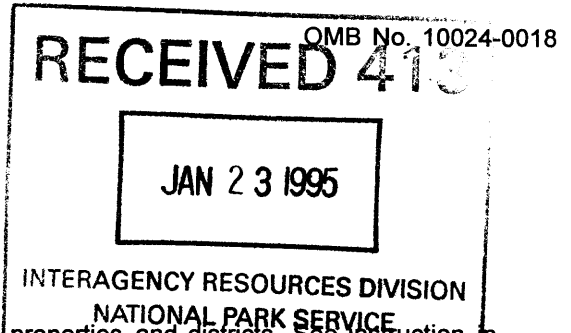


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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instruction in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name FILLIUS PARK  
other names/site number 5JF 976

### 2. Location

street & number STATE HIGHWAY #74 [N/A] not for publication  
city or town EVERGREEN [ X ] vicinity  
state COLORADO code CO county JEFFERSON code 059 zip code 80439

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant [ ] nationally [ ] statewide [x] locally.  
( See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ]. )

James Edward Hartman  
Signature of certifying official/Title  
State Historic Preservation Office  
State or Federal agency and bureau  
Date January 17, 1995

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria.  
( See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ]. )

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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  
See continuation sheet [ ].

Edson H. Beall  
Signature of the Keeper  
Date 2/24/95  
Entered in the  
National Register

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
**Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within**

(Do not count previously listed resources.)

| Contributing | Noncontributing |            |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 0            | 3               | buildings  |
| 1            | 0               | sites      |
| 2            | 0               | structures |
| 0            | 0               | objects    |
| 3            | 3               | Total      |

**Name of related multiple property listing.**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Denver Mountain Parks

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Function**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation: Outdoor recreation  
Landscape: Park

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation: Outdoor Recreation  
Landscape: Park

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Rustic

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete  
walls stone  
roof asphalt  
other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Name of Property

County/State

8.Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

[X] A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history

[ ] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

[X] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

[ ] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

[ ] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

[ ] B removed from its original location.

[ ] C a birthplace or grave.

[ ] D a cemetery.

[ ] E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

[ ] F a commemorative property.

[ ] G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Entertainment and Recreation

Architecture

Landscape Architecture

Community Planning and Development

Conservation

Periods of Significance

1918 - 1944

Significant Dates

1918

Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above).

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Benedict, Jules Jacques Benoit

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

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[ ] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

# \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

[XX] State Historic Preservation Office

[ ] Other State Agency

[ ] Federal Agency

[XX] Local Government

[ ] University

[ ] Other:

Name of repository:

DENVER PARKS & RECREATION,  
DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 105

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A. Zone 13 Easting 469 650 Northing 4394 120

B. Zone 13 Easting 470 470 Northing 4394 120

C. Zone 13 Easting 470 470 Northing 4393 700

D. Zone 13 Easting 469 490 Northing 4393 660

[x] See continuation sheet

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title MAUREEN VAN NORDEN

organization DENVER PARKS & RECREATION date 2/25/94

street & number 2300 15TH STREET telephone 964-2544

city or town DENVER state COLORADO zip code 80202-1139

#### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

#### Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

#### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name DENVER PARKS & RECREATION

street & number 2300 15TH STREET date 2/25/94

city or town DENVER state COLORADO zip code 80202-1139

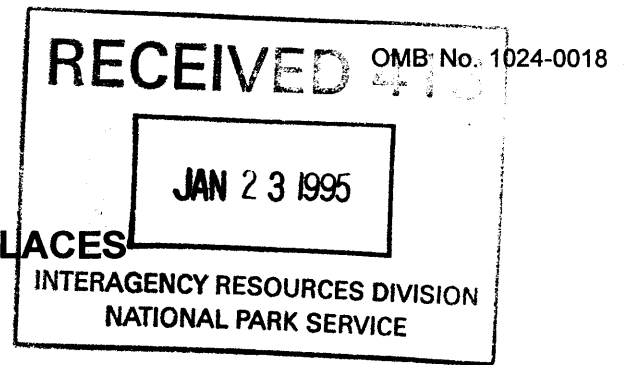
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**FILLIUS PARK**  
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**Narrative Description**

Fillius Park is located 25 miles west of Denver along State Highway 74. This 105 acre park was once the ranch of J.J. Clark, who raised cattle and owned a meat market in Central City, Colorado. The park offers an excellent recreation site consisting of gentle slopes with well placed pine and spruce trees throughout.

This popular park consists of a stone shelter house and a small pump house, designed by Jacques Jules Benoit Benedict. Fireplaces and picnic areas are scattered throughout the park in addition to a volleyball area, horseshoe pits and modern latrines. Several species of wildflowers are interspersed throughout the rock outcroppings.

The unique rectangular stone shelter house, which is still very much intact, displays open wickerwork under the asphalt-shingled roof. Built by the City and County of Denver in 1918, the shelter contains a large stone fireplace, four small distinctive round windows on either end, and two large arched portals flanking the entrance.

The pump house, also built by the City and County of Denver in 1918 of native stone and timber, was available in the park for refilling early automobile radiators. The conical roof constructed of asphalt shingles is supported by four stone piers on a concrete foundation. It is now used as a small picnic shelter.

Two existing structures are contributing.

Three rectangular outhouses designed by the WPA are located on the site. The structural framework of peeled logs is covered with vertical wooded slats. The foundations are concrete. Available documentation does not determine the date of construction or the builder, therefore, we are considering these three structures as non-contributing.

**CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES (3)**

Site (1): Fillius Park

Structures (2): Picnic Shelter, Pump House

**NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES (3)**

Structures (3): Outhouses

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### Narrative Statement of Significance

Fillius Park meets criterion A for its historic significance to Entertainment and Recreation, Conservation, and Community Planning and Development and meets criterion for C for the architectural significance of its structures and Landscape Architecture. The park meets the registration requirements as they are defined in the Multiple Property Documentation Form for the Denver Mountain Parks. The park is a significant part of the Denver Mountain Park System as it was recommended for purchase in Olmsted Jr.'s Plan and represents all of Olmsted's requirements for land parcels to be purchased as Denver Mountain Parks:

- Fillius Park is easily accessible by automobile.
- Fillius Park has gently sloping lands which provide excellent areas for peaceful and relaxing mountain recreation with large ponderosa trees which offer natural shade and comfort for park visitors.
- Fillius Park provides a large open space in the surrounding community.

The significance of Fillius Park is important to entertainment and recreation as it was considered one of the picnic parks of the hills. It was and continues to be used by large groups. The park also provides scenic vistas along the parkway system.

Fillius Park is significant to Landscape Architecture as part of the Olmsted Brother's acquisition plan. The design of the park includes rock outcrops and large, mature trees throughout. It is consistent with other mountain parks in that it provided parking areas adjacent to individual picnic sites, therefore, conserving the remaining acreage for passive recreation of visual resources which contributes to the preservation of the area's natural and environmental resources. The hillside flattens out on top and is covered with open timber. Fillius Park represents significance for architecture because the intact park buildings, the shelter and pump house, were designed by prominent architect, J. J. B. Benedict and constructed by the CCC.

The park is also significant to Community Planning and Development in that it is an extension to the City Beautiful Movement and provides open space to the metro Denver area. Seventy acres of the park was originally donated by cattle rancher J.J. Clark to the Denver City and County Mountain Park System; the rest was acquired through condemnation. The park was named for Jacob Fillius, a member of the Denver Park Board who died in 1940 and, like many other city officials, was given the title "Father of the Mountain Parks System."

Fillius Park was recommended for purchase by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. as part of the mountain park system in his land acquisition plan. Even before the site was acquired in 1918 the park was a popular area. Known as one of the picnic parks of the hills, Fillius Park was frequented by family groups. It was the goal of park authorities to make the mountain parks accessible to all to visit and enjoy. The system not only provided a unique opportunity for visitors to Denver but also for the children of the "mile high city" of all backgrounds to experience the mountains. Overnight outings in the mountain were popular among both boys and girls groups.

The period of significance is arbitrarily ended at 1944 to meet the National Register's age criteria.

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Name of Property

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**FILLIUS PARK**  
Name of Property

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U.T.M.'s

E. 13 469 240 4393 660

F. 13 469 020 4393 700

G. 13 469 020 4393 900

H. 13 469 650 4393 900

### Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary lines as indicated on the accompanying U.S.G.S. map.

### Boundary Justification

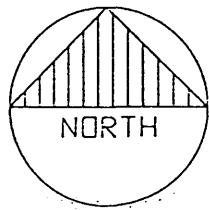
The boundaries encompass all the lands owned by the City and County of Denver called Fillius Park.



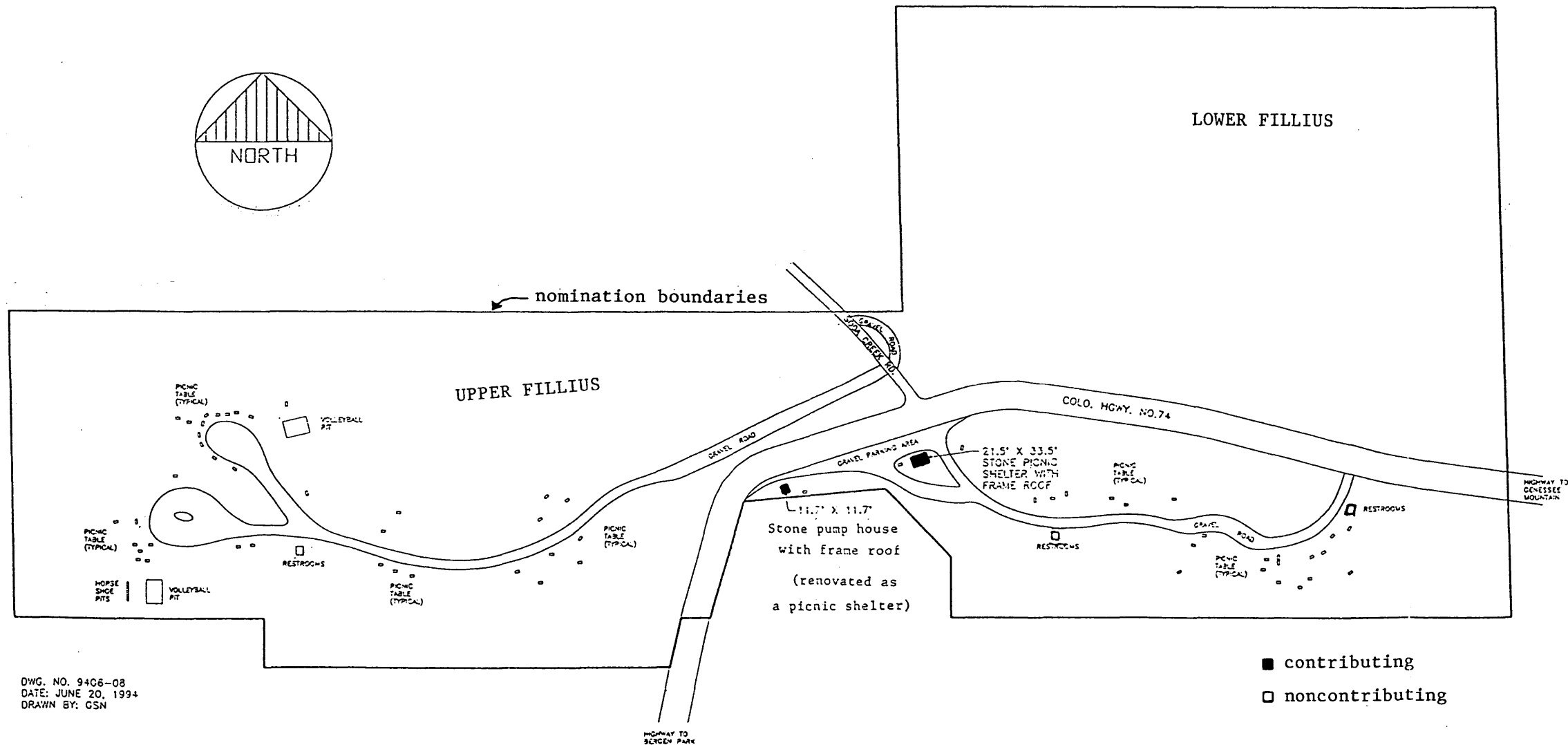
# FILLIUS PARK

DENVER MOUNTAIN PARK  
LOCATED IN THE

SW 1/4 OF SECTION 16, THE S 1/2 OF SECTION 17, AND THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 20,  
T 4 S, R 71 W, 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF COLORADO



nomination boundaries



DWG. NO. 9406-08  
DATE: JUNE 20, 1994  
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□ noncontributing

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### PHOTO LOG

The following information will be the same for all photographs

1. Name of Property: Fillius Park.
2. Location: Jefferson County, Colorado.
3. Photographers: Maureen Van Norden, Chuck Whigham.
4. Date of Photographs: 1994
5. Location of original negatives: City and County of Denver, Parks & Recreation Dept.

#### Photo # Description

1. Park facing W.
2. Inside the structure.
3. The pump/well house facing W.
4. Entrance to the park facing E.
5. Roadway.
6. Picnic sites.
7. Non-Contributing outhouse - Upper Fillius
8. Non-contributing outhouse - Lower Fillius, South
9. Non-contributing outhouse - Lower Fillius, North