Era Federal Work Relief Programs
Structures Thematic Resource

Barkhamsted: Peoples Forest Museum

Acreage: 6.5 acres

Correction: Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

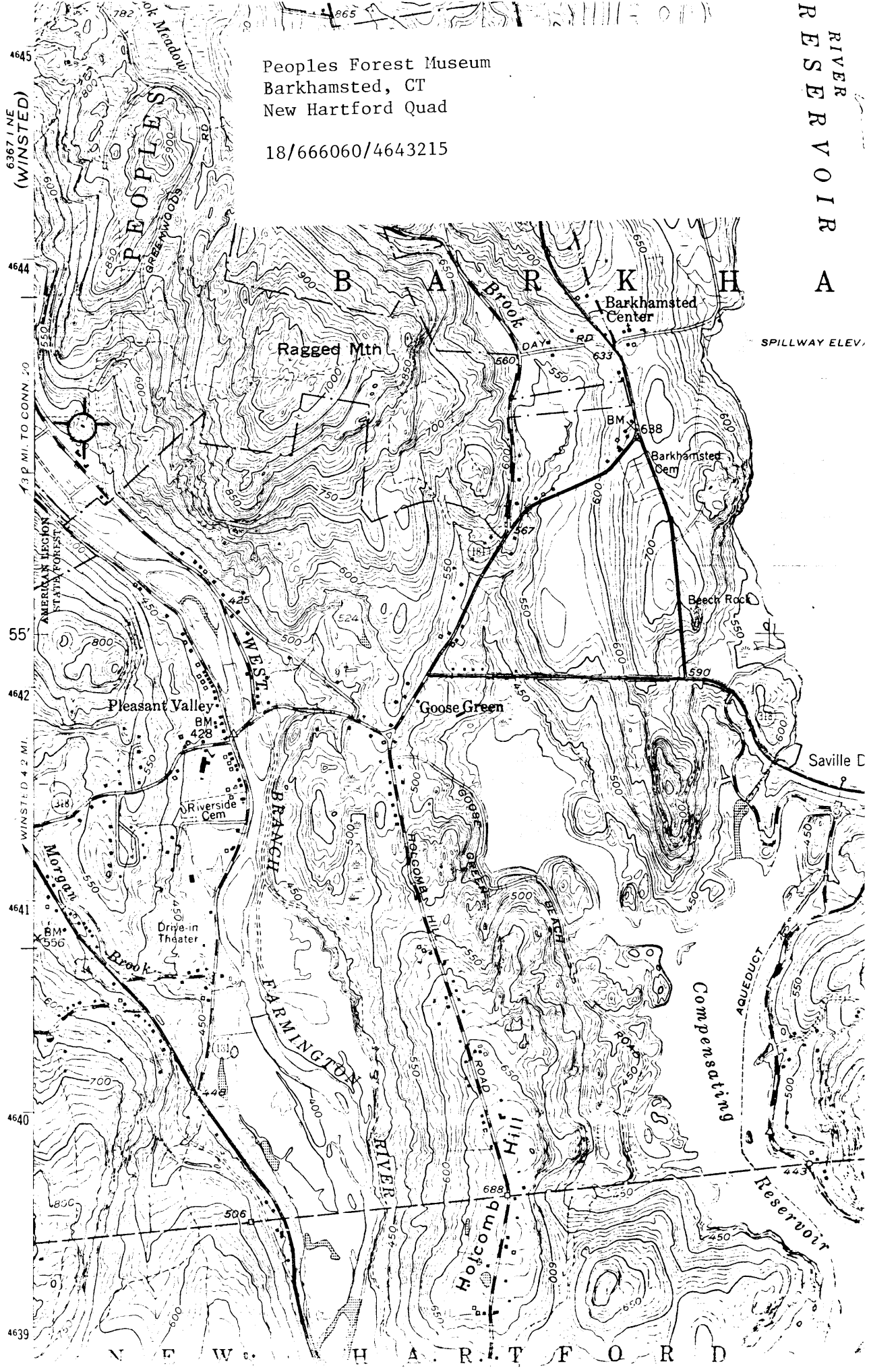
The museum is located in a 783-acre state forest. The nominated acreage includes the building situated in the center of a circle with a radius of 300' which provides a representation of its historic wooded setting.

This correction has been made because it was determined that the reduction of acreage would adequately represent the historic setting of the subject property.

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