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NATIONAL REGISTER

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Blue Hole Road District

other name/site number: CN0117

2. Location

street & number: Blue Hole Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Winrock

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Conway code: AR 029 zip code: 72025

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-state

Category of Property: District

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
<u>13</u>	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000513

Date Listed: 5/28/92

Blue Hole Road District  
Property Name

Conway  
County

ARKANSAS  
State

Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patricia Andrews  
Signature of the Keeper

7/1/92  
Date of Action

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

Section No. 1

This nomination is amended to show the name of the resource as "Petit Jean State Park--Blue Hole Road District." This change was made to clarify the location of the resource.

The change was confirmed by phone with the Arkansas SHPO (6/29/92).

**DISTRIBUTION:**

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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.        See continuation sheet.

Cathryn H. Byrd  
Signature of certifying official

4-6-92  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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**5. National Park Service Certification**

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

Entered in the  
National Register

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       See continuation sheet.

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5/28/92

determined eligible for the  
National Register

       See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the  
National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic: TRANSPORTATION

Sub: Road-related

Current : TRANSPORTATION

Sub: Pedestrian-related

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**7. Description**  
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Architectural Classification:

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: Rustic

Materials: foundation Stone roof N/A  
walls Stone other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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**8. Statement of Significance**  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
SOCIAL HISTORY  
ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1935-42

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
X See continuation sheet.

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The Blue Hole Road District

The Blue Hole Road Historic District is composed almost entirely of culverts--eleven in all. A retaining wall and a guard rail are also included in the district. The culverts, retaining wall, and guard rail are being considered as a district because they were all specifically built to create the road to Blue Hole. The road is now used as a Boy Scouts' trail.

**Culvert #2** c. 1935

This culvert is a box culvert of field stone.

**Culvert #3** c. 1935

Culvert #3 is a box culvert of field stone. It has a stone-lined drain that parallels the road before running beneath it at a ninety degree angle and exiting the other side.

**Culvert #4** c. 1935

This stone, box culvert has a stone-lined gutter that enters the culvert, makes a ninety degree turn, runs under the road, and exits on the other side.

**Culvert #5** c. 1935

This stone, box culvert angles under the road at a forty-five degree angle and exits on the other side. The culvert is fed by a stone-lined gutter on the south side of the road.

**Culvert #6** c. 1935

On the northern elevation of this stone, box culvert is a very large stone lintel.

**Culvert #7** c. 1935

Compared to the other culverts, this stone, box culvert is quite simple. The culvert exits directly across the road. It has a large stone lintel on its western elevation.

**Culvert #8** c. 1935

Culvert #8 is a stone, box culvert with wing walls on its western elevation.

**Culvert #9** c. 1935

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This dry-laid stone, box culvert exits on the opposite side of the road. The stone on the southern elevation is much wider than the stone on the northern elevation of the culvert.

**Culvert #10** c. 1935

Culvert #10 is a stone, box culvert that exits on the opposite of the road. Like the other culverts along this road, the down slope walls of the culvert are more extensive than the walls on the upper slope.

**Culvert #11** c. 1935

A stone-lined gutter leads to this stone, box culvert on the upper elevation of the road. Culvert makes a ninety degree turn under the road and exits on the other side.

**Culvert #12** c. 1935

This stone, box culvert is almost completely filled in with debris on its upper slope entrance.

**Retaining Wall** c. 1935

This retaining wall and gutter of dry-laid stone extends for approximately 360 feet and is approximately five feet tall.

**Guard Rail** c. 1935

The guard rail consists of four large boulders set approximately two feet apart at a curve in the road.

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The land that would comprise Petit Jean State Park was donated to the State of Arkansas in the mid-1920's by individual landowners and sympathetic lumbering concerns as the first step in the formation of a state parks system. The top of Petit Jean Mountain had already been recognized for its scenic splendor, and for its geological wealth and diversity, and so seemed a particularly worthy site. The initial plan of these citizens was to turn the entire site over to the federal government for the establishment of a national park; however, after considerable study, National Park Service officials determined that Petit Jean Mountain was not a unique natural resource when evaluated on a national basis, and thus declined to assume ownership. Yet these same officials strongly encouraged the state to preserve and maintain the site as an important representation of Arkansas's natural heritage, and in 1923, the Arkansas Legislature passed Act 276 authorizing the Commissioner of State Lands to accept land donations for state parks and reservations. Thus began the Arkansas State Parks system, with Petit Jean State Park as its flagship.

The historic Blue Hole Road was constructed c. 1935 by the men of the 1781st Company of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Arkansas District, stationed at Morrilton, Arkansas as a means of vehicular access to Blue Hole, a small swimming pond. The road was constructed by the CCC as part of the overall plan to develop this part of the mountain as a public park to be administered by the state of Arkansas.

The series of stone culverts, the retaining wall and the guard rail included within this district comprise the most intact such collection of landscape features installed for the creation of a recreational vehicular roadway within Petit Jean State Park, and all were constructed by the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Thus the Blue Hole Road District is eligible under Criterion A for its associations with both the Civilian Conservation Corps' importance within Arkansas social history and its role in the development of outdoor parks dedicated to public leisure and recreational activities. It is also eligible under Criterion C due to its status as a representative and intact example of the Rustic style of architecture that was made popular nationwide by the CCC, and which has since become virtually identified with it.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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X See continuation sheet.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: Approximately 30

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>504765</u>	<u>3886850</u>	B	<u>15</u>	<u>504770</u>	<u>3886760</u>
C	<u>15</u>	<u>503980</u>	<u>3886680</u>	D	<u>15</u>	<u>503950</u>	<u>3885600</u>
E	<u>15</u>	<u>503690</u>	<u>3885900</u>	F	<u>15</u>	<u>503920</u>	<u>3886790</u>

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The boundary for this district begins at a point on the centerline of Blue Hole Road formed by the intersection of said line with a roughly perpendicular line running along the eastern edge of the Culvert #12 (located approximately 200 ft. west of the road's intersection with Red Bluff Drive); the boundary then proceeds northerly along said line for a distance of 100 ft. to its intersection with a roughly perpendicular line running parallel to the northern edge of Blue Hole Road; thence proceed westerly along said line, and then southerly (following the road's turn to the south), remaining parallel to the road at a distance of 100 ft. from the center line, for a distance of approximately 6,000 ft., to its intersection with a roughly perpendicular line running along the southern edge of Culvert #11; thence proceed easterly along said line, crossing the center line of Blue Hole Road, for a total distance of 200 ft., to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern edge of Blue Hole Road; thence proceed northerly along said line, and then easterly (following the road's turn to the east), remaining parallel to the road at a distance of 100 ft. from the

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center line, for a distance of approximately 6,000 ft., to its intersection with a roughly perpendicular line running along the eastern edge of Culvert #12; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of 100 ft. to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes both all of the historic resources for which the district has been considered significant and an associated portion of the surrounding landscape near the highway that itself contains the natural site features -- such as steep physical landscape contours, as well as streams and stream beds, gullies and other natural drainage channels -- that the various culverts, retaining wall and guard rails were designed to bridge and control for the maintenance and use of the roadway.

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: February 5, 1992

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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

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Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942 MPS

Date Listed

COVER

~~Substantive Review~~

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1. Lake Leatherwood Recreational Facilities

2. Leatherwood Dam

~~Substantive Review~~

3. Camp Ouachita Girl Scout Camp Historic District  
(Fed owned)

2/3/92

4. Devil's Den State Park Historic District

~~Substantive Review~~

Ret.

Conway Co added to each name PETIT JEAN STATE PARK

5. Administration Office

5/28/92

6. Blue Hole Road District

5/28/92

7. Cabin No. 1

5/28/92

8. Cabin No. 16

5/28/92

9. Cabin No. 6

5/28/92

10. Cabin No. 9

5/28/92

11. Cedar Falls Trail Historic District

5/28/92

12. Concrete Log Bridge

5/28/92

13. Culvert No. 1

5/28/92

14. Lake Bailey--Roosevelt Lake Historic District

~~Substantive Review~~

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15. Mather Lodge

5/28/92

16. Office Headquarters

5/28/92

17. Water Treatment Building

5/28/92

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18. Amphitheater

~~Substantive Review~~

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19. Bathhouse

5/28/92

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: PETIT JEAN STATE PARK  
Blue Hole Road District

MULTIPLE NAME: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Conway

DATE RECEIVED: 4/13/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/28/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/14/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/28/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000513

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: Y LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 5/28/92 DATE **Entered in the National Register**

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

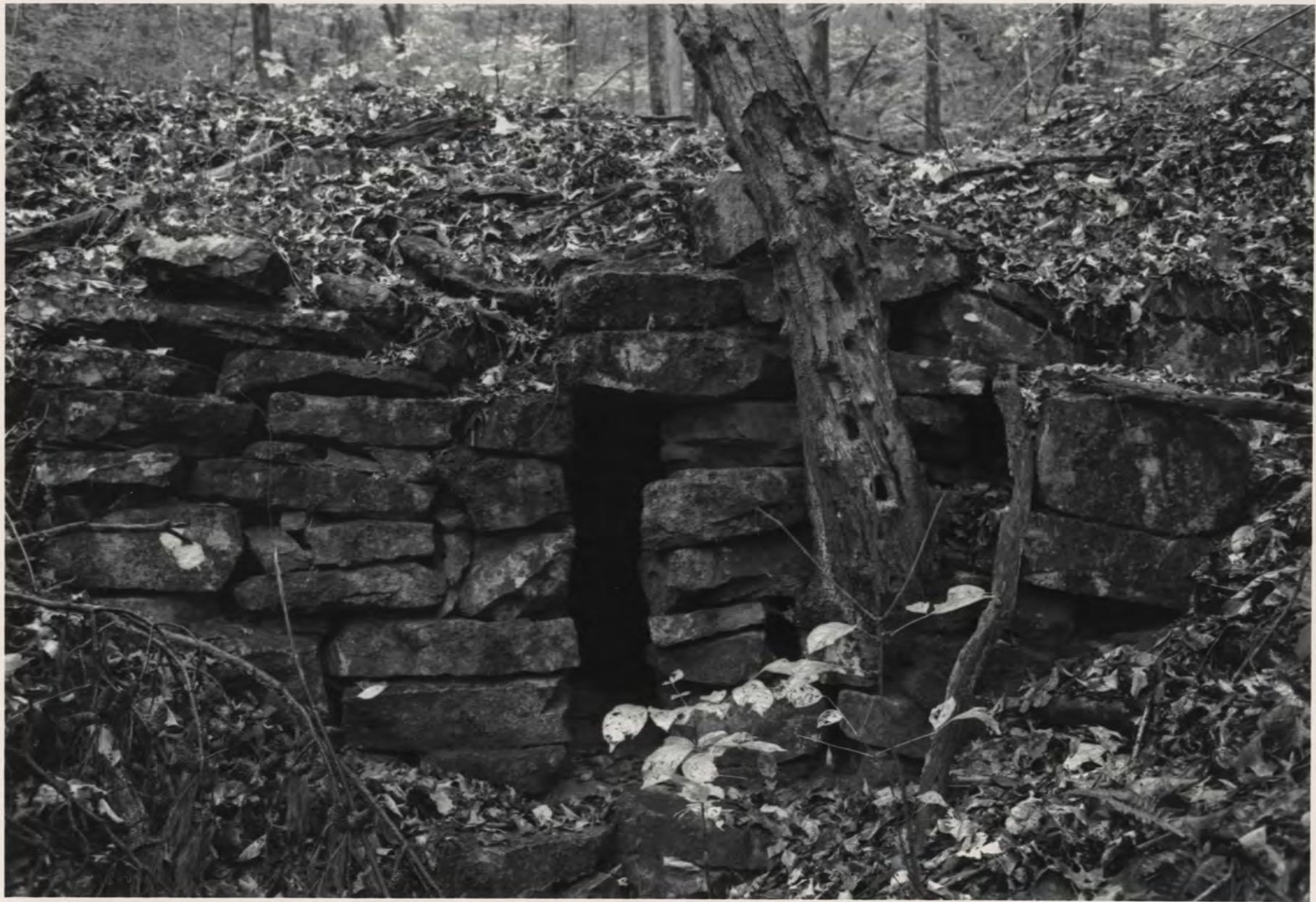
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



BLUE HOLE ROAD DISTRICT  
PETIT JEAN STATE PARK  
WINROCK VIC., ARKANSAS  
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OCTOBER, 1989  
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP  
VIEW FROM SOUTH  
OVERVIEW



BLUE HOLE ROAD DISTRICT  
PETIT JEAN STATE PARK  
WINROCK VIC., ARKANSAS  
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CULVERT #2



BLUE HOLE ROAD DISTRICT

PETIT JEAN STATE PARK

WINROCK VIC., ARKANSAS

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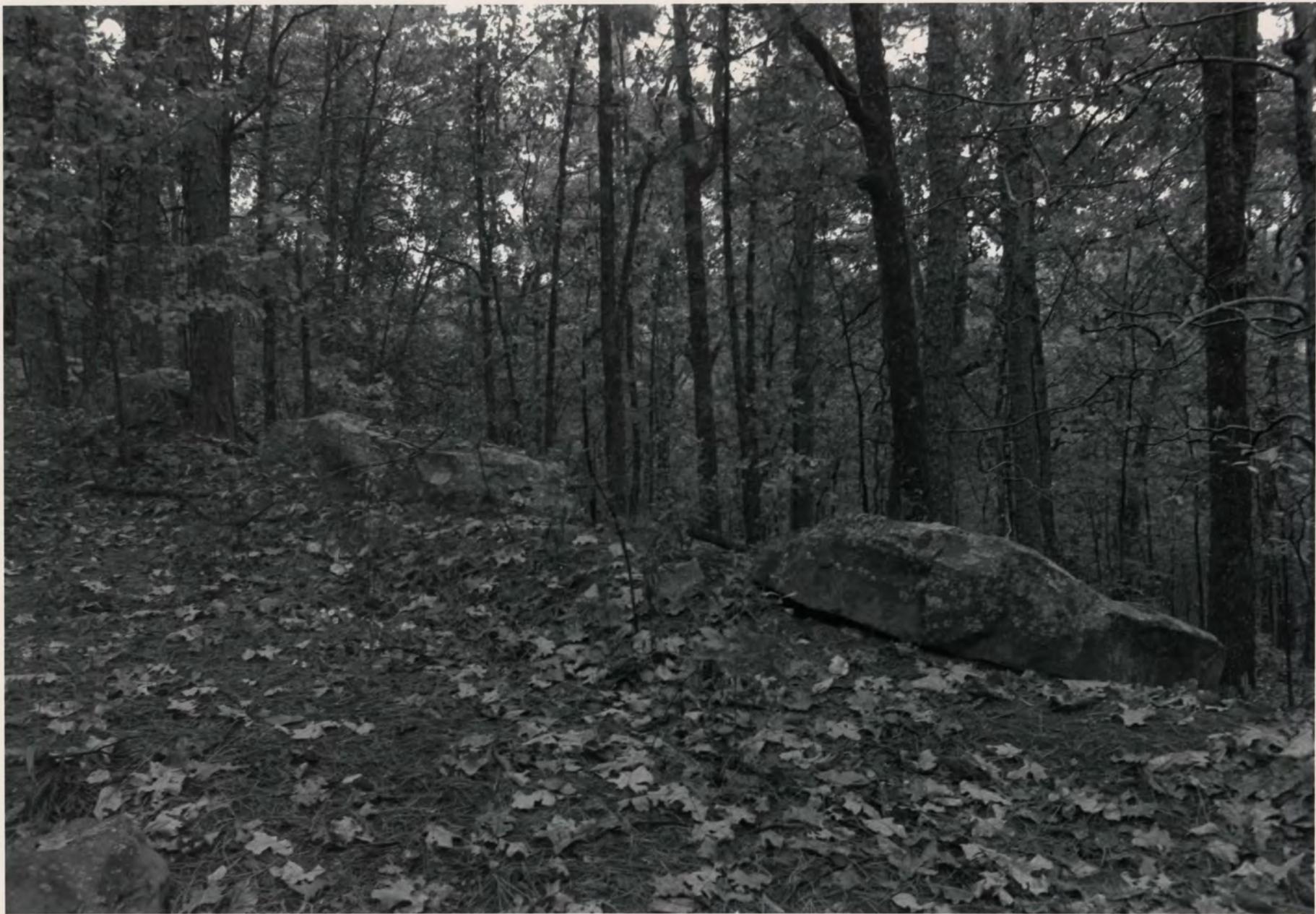
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VIEW FROM SOUTH

CULVERT # 4



BAUE HOLE ROAD DISTRICT  
PETIT JEAN STATE PARK  
WINROCK VIC., ARKANSAS  
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VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST  
RETAINING WALL

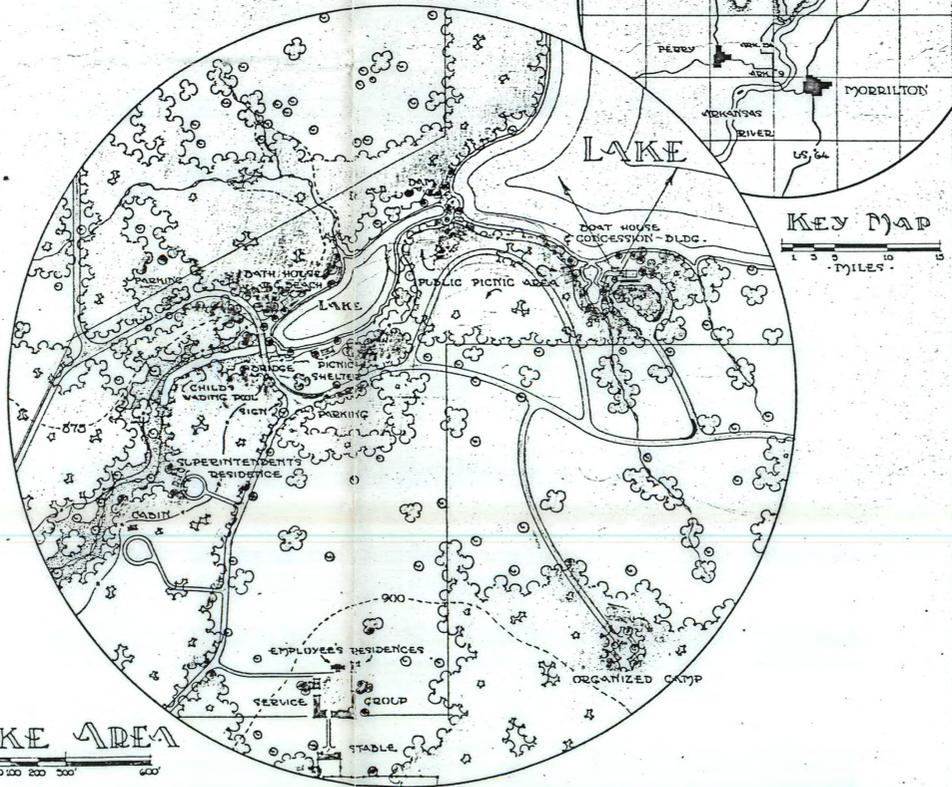
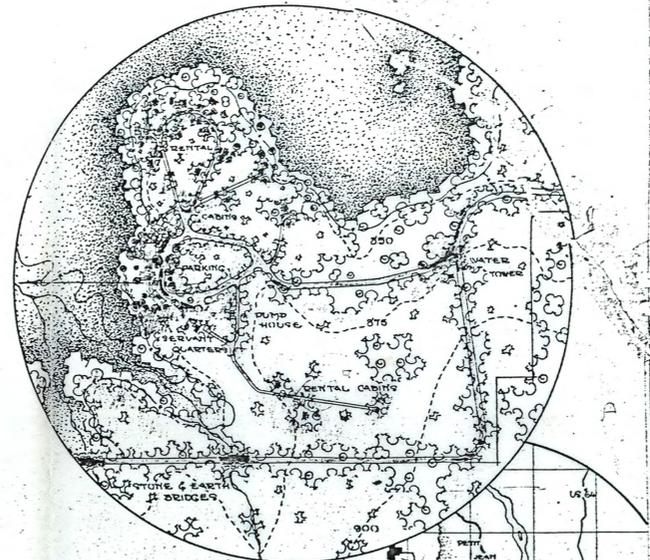
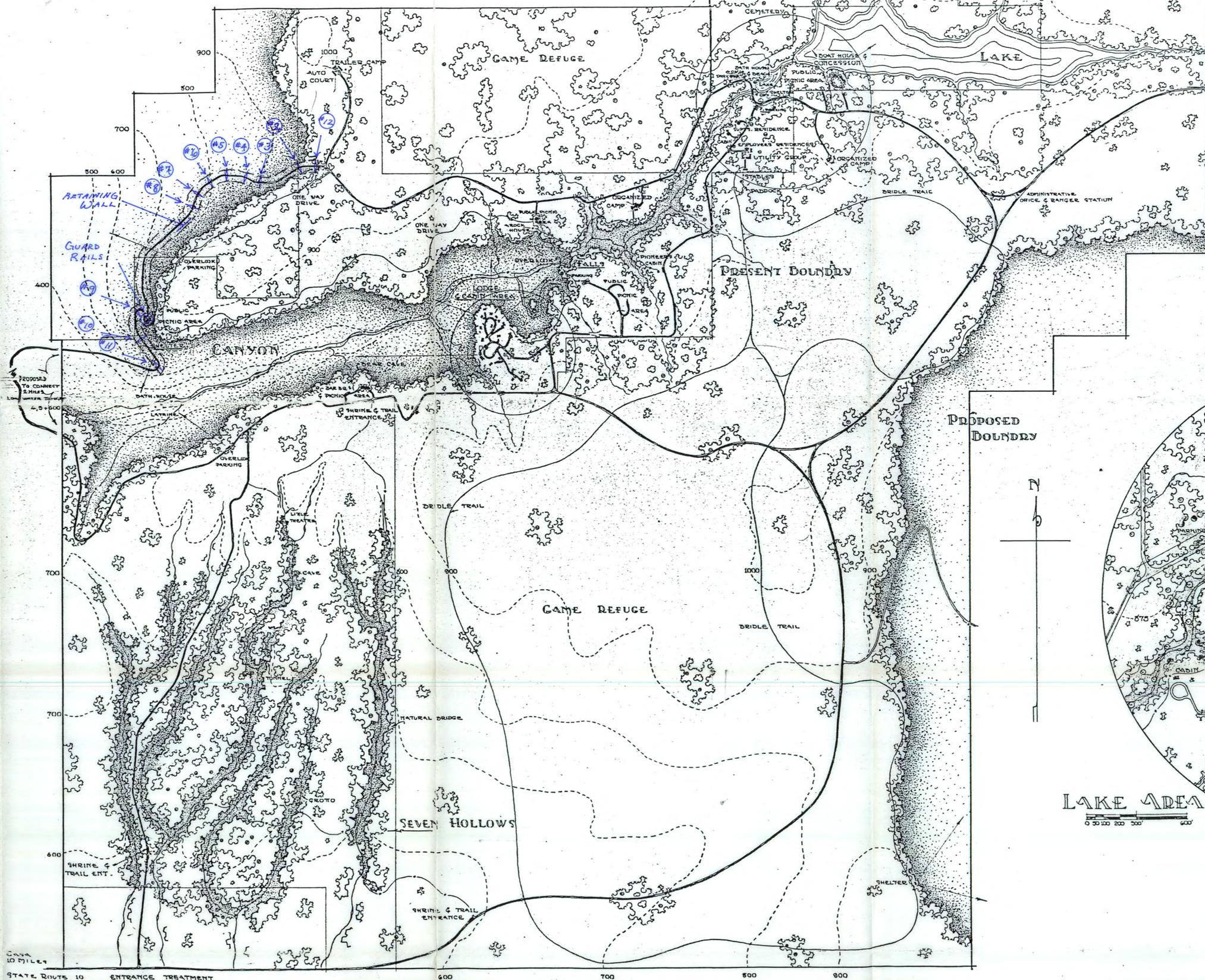


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PETIT JEAN STATE PARK  
WINROCK VIC., ARKANSAS  
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VIEW FROM NORTHEAST  
GUARD RAIL

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500019

BLUE HOLE ROAD DISTRICT  
 WINROCK VIC., ARKANSAS  
 SCALE: 1" = 800'  
 BOUNDARY = - - - - -  
 CULVERT: <img alt="Culvert symbol"/>



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 DAVID C. HUNTER

STATE ROUTE 10 ENTRANCE TREATMENT

PREPARED BY *[Signature]* DATE 11-20-36  
 RECOMMENDED BY *[Signature]* DATE 11-20-36  
 APPROVED REGIONAL OFFICER DATE

U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR  
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
 AND  
 ARK. STATE PARK COMM. COOPERATING  
 BRANCH OF RECREATIONAL PLANNING & STATE COOPERATION

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