

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 Yellowstone National Park Multiple Resource Area
HISTORIC AND/OR COMMON
Historic Resources of Yellowstone National Park (Partial Inventory:
Obsidian Cliff Kiosk)

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER N/A
CITY, TOWN Mammoth Hot Springs CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT N/A
(Yellowstone National Park) VICINITY OF At Large
STATE Wyoming CODE 56 COUNTY Park CODE 029

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 AGENCY
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*
National Park Service
STREET & NUMBER 655 Parfet Street, P.O. Box 25287
CITY, TOWN Denver STATE Colorado
VICINITY OF N/A

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. N/A
STREET & NUMBER Yellowstone National Park
CITY, TOWN Wyoming STATE N/A

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE List of Classified Structures Inventory
DATE 1976-1977 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Office
CITY, TOWN Denver STATE Colorado

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

RUINS

ALTERED

MOVED DATE _____

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Obsidian Cliff Kiosk nomination is a portion of the multiple resource nomination for Yellowstone National Park. The kiosk is set against a cliff on the west side of the Grand Loop Road approximately 12 miles south of the Mammoth Hot Springs Headquarters area and just to the north of Beaver Lake.

The kiosk is approximately 16' x 6'. The clustered piers are constructed of large basaltic stone blocks formed into columns. The wood shingle roof covers the exhibit panel which is mounted in cast aluminum with no glass covering. The kiosk's original exhibits were behind plate glass. The roof has exposed 8' log rafters and 9' verge logs. Stone paving surrounds the kiosk. The structure was built in 1931 although the exhibit panel is of more recent years.

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 checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<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 1931

BUILDER/ARCHITECT National Park Service

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Obsidian Cliff Kiosk is significant for its outstanding representation of "individuality achieved by the use of a material which is a phenomenon of the immediate environs" and because it is the first wayside exhibit built in the National Park System. The "open air museum-in-miniature" aids the public in understanding and enjoying the natural aspects of the nearby Obsidian Cliff, a mountain of volcanic glass which extends for approximately 2 miles. This exhibit was one of the many significant innovations in interpretation made by Carl Russell, which are widely reflected today in how parks are interpreted and in how they are experienced by visitors.

Good, p. 176.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Good, Albert. Park and Recreation Structures, Part I. Administration and Basic Service Facilities. Washington: National Park Service, 1938.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 26' x 36' less than an acre
 UTM REFERENCES

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Obsidian Cliff Kiosk is on the west side of the Grand Loop Road 12 miles south of the Mammoth Hot Springs Administrative Area. The kiosk is approximately 25 feet off the Grand Loop Road. The nominated area is 26' x 36' or less than an acre.

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

Mary Shivers Culpin, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

DATE

November 30, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

655 Parfet

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CITY OR TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES ___ NO ___ NONE ___

See Xeroxed copy for recommendations

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

[Signature]

DATE

6/17/82

TITLE Associate Director, Cultural Resources Management

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

[Signature]

DATE

7-9-82

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

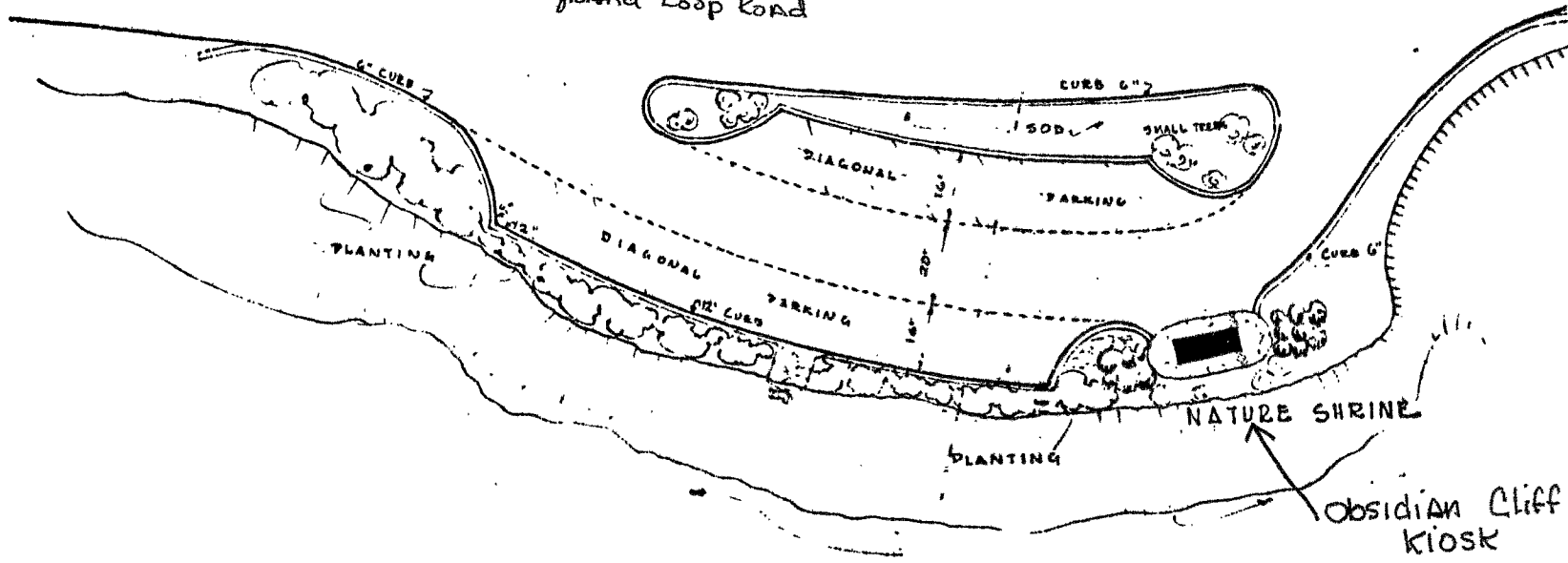
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

TO MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS.

Grand Loop Road



PLAN
SCALE 1" = 20'

Obsidian Cliff Kiosk - Yellowstone National Park