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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
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 Monson Lake State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Historic Resources
other names/site number Monson Lake State Park

2. Location

street & number off County Road 95 not for publication N/A
city, town Hayes Twp. Sunburg vicinity
state Minnesota code MN county Swift code 151 zip code 56289

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>	_____ buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</u>	_____ objects
			<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.

Nina M. Archabal 9/15/89
Signature of certifying official Nina M. Archabal Date
State Historic Preservation Officer
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:)

Entered in the National Register

Melanie Byers 10/25/89
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.

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Monson Lake State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Historic Resources consist of an historic district containing two buildings, one Combination Building and a Sanitation Building. The grounds have remained virtually unchanged since the park was established in 1937. The entrance road and parking lot, which were built as a W.P.A. project, still retain their gravel surface and no new development has taken place in the public use area. Architects for the buildings were from the Central Design Office of the National Park Service.

1. Building: Combination Building 4-102 Builder: CCC
Architect: Edward W. Barber Date: 1938

The Combination Building is a T-shaped building constructed with split field stone which provides space for a picnic shelter, concession, and kitchen for campers. The overall dimensions of the building are 47'6" by 23'0" with the shelter located in the long section of the "T" while the kitchen and concession area are located in the shorter section. The 16'6" by 12' kitchen contains a sink, counter, and once provided space for 2 cast iron stoves. The 12' by 8' concession features a counter on the east facade while a window opening on the north is covered by oak grill. Both rooms open into the shelter area.

The shelter may also be entered through both the east and west facades through 16'6" openings divided into 3 bays by two 12" by 12" oak posts topped with a wooden lintel. The shelter contains a massive split stone fireplace with a segmental arch.

The building is entirely of split stone construction except for the gable areas which are infilled with 1" x 10" rough horizontal boards. Only the shelter serves its original purpose.

2. Building: Sanitation Building 4-100 Builder: CCC
Architect: O. Newstrom Date 1938

The Sanitation Building is 24'10" by 14'9" gable roofed structure constructed with native split field stone similar to the adjacent shelter

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building. The building features stone screens, 7'4" by 10'6", which shield the entrances. Pairs of casement windows on the principal facade are separated by rough clapboard siding. The building was originally covered by heavy wooden shingles with a Boston ridge.

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

1937-38

Significant Dates

1937

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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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Monson Lake State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Historic Resources 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. Monson Lake State Park is also historically significant for its association with the development of the Minnesota State Park System. The park represents a specific type of park development which was originally termed a Memorial State Park. Only limited recreational facilities were generally provided since the primary purpose of these parks was to interpret an historic event or honor the memory of a well known individual. Monson Lake State Park was established to commemorate certain events in the U.S.-Dakota Conflict and is one of only three such parks in the state. The two buildings at Monson Lake State Park are architecturally significant as outstanding examples of rustic style design which feature split field stone and timber construction. These buildings feature irreplaceable labor intensive methods and finely crafted detailing. They are characterized by nonintrusive and environmentally sensitive designs based on National Park Service design philosophy and master planning.

The Monson Lake State Park Historic District is exceptionally significant for its ability to represent a state park in its original condition as of the period of significance. It remains the only state park which is virtually unchanged since it was established over 51 years ago.

Monson Lake State Park, originally called Monson Lake Memorial State Park, is the site of one of the first skirmishes of the U.S.-Dakota Conflict of 1862. It was set aside in 1923 as a memorial to the Broberg family, local pioneers killed in the conflict. The Anders P. Broberg family had immigrated from Sweden and had settled on these grounds in the 1850s and were victims of the attempt of the Dakota Indians to drive pioneers from the Minnesota Valley. Although not designated a state park until 1937, the area was a popular picnic area and meeting ground for many years. Memorial services for the victims of the conflict were held each year by people from the surrounding communities.

The park was actually developed by a Side Camp from the C.C.C. camp at nearby Sibley State Park. Although the park buildings were constructed by the C.C.C., the road construction was undertaken as a W.P.A. project as was often the case.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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 # _____

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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 31 Acres

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for Monson Lake State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Historic Resources is shown as the heavy line on the accompanying map entitled "Monson Lake State Park." The boundary is defined by the park boundary to the south, Monson Lake to the north and west, and by the outside edge of the park road and a line straight north of the southern edge of the parking lot on the east. The boundary See continuation sheet line is crosshatched.

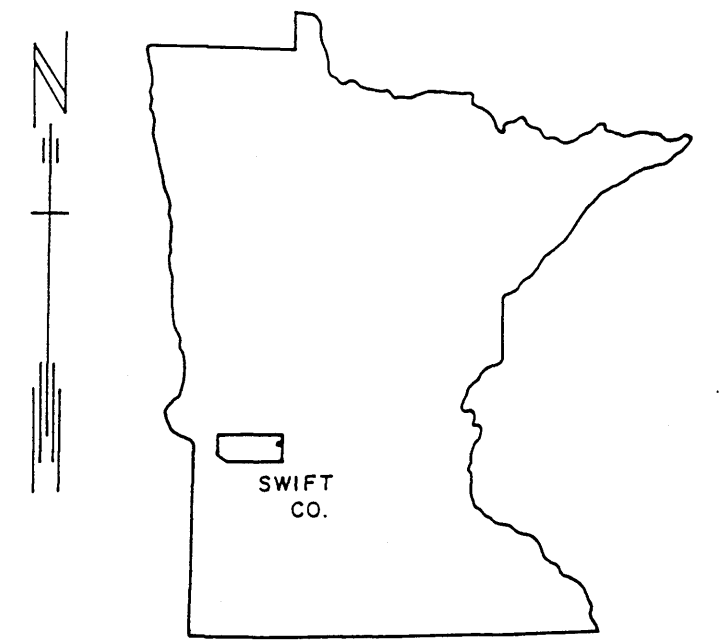
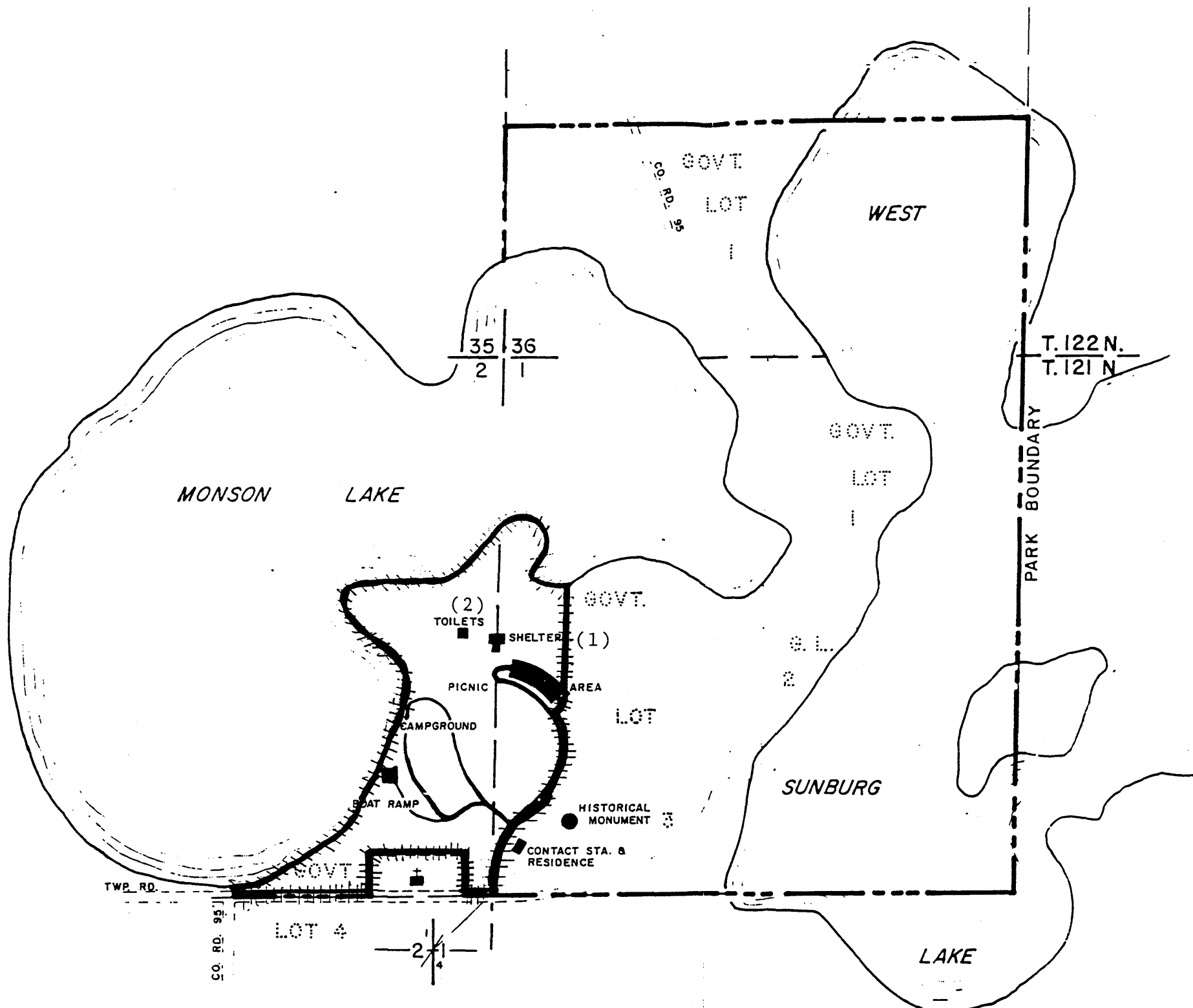
Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the buildings that have been historically associated with property and that maintain historic integrity. The boundary defines the area of the park developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

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NOTE
NO PRIVATE LAND
WITHIN PARK BOUNDARY

SCALE: 1" = 600'
STATUTORY BOUNDARY 187 ACRES (APPROX.)

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES		DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION	STATE PARK SITE		
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING					MONSON LAKE STATE PARK
Designed	Drawn 9-15-77	SWIFT CO. - NR. SUNBURG			
	S. V. FEESL				
Survey	Checked 10-4-77				
	L. D. SWENSON				
Datum	Revised 7-20-78	Sec. 1, 2 & 36 T. 121, 122 N. R. 37 W.			
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