

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions 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 any 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 Roosevelt Park other _____
names/site number Terrace Park

2. Location

street & number Coal and Spruce Avenues SE not for publication
city or town Albuquerque vicinity
state New Mexico code NM county Bernalillo code 001 zip code 87106

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Phillip H. Salley 10/18/96
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
S. H. P. O.
State or Federal agency and bureau

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): _____
Edson H. Beall 11-22-96
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Entered in the National Register

Name of Property Roosevelt Park

County and State Bernalillo, NM

5. Classification

Ownership of 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 Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing		Noncontributing		
0		0		buildings
1		0		sites
0		0		structures
0		0		objects
1		0		Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

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

Hist. & Architectural Resources of the New Deal in NM

0

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and Culture/outdoor recreation

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and Culture/outdoor recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls stone

roof N/A

other N/A

Narrative Description

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

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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)

- 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.
- 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 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 achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographical 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
Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

- social history
- entertainment/recreation
- landscape architecture
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Period of Significance

1933-1935

Significant Dates

1933, 1935

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Clarence E. "Bud" Hollied

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

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10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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|----|-------------|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | <u>1131</u> | <u>351280</u> | <u>3882710</u> | 3. | <u>1131</u> | <u>3511500</u> | <u>3882470</u> |
| 2. | <u>1131</u> | <u>3511390</u> | <u>3882700</u> | 4. | <u>1131</u> | <u>3511450</u> | <u>3882310</u> |

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.)

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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 district 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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Description

Roosevelt Park, first named Terrace Park, is an approximately 14 acre site located about a mile southeast of downtown Albuquerque. Situated along a dry stream bed, or arroyo, and its slopes, the park has a rolling terrain in which sight lines are broken by small hills and mature plant materials, most dating to when the park was landscaped between 1933 and 1935. The predominant tree is the Siberian elm, with scattered Rocky Mountain juniper, blue spruce and catalpa trees. Shrubbery consists mainly of arborvitae and Pfitzer juniper, and the lawn consists of Kentucky bluegrass mixed with dandelion and clover. Occasional masonry retaining walls appear at the upper elevations of the park along the southern periphery of the park, and picnic tables are scattered throughout the park. When the park was completed in 1935, a driveway encircled it. Over the years, the drive has been blocked so that roadways on the east, north and west are public streets and the park's roadway, limited to maintenance vehicles, exits only on its southern periphery. In good condition and with its terracing, masonry walls and mature vegetation recalling plant materials favored in the 1930s, Roosevelt Park evokes a strong feeling as a New Deal public landscape in New Mexico.

With an elevation relief of approximately fifty feet, the park is set in the foothills climbing from the floodplain of the Rio Grande to Albuquerque's East Mesa. Its shape is that of an arc curving from the southeast to the north. The center of the arc consists of the bottom of the arroyo landscaped to form a series of hollows as it slopes gently down the eastern portion of the park and then curves northward. Because the landscape design called for truncating the arroyo at its lower end at the northwest, the park appears as a gently curving bowl with its perimeter as the rim. This form is apparent on all sides of the park, offering visitors entering the park from any direction a vista down into one of the hollows. Along the southern and eastern periphery periodic masonry retaining walls varying in height from two to eight feet line the park's upper slopes. At the southwestern corner a grassy walkway approximately ten feet wide and fifty feet long leads to a small promontory overlooking

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the center of the park.

Despite the absence of a pond or other water feature which often characterizes the frontier pastoral parks favored by New Deal landscape projects in New Mexico, the vegetation of the park includes most of the plant materials found in other New Deal landscapes. The predominate trees are the Siberian elms surrounding the park's perimeter and scattered across its slopes. Now over sixty years old and towering sixty to eighty feet, they form the park's canopy. Located in small groves in the large hollow and along many of the ridges sloping upward to the park's perimeter are a few Rocky Mountain juniper, blue spruce and catalpa trees and arborvitae and Pfitzer juniper shrubs. Often serving as screens, they create small, private niches where picnic tables are located.

When Roosevelt Park was completed, development on the escarpment rising to the East Mesa was incomplete, and few houses were situated immediately around it. As nearby development continued, the drive around the park's eastern, northern and western periphery became part of the neighborhood street system. The portion of the asphalt surfaced drive extending from the southeast corner to the southwest corner along the southern rim of the park is closed to public entry and is the only portion of the drive included in the nomination.

The park is a popular neighborhood picnic and recreational site and is in good condition. Changes to the park are minimal and include the replacement of picnic tables and the addition of a frisbee course with nine metal baskets dispersed throughout the park. Most of its vegetation dates to the original landscaping of the 1930s and represents the maturation of the frontier pastoral landscape design first given to the park. As a result of this maturation, the more vigorous Siberian elms have crowded out many of the catalpas, and a few locusts and sycamores have been planted to replace them.

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Statement of Significance

Constructed between 1933 and 1935 under a series of projects funded first by the Civil Works Administration (CWA), then the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA), and finally the WPA, Roosevelt Park is significant as one of the state's best preserved New Deal public landscapes. The project created work relief for hundreds of the unemployed in Albuquerque and resulted in what was then the city's largest and, to this day, most popular park. For its association with the effect the New Deal had on local social history and its contribution to the city's public leisure and recreation, the park is eligible under Criterion A. Exemplary as a park landscaped in the frontier pastoral style articulated by its designer, pioneer New Mexico landscape architect C.E. "Bud" Hollied, Roosevelt Park is also eligible under Criterion C.

As discussed in the historic context portion of the multiple property documentation, the idea of constructing a park in the vicinity of Albuquerque's growing eastern suburbs attracted the support of then mayor, Clyde Tingley, who had committed himself to bringing 1,200 CWA jobs to Albuquerque. Tingley persuaded George Hammond, the developer of the Terrace Addition, to donate a block of his land for a park, tentatively named Terrace Park. Then Tingley secured a long term lease from Albuquerque Public Schools to form a fourteen acre parcel for the park. Located in land which was difficult to develop, part of the parcel had been a dump and was vegetated with snakeweed and arid area grasses.

Within months crews of up to three hundred men using little more than shovels and wheelbarrows had moved tons of gravel and sand to reshape the terrain into a series of hollows and graded slopes. Supervised by Hollied, a tuberculosis sufferer who had moved to New Mexico from Cornell University where he had been superintendent of greenhouses, workers next added loads of topsoil and installed a sprinkling system. They then planted nursery stock, especially Siberian elms which Hollied had found thrived in the state's arid climate. So thorough was Hollied's planning and selection of plants that ninety-five percent of the stock survived.

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The result of Hollied's efforts was a park that inspired numerous other landscaping projects undertaken by both the WPA and CCC. Lacking a central water feature, the park nevertheless embraced the frontier pastoral style of landscaping, a naturalistic composition emphasizing random groves of trees and undulating sweeps of lawn. In a state that had no park system until 1934 and towns whose parks were mostly limited to small, single block sites or town plazas dating to Spanish landscape traditions, Roosevelt Park and other New Deal landscapes made a significant contribution toward popularizing large, shaded public parks.

Bibliography

Biebel, Charles D. Making the Most of It: Public Works in Albuquerque during the Great Depression, 1929-1942.
Albuquerque: The Albuquerque Museum, 1986.

Fergusson, Erna. Manuscript Collection MSS 45. Center for Southwest Research, University of New Mexico. Included in Box 13 is Fergusson's incomplete biography of Governor Clyde Tingley.

Morrow, Baker. "New Deal Landscapes." New Mexico Magazine.
April, 1988:68-72.

Geographical Data

UTM Reference 5. 13 3512600 3882470

Verbal Boundary Description

All of Block 36 of the Terrace Addition owned by the City of Albuquerque, and an adjoining parcel leased by the Albuquerque Board of Education to the City of Albuquerque "beginning at a point which is on the south property line of East Hazeldine Avenue and one hundred (100.00) feet west of the centerline of South Spruce Street; thence S. 1 degree -13' E. a distance of two

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hundred twenty-two and two hundredths (222.02) feet to a point; thence S. 51 degrees -03' E. a distance of three hundred eighty-nine and one tenth (389.10) feet to a point; thence S. 28 degrees -55' E. a distance of one hundred eighty (180.00) feet to a point; thence S. 59 degrees -21' E. a distance of four hundred (400.00) feet to a point; thence N. 13 degrees -14' E. a distance of eight hundred sixty and thirty-seven hundredths (860.37) feet to a point on the south property line of East Hazeldine Avenue; thence S 89 degrees -59' W. along the south property line of East Hazeldine Avenue a distance of four hundred seventy-four and sixty-eight hundredths (474.68) feet to a point on the centerline of South Sycamore Street; thence S. 88 degrees -47' W. along the south property line of East Hazeldine Avenue a distance of four hundred sixty and fifty-three hundredths (460.53) feet to the point of the beginning."

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with Roosevelt Park.