

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Granite Park Chalet and Dormitory

AND/OR COMMON

N/A

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Glacier National Park

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

West Glacier

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Montana

VICINITY OF

CODE
30

COUNTY

Flathead

CODE

029

2 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Region

STREET & NUMBER

655 Parfet, P.O. Box 25287

CITY, TOWN

Denver

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado 80225

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Glacier National Park

STREET & NUMBER

N/A

CITY, TOWN

West Glacier

STATE

Montana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

List of Classified Structures Inventory

DATE

August 1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Region

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Granite Park Chalet and Dormitory are situated near the Swiftcurrent Pass in Glacier National Park at an elevation of 7,000 feet. From its south-facing position on a knoll in a subalpine meadowland amid igneous outcropping resembling granite, the buildings have a commanding view of the McDonald Valley, the Livingstone Range, including Heavens Peak, and the southern reaches of the park.

Building No. 800, the Granite Park Chalet, was built by the Great Northern Railway Company in 1914. The building overall presents an Alpine architectural style similar to other high mountain chalets existing and once existing in the park. The building still retains its original appearance and plan. Additions and alterations were made in 1924 but most were removed at later dates. The main building is constructed of native stone and logs. It is a two-story structure, 48' X 36', with a gabled roof, and 12' X 12', one-story, shed roofed storeroom ell. The first floor contains a kitchen, dining room, one bedroom, and storeroom. The floor is constructed of large natural rock slabs having sedimentary ripple marks. The partitions are puncheon spruce logs, and studs and wainscoting. The second floor is constructed of single span Douglas fir log joists, approximately 2 feet on center, which extend through the masonry walls to form front and rear balconies providing access to the eight second floor guests' rooms partitioned by puncheons. Casement sash is provided to each room by single or double 4 over 4, swinging windows. The cedar shingled roof is constructed of pole rafters and 1" decking, the underside of which is exposed to the rooms below. No electric service has ever been supplied. The building is heated by wood-burning stoves, and lit by kerosene lamps. Meager and partial original plumbing still is in service utilizing water supplied by a gravity-fed ram pumping system drawing from a local mountain spring.

Building No. 799, the Granite Park Chalet Dormitory was built in 1913 by the Great Northern Railway Company. The building has a cedar shingle, gabled roof. It is a single story, stone structure, 36' X 20', similar in style and construction to the main structure. It contains six guest rooms. It is set about 100' to the left rear of the main building and also faces south. It is part of the original construction plan. The windows are wood swinging casement, with 6 lights to each casement.

Just to the east and approximately midway between the chalet and dormitory is Building No. 1114, a comfort station. The recently built structure (1965) of stone had an addition constructed in 1975. This building is not a historic building, but is compatible with the chalet and dormitory.

The survey of the historic structures was completed by Lance Williams, a consultant on historic properties, and under the supervision of Regional Historical Architect Rodd L. Wheaton during the summer of 1975. Mr. Williams used the criteria established by the National Register of Historic Places for his evaluations, and those structures considered eligible or potentially eligible were entered on the Rocky Mountain Region's List of Classified Structures Inventory.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Park
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1913 - 1914

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Samuel L. Bartlett

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Granite Park Chalet and Dormitory are significant for architecture and for their role in the development of Glacier National Park by providing lodging and food in an isolated area of the park.

The architectural significance of the two buildings is that the successful use of the Swiss or Alpine style suggested and created a rustic feeling which was the mode for hotels and lodges during the early decades of the Park Service. The use of native stone for the chalet and dormitory exemplifies the National Park's ideal of blending the structures with the natural setting.

Louis Hill, president of Great Northern Railway, contracted the construction of the Granite Park Chalet in 1914 as an addition to the railroad's system of grand hotels and "Swiss-style" chalets in the newly created Glacier National Park. As such, the Granite Park Chalet gives visitors the opportunity to enjoy the remote areas of the park while providing the rustic comforts of a hearty meal and a warm bed.

The stone for the buildings was quarried from the nearby mountain slopes and other materials were carried by pack train from the Many Glacier Hotel, nine miles by trail over Swiftcurrent Pass. During the two summers of construction, 60-horse teams came up daily with supplies for the main structure designed by St. Paul, Minnesota, architect, Samuel L. Bartlett and engineer, A.H. Hogeland, and constructed by contractor, E.G. Evensta. Thomas D. McMahon was the architect of the detached dormitory.

In the early days, the Chalet was the first stop for Glacier Park Saddle Horse Company horse parties going from Many Glacier Hotel on the popular North Circle Trip, stopping also at Fifty Mountain and Cosley Lake Tent Camps. The Chalet, acquired by the Glacier Park Hotel Company in 1915, was sold to the National Park Service in 1954 and is currently operated on a seasonal basis by Belton Chalets, Inc.

Today, the greatest number of visitors to Granite Park Chalet, accessible only by trail, come on foot. When they enter the stone dining area, they are provided with the same traditional chalet service the visitors of 1915 received. The buildings are a living-working museum of the early park era.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Original Blueprints, Granite Park Dormitory, Glacier National Park Maintenance Office, West Glacier, Montana.
 Building Maintenance Files, Rocky Mountain Region, National Park Service, Denver, CO.
 Glacier National Park History Files, West Glacier, Montana.
 Ober, Michael J. Enmity and Alliance: Park Service Relations in Glacier National Park 1892-1961. Unpublished M A Thesis, University of Montana.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .5 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 2	2 9 6 4 8 0	5 4 0 5 3 8 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Granite Park Chalet and Dormitory are located west of the Garden Wall (Continental Divide) and near the junction of the Highline Trail and the Granite Park Trail. The buildings are located approximately 800 meters southwest of the junction of the two trails. The Granite Park Chalet and Dormitory are within a rectangular boundary 200' (N to S) x 124' (E to W). This boundary includes the chalet, dormitory, and a noncontributing building, the comfort station. See continuation sheet.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Edwin L. Rothfuss, Chief Naturalist

FORM REVISED BY

Mary Shivers Culpin, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Glacier National Park Sept. 2, 1975

DATE

National Park Service, Rocky Mountain

STREET & NUMBER

N/A (406) 888-5441

TELEPHONE

Region 4/6/82

CITY OR TOWN

West Glacier, Montana 59936

655 Parfet (303) 234-2764

STATE

Denver, Colorado

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Marvella Shivers, Deputy
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local .

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE *F. B. Holland, Jr.*

NOV 12 1982

TITLE *Associate Director, Cultural Resources Management* DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Linda McCulland
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST:

DATE 6-22-83

DATE

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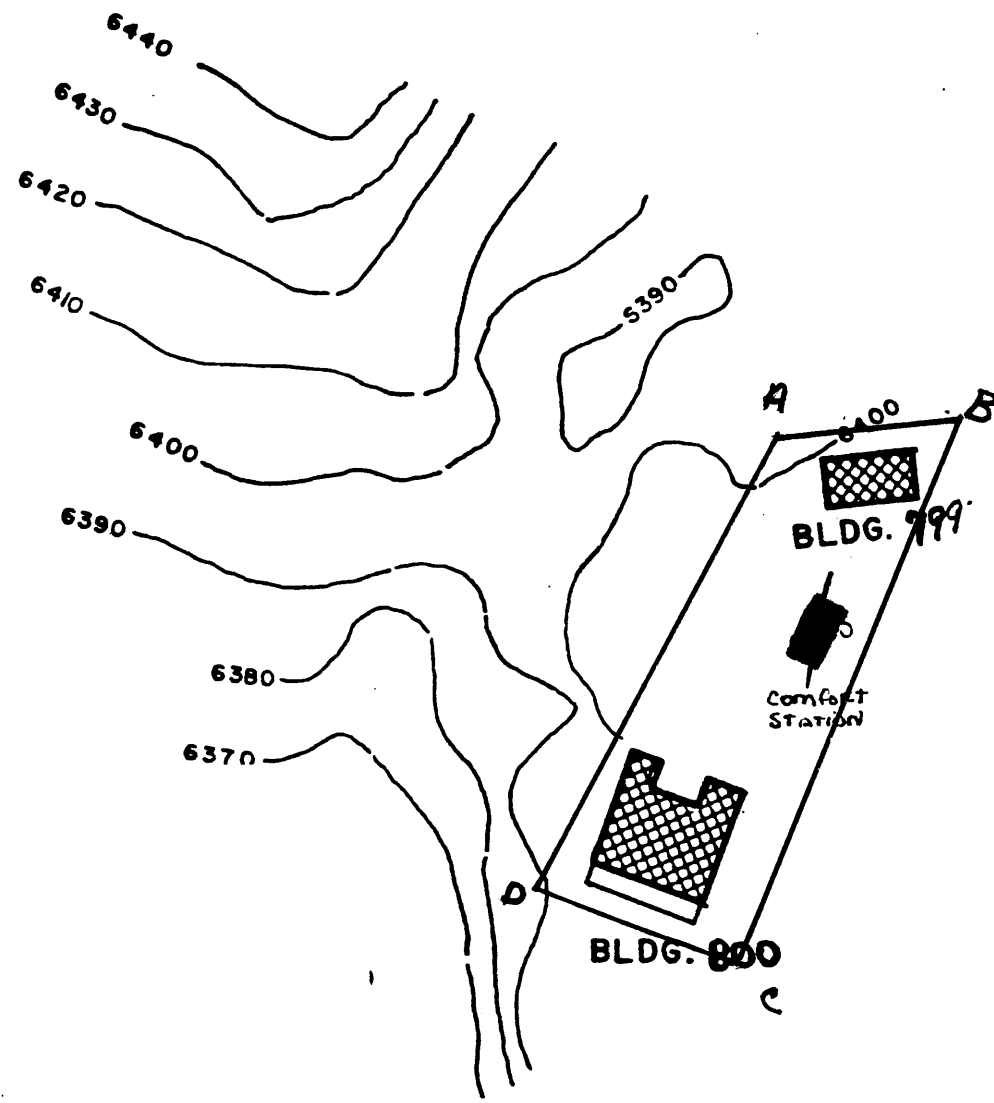
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The two contributing buildings are in the boundary which begins with point A which is 10 feet northwest of the northwest corner of the Dormitory (#799) to Point B which is 40 feet east of Point A and 10 feet northeast of the northeast corner of the Dormitory (#799). The boundary goes from Point B in a southwesterly direction 120 feet to Point C which is 10 feet southeast from the southeast corner of the Chalet (#800). From Point C the boundary goes 45 feet in a westerly direction to Point D which is 10 feet southwest of the southwest corner of the Chalet. From point D, the boundary goes in a northeast direction 115 feet to point A.

Highline Trail



Granite Park Trail

Scale
1" = 40'



Granite Park Chalet and Dormitory

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

DRAWING NO.

117
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