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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89001654 Date Listed: 7/2/92

Lake Carlos State Park . . . etc. Hist. Dist., Douglas Co., MN
Property Name County State

Minnesota State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Beth Boland
Signature of the Keeper

7/22/92
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The UTMs included another resource nominated separately and needed changing. Points A and B remain the same, but the correct UTM for point C is now:
Zone: 15 Easting: 318 300 Northing: 50 95 580

This information was provided by Susan Roth of the SHPO staff.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

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 Lake Carlos State Park WPA/Rustic Style Historic District
other names/site number Lake Carlos State Park

2. Location

street & number off Minnesota Highway 29 not for publication N/A
city, town Carlos Township Carlos vicinity
state Minnesota code MN county Douglas code 041 zip code 56319

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 | 2 | 1 buildings |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site | 1 | sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure | 3 | structures |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object | | objects |
| | | | 1 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 5/12/92

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. Beth Boland 7/2/92

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet. _____

determined not eligible for the National Register. _____

removed from the National Register. _____

other, (explain:) _____

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

Wood

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See Continuation Sheets

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
Recreation
Government

Period of Significance

1938-1942

Significant Dates

1938

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

National Park Service

State of Minnesota

Works Progress Administration

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

See Continuation Sheets

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Department of Natural Resources. Working Drawings and Specifications for Buildings at Lake Carlos State Park. Bureau of Engineering. St. Paul, Minnesota
State of Minnesota. Minnesota State Park, Parkway and Recreational Area Study. 1938.

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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

Acreeage of property 14 Acres

UTM References

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| A | <u>1</u> <u>5</u> | <u>3</u> <u>1</u> <u>8</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> | <u>5</u> <u>0</u> <u>9</u> <u>6</u> <u>1</u> <u>7</u> <u>0</u> |
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| B | <u>1</u> <u>5</u> | <u>3</u> <u>1</u> <u>8</u> <u>8</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u> | <u>5</u> <u>0</u> <u>9</u> <u>6</u> <u>1</u> <u>6</u> <u>0</u> |
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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Lake Carlos State Park WPA/Rustic Style Historic District is shown as the heavy, cross-hatched line on the accompanying map entitled, "Lake Carlos State Park." The boundary is defined by Lake Carlos to the east, the inside edge of the park road to the west, and a stream to the north, and a stream to the south.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the buildings that have been historically associated with the property and that maintain historic integrity. The boundary defines an area of the park developed by the Works Progress Administration.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Carlos Township, Douglas County, MinnesotaDESCRIPTION

The Lake Carlos State Park WPA/Rustic Style Historic District consists of two buildings and one structure located along the northwest shore of Lake Carlos in the public use area of the park. The park is situated on the north end of Lake Carlos, east of the town of Carlos and to the north of Alexandria. One non-contributing building is also included. Architects for the park buildings were from the Central Design Office of the National Park Service and the State of Minnesota.

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

1. Structure: Water Tower 1-296 Builder: WPA
Architect: National Park Service Date: 1938-39

The Water Tower and Pump House consists of a 14'6" square section for the Water Tower and an adjacent 11'6" x 10' one story section for the Pump House. The tower is constructed with split stone which rises to a height of 7'10" and is followed by a 10' frame section with vertical boards and battens. The tower is capped by a hip roof which adds an additional 4' to the building. Louvered openings are placed just under the eaves on both the north and south facades. The entrance is sheltered by a canopy which is supported by timber brackets. The pump house is also constructed with split stone but is covered by a shed roof. The original casement windows have been infilled.

2. Building: Sanitation Building 1-294 Builder: WPA
Architect: State of Minnesota Date: 1940

The Sanitation Building is a 28' x 18' structure covered with a gable roof. Split stone walls rise to a height of 3 1/2' with rough 10" horizontal siding employed above the stonework. Board and batten siding is utilized in the gable ends. Four-light casement windows which hinge at the bottom are organized in pairs on all four sides of the building. The stonework on the south (lake) facade extends beyond the end walls to

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form entrance screens. The screens are completed with vertical boards which rest on the low stone walls. Lookouts project from the gables. The building's original wooden shingles have been replaced with asphalt and new fixtures and skylights were added during a 1963 remodeling.

3. Building: Bath House 1-297 Builder: WPA
Architect: O. Newstrom Date: 1941-42

The Bath House is a standard design utilized in many state parks with overall dimensions of 82'2" x 22'6". It consists of a split stone gable roofed central section containing a concession, restrooms, and storage areas flanked on either side by loggias which allow circulation through the building. Partially enclosed changing wings were originally constructed on either side of the building and could be accessed from the loggias. The wings consisted of a low stone wall followed by 1" x 10" rough siding "sawed irregular from native logs." The walls were completed with a stone cap. The women's changing area, located on the west facade, was 2'8" longer than the corresponding men's wing and also contained individual changing booths. Foot showers were originally located in a small indentation on both end walls.

A 7' counter for the concession was located on the lake facade. It was sheltered by a canopy supported by timber brackets and could also be closed with wooden shutters.

The changing wings have been removed, although the low stone walls remain intact, and in 1974 a vending wing with a steel roll-up type door was added to the east end of the building. Restrooms were added and now fill the entire space once occupied by the concession space. Skylights were also added.

4. Building: Shelter 1-295 Builder: Unknown
Architect: DNR Date: 1968

The Shelter is a 40'2" x 24'2" building constructed with 4" x 8" cedar timber walls. Two 7'2" openings are placed on both the north and south facades and one opening is placed on the east facade. The building is covered with a gable roof. The Shelter is non-contributing.

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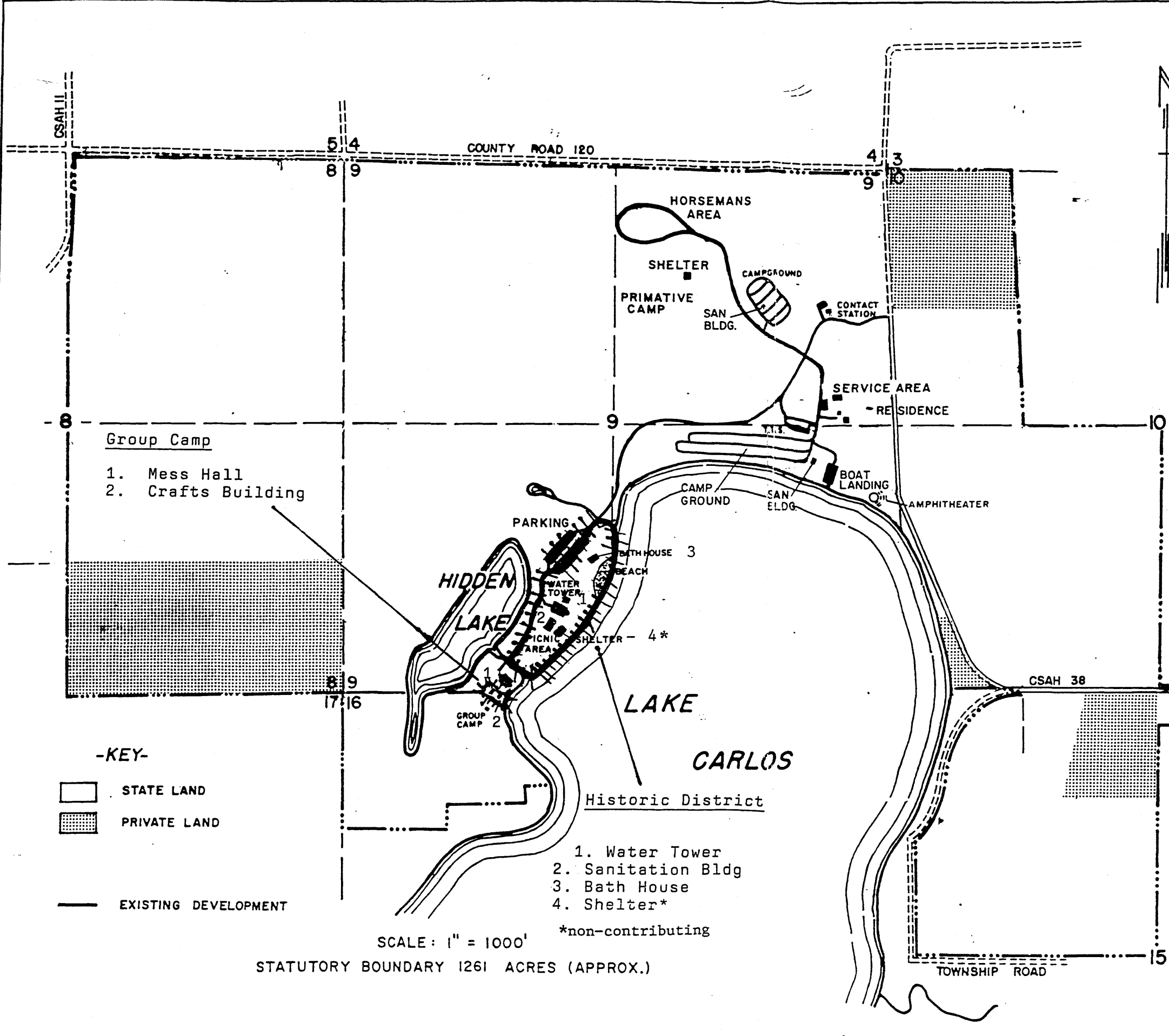
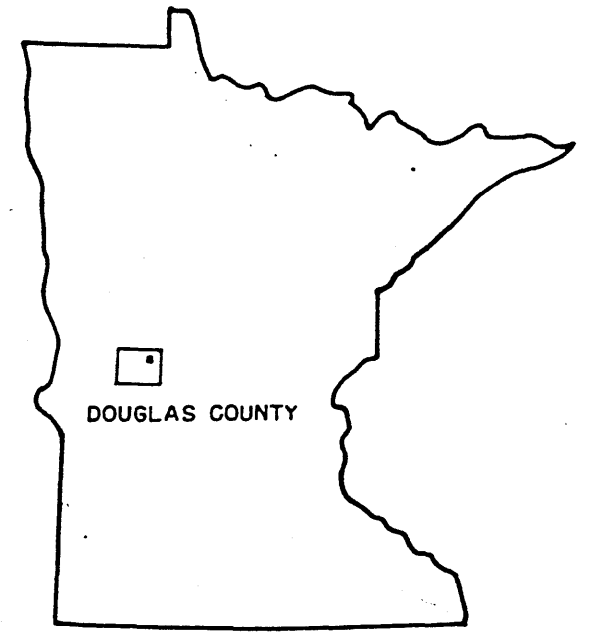
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lake Carlos State Park WPA/Rustic Style Historic District is historically significant for its association with the social, political, and economic impact of the Great Depression and the subsequent development of the various Federal Relief Programs such as the Works Progress Administration which was responsible for its construction. The park buildings are also historically significant for their association with the development of the Minnesota state park system. The park was considered an important link in the state park system by providing a recreational facility located in one of the state's summer resort centers in west central Minnesota. The park attracted a large local population as well as tourists coming from other states.

The Lake Carlos State Park WPA/Rustic Style Historic District is architecturally significant for its examples of Rustic Style split stone construction featuring irreplaceable labor intensive methods and finely crafted detailing. These buildings are characterized by nonintrusive and environmentally sensitive designs based on National Park Service design philosophy and master planning.

Lake Carlos State Park was established in 1938 with funds appropriated by the State Legislature in 1937. The park is one of fourteen established between 1937 and 1938.



- Group Camp**
1. Mess Hall
 2. Crafts Building

- KEY-**
- STATE LAND
 - PRIVATE LAND
 - EXISTING DEVELOPMENT

1. Water Tower
2. Sanitation Bldg
3. Bath House
4. Shelter*

*non-contributing

SCALE: 1" = 1000'
 STATUTORY BOUNDARY 1261 ACRES (APPROX.)

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| MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION | | |
| STATE PARK SITE | | |
| LAKE CARLOS STATE PARK | | |
| DOUGLAS CO. - NR. ALEXANDRIA | | |
| SEC. | T. 129 N. R. 37 | W. 15 TH P. M. |
| DRAWN JHP 12-12-62 | BUREAU OF ENGINEERING | SURVEY |
| CHECKED BAH 12-14-62 | | DATUM |
| REVISED SVF 7-20-78 | <i>[Signature]</i> CHIEF ENGINEER | |

TO CARLOS 1.7 MILES
 TO MILTONA 4.5 MILES
 MINN. 29