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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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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 Table Rock Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp Site  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number Off SC Sec Rd 25, 4/10 mi S of Table Rock State Park  not for publication  
city, town Pickens  vicinity  
state South Carolina code SC county Pickens code 077 zip code 29671

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic Resources of South Carolina State Parks

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.

Mary W. Edmonds  
Signature of certifying official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, SC Dept. of Archives & History  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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:) \_\_\_\_\_

Patrick Andrews

6/16/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Camp

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in Use

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Concrete

walls

roof

other Stone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The site of Table Rock Civilian Conservation Corps Camps SP-5 and SP-6 is located just south of the Table Rock State Park boundary. The site consists of approximately ten acres and is now heavily wooded. Scattered non-historic houses are located across a dirt road to the east. The camp site includes a variety of concrete and stone features situated on both sides of a dirt road. Principal remaining elements include the recreation hall chimney, bulletin board with adjacent benches, grotto fountain, and basin. The site also includes a number of concrete slab foundations, stone piers, stone steps, and evidence of walkways.

The recreation hall chimney stands approximately fifteen feet in height. It is constructed of rubble masonry in wide courses with beaded joints. The stone mantel and hearth are intact.

The camp's bulletin board is approximately eight feet in height and five feet in width. It is constructed of coursed, rough cut, ashlar masonry with beaded joints. It has a six-sided configuration with a rectangular base and stepped top. A wood sign panel for the posting of notices is situated in the center of the bulletin board. A decorative five-pointed star is carved into the stone directly above the sign panel. Two benches flank the bulletin board. Each is of similar coursed, rough cut, ashlar masonry.

The basin is fish-shaped, approximately nine feet long and six feet at the widest point. It is constructed of irregularly coursed, rubble masonry. A rubble masonry grotto fountain, approximately four feet by three feet in dimension, is situated at the head of the basin.

**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)

Economics  
Government  
Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1935-1941

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

Civilian Conservation Corps

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

The site of Table Rock Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camps SP-5 and SP-6 is significant as a remnant of the types of camps built as a result of New Deal legislation which allowed for CCC workers to be used in the construction of state, county, and municipal parks. It is also significant for its association with the construction of Table Rock State Park in Pickens County between 1935 and 1941.

CCC Camps SP-5 and SP-6 were responsible for the development work of Table Rock State Park. They were established in the spring of 1935 and built by the U.S. Army, prior to the arrival of the CCC workers. The camps were located near the park property on private land that was leased at little or no cost.(1)

Some of the early CCC camp buildings around the United States were solidly constructed, thus making them difficult to dismantle once a project was completed. This policy was changed in 1936 to make all future CCC camps of a pre-cut portable variety of a standard design that could be easily dismantled and transported to a new camp. The major reason for the use of wood construction was to increase the use of "local labor and lumber mills," thus helping with public relations and the acceptance locally of the CCC camp. It is probable that the camps of Table Rock were built during the transition period of this policy because portable buildings rarely had foundations, which are evident at the camp site. Site plans differed for each camp, the terrain acting as an important determining factor. The buildings at Table Rock were probably arranged in such a way that best suited them to the surrounding area and contours of the land. This allowed for some imagination and originality, however, the flagpole was always the "first visual marker when approaching the camp."(2)

The camp buildings at Table Rock included a headquarters, welfare building, supply building, recreation hall, mess hall, barracks, officer's quarters, bathhouse, dispensary, school building, wood-working shop, latrine, oil house, various sheds and facilitating buildings.(3)

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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:

SC Dept. of Archives & History, Columbia SC

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 3 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 of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Pickens County Tax Map, Sheet # G-4, Parcel 7, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the recreation hall chimney, bulletin board, benches, grotto fountain, basin, and other concrete and stone features associated with the camp, and their immediate settings.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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All the stone work at the camp was done under the supervision of Doc Miles Newton, the stone masonry foreman at the camp. Newton was locally contracted to work on Table Rock State Park. A few of the structures for which he was responsible include a stone bulletin board where announcements of daily activities were placed, a stone grotto and fish-shaped basin, which was reputed to have had a gravity-fed water fountain as part of it, and a stone chimney for the recreation hall.(4)

CCC Camp SP-5, under the direction of Project Superintendent Norman R. House, was responsible for the "more technical phases of park development," while CCC Camp SP-6, under the direction of Project Superintendent M. B. Richardson, was concerned almost entirely with the construction of the dam and spillway. SP-6 was disbanded in June 1937 after the completion of the dam. SP-5 was disbanded in late October 1941 in an effort to conserve appropriations for the CCC that year. Most of the camp personnel were transferred to other locations in the state, however, a few remained behind to help with the removal of necessary property. There were plans for possible future reoccupation of the camp so the buildings remained for a short time thereafter.(5)

CCC workers stationed at camps SP-5 and SP-6 constructed all prewar park structures and facilities at Table Rock State Park. These resources include a man-made lake, a dam and spillway, hiking and nature trails, cabins, park residences, a bathhouse, a concession building, and a lodge. The camps were also involved with fire prevention, fighting of forest fires, reforestation, construction of truck trails for fire prevention, control of insect and tree disease, and landscaping at the park and surrounding areas.(6)

## NOTES

(1) CCC Project Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.; The Pickens Sentinel (Pickens, S.C.), 23 May, 1935; Alison T. Otis, et. al., The Forest Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps: 1933-42 (United States Department of the Agriculture, Forest Service, August 1986) p. 7.

(2) John A. Salmond, The Civilian Conservation Corps, 1933-1942: A New Deal Case Study (Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1967), pp. 135-37; Otis, et. al., pp. 72,75,79.

(3) CCC Project Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

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(4) Interview with Nathan Newton, Easley, S.C., 30 December 1988  
(Telephone Interview).

(5) CCC Project Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and  
History, Columbia, S.C.; The Pickens Sentinel (Pickens, S.C.), 8 July  
1937, 6 Nov. 1941, 11 Dec. 1941.

(6) CCC Project Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and  
History, Columbia, S.C.; The Pickens Sentinel (Pickens, S.C.), 16 Oct.  
1941.

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of property: Table Rock Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)  
Camp Site (Historic Resources of South Carolina  
State Parks multiple property submission)

Location of property: Pickens County, South Carolina

Photographer: South Carolina Department of Archives and History  
Staff

Location of negative: South Carolina Department of Archives and  
History

Additional information for each photograph follows:

1. Recreation Hall chimney  
September 1987  
West elevation, view looking east.
2. Stone steps  
September 1987  
View looking north.
3. Grotto fountain and basin  
September 1987  
View looking northeast.
4. Bulletin board and bench  
September 1987  
View looking north.