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1. Name of Property

historic name: Mirror Lake Historic District (Ozark-St. Francis National Forest)

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: Forest Service Road 1110E

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Fiftysix

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Stone code: AR 137 zip code: 72533

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: District

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> sites
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>4</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942

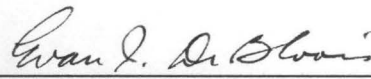
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Ozark-St. Francis National Forest
Stone County, Arkansas

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria.

(_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)


Signature of certifying official4-6-95
Date

Forest Service


Federal Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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): _____

9/11/95 Signature of KeeperDate
of Action

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Ernest J. DeBlasio
Signature of certifying official

4-17-95
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Carlynn A. Slater
Signature of commenting or other official

9-20-93
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
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): _____

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: RECREATION AND CULTURE

Sub: outdoor recreation

Current : RECREATION AND CULTURE

Sub: outdoor recreation

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Rustic

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Limestone roof Asphalt
walls Limestone other Log

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Social History
Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1940-1942

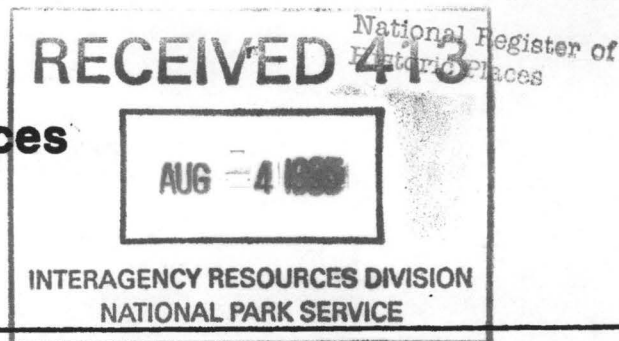
Significant Dates: 1940

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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Continuation SheetSection number 7 Page 1**Description**

Located in a valley fed by Blanchard Spring near Fiftysix in Stone County, the Mirror Lake Historic District is composed of a dam, two road bridges (one which is noncontributing), an observation shelter -- all of stone masonry construction -- and a man-made lake (counted as a site).

Mirror Lake was created in 1940 when the Civilian Conservation Corps dammed the creek formed by the cold discharges of Blanchard Spring. Constructed of coursed, square-cut native limestone, the simple dam is approximately 25 feet high and approximately 120 feet in length. The dam is slightly curved inward and has a central spillway across much of its length. Approximately two feet lower than the dam, the spillway empties below to a pool approximately 20 feet in length that is formed by a stone tier that is about 15 feet high. The water then flows over this tier to the creek bottom.

The two bridges traverse the creek approximately 2,000 feet upstream and to the southwest of the dam. Located on Forest Service Road 1110E, the road originally led to the observation shelter a little further upstream; however, the road now terminates at this point and simply loops around the two bridges. The eastern bridge was constructed c. 1940 of coursed, square-cut limestone in the manner of the dam construction and has a single, semi-circular arched span that is approximately 20 feet long and 12 feet high. The interior of the arch was later lined with corrugated metal. Only 11 feet wide, this bridge was designed for single-lane traffic and remains in good condition today.

The western, or uppermost bridge is noncontributing to the district. It was built in the late 1960's by the Green Thumb project and the Forest Service during the expansion of Blanchard Springs Recreation Area, which includes the nearby -- and immensely popular -- Blanchard Springs Caverns. This semi-circular arched, single-span bridge is constructed of uncoursed, rough-cut sandstone and, with a width of 50 feet, is considerably larger than the historic bridge (otherwise, the dimensions of the span are similar).

A few hundred feet to the southwest of the bridges, the open observation shelter is situated on the side of the ridge above the Blanchard Spring, which is included within the boundaries of this nomination. Originally it was built as an observation point for the forest rangers and was also used for public relations events. The shelter consists of a limestone floor and four irregular-cut limestone columns with battered sides connected by a short limestone wall with openings on the eastern and southern elevations. A round table constructed of stone and concrete is placed on a pedestal in the center of floor. The gable roof is built of heavy exposed round logs with

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projecting, pointed-end beams on the gable ends and exposed, round rafter tails. The composition shingles are in poor condition and should be replaced, and some of the masonry work is in need of repair as well.

The seven acre Mirror Lake was apparently created for recreational fishing only due to the cold water temperature and the lack of any swimming-related facilities.

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Significance

Located in a valley fed by Blanchard Spring near Fiftysix in Stone County, the Mirror Lake Historic District is composed of a dam, two road bridges (one which is noncontributing), and an observation shelter, all of stone masonry construction.

The four contributing resources that comprise the Mirror Lake Historic District (Ozark-St. Francis National Forest) were constructed in 1940 by the enrollees of the 743rd Company of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), Arkansas District, working out of Camp Hedges in Calico Rock, Arkansas. Camp Hedges -- established for the purpose of providing manpower for projects within the northern ranger districts of what was then the Ozark National Forest -- was a typical CCC camp in that it sheltered approximately 200 enrollees who worked out of Camp Hedges itself and at least two known side camps (side camps were composed of small units of enrollees who were assigned to a temporary campsite away from the main camp for the purpose of completing a specific project located too far from the main camp for a daily commute).

As both a road improvement and recreation facility constructed by the CCC it represents a property type associated with the historic context *Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942*. These resources were constructed within this remote, forested area for the purpose of both providing vehicular access to these developed recreational facilities and encouraging tourism. As such, the Mirror Lake Historic District remains locally significant under Criterion A through its associations with the contributions to American social history made by the Civilian Conservation Corps and its associations with the emphasis upon conservation and enjoyment of our natural resources that was the original mandate of the CCC. It is also significant under Criterion C by virtue of the recreational area's building, structures and site being representative examples of both the Rustic style of architecture favored by the CCC throughout the state and of the typical recreational facilities they constructed.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942."

___ 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: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: approximately 38

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>574080</u>	<u>3979390</u>	B	<u>15</u>	<u>574760</u>	<u>3980060</u>
C	<u>15</u>	<u>574820</u>	<u>3979940</u>	D	<u>15</u>	<u>574480</u>	<u>3979420</u>

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

The boundary of the nominated property is delineated by the polygon whose vertices are marked by the following UTM reference points: A 15/574080/3979390, B 15/574760/3980060, C 15/574820/3979940, D 15/574480/3979420.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the extant CCC-constructed facilities that are associated with Mirror Lake.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Patrick Zollner, National Register Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 09/02/93

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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Mirror Lake Historic District

MULTIPLE NAME: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Stone

DATE RECEIVED: 12/28/94
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/27/95
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/11/95
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/11/95

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94001614

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ ACCEPT ___ ☒ RETURN ___ REJECT ___ 1.19.95 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The nomination is being returned at this time for the reason(s) cited below:

Federal Agency Certification. The nomination requires the signature of the Federal Preservation Officer (FPO).

RECOM./CRITERIA RETURN
REVIEWER PAUL R. LUSIGNAN
DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN
DATE 1.19.95

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/~~N~~ see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

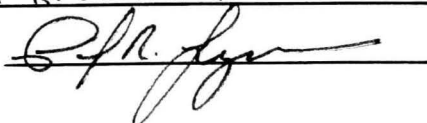
OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

PAUL R. LUSIGNAN

Phone 202-343-1628

Signed



Date 1/19/95

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REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY Mirror Lake Historic District
NAME:

MULTIPLE Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Stone

DATE RECEIVED: 8/04/95 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/18/95
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94001614

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9.11.95 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Mirror Lake Historic District is significant under National Register Criteria A and C, in the areas of Social History and Architecture. The resources represent excellent local examples of Rustic-style stone masonry construction and reflect the important work of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas during the period 1933-1942.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C

REVIEWER Paul R. LUSIGNAN DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE 202-343-1628 DATE 9/11/95

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/☒ see attached SLR Y/☒



Mirror Lake Historic District
Stone Co., Arkansas
Photograph by Todd Ferguson
June 1993
Negative on file at AHPP
View of Mirror Lake Dam
from the north
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Mirror Lake Historic District
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June 1993
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View of bridges from the
northwest. - historic bridge
is at left of photo.
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Mirror Lake Historic District

Stone Co., Arkansas

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June 1993

Negative on file at AHPP

View of observation shelter
from the east

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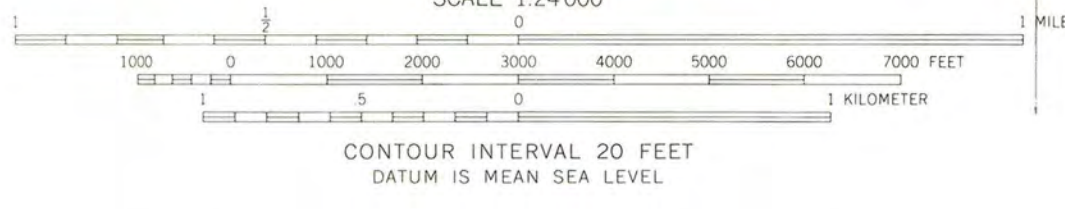


UNITED STATES
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

FIFTYSIX QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS—STONE CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

Mirror Lake Historic District
Fiftysix, Stone Co.
Arkansas
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A 15/574080/3979390
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

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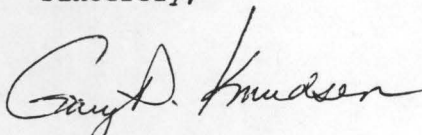
Dear Keeper;

Enclosed are six (6) National Register of Historic Places Nomination forms for sites on the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests in Arkansas. These forms were completed as a part of a Challenge Cost Share Partnership with the Arkansas State Historic Preservation Program. The AHPP staff completed the inventory and nomination forms as part of this partnership. The sites include:

Lake Wedington Historic District
Spring Lake Recreation Area Historic District
Gray Spring Recreation Area/Forest Service Road #1003 Historic District
Sugarloaf Fire Tower Historic District
Mirror Lake Historic District
Cove Lake Bathhouse

All of these sites are CCC or WPA built structures under the management of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest. If you have any questions regarding these sites or forms please contact me at (501) 964-7229.

Sincerely;



GARY D. KNUDSEN
Forest Archeologist

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