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8. property owners name and address  
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11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)  
**PA State Parks**  
**Survey: 1983**

12. classification site ( ) structure ( ) object ( ) building ( ) district (X)  
 13. date(s) (how determined) **1935-37, 1939-41**  
 14. period **1925-1949**  
 16. architect or engineer  
 17. contractor or builder **CCC Camps SP-6 and SP-16**

15. style, design or folk type **Rustic/Standardized Military**  
 18. primary building mat./construc. **Stone/Wood**  
 19. original use **RDA**  
 20. present use **State Park**  
 21. condition **fair**  
 22. integrity **good**

23. site plan with north arrow  
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24. photo notation  
**See accompanying photos.**  
 25. file/location

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)  
**Raccoon Creek State Park is an area of 6,909 acres in southern Beaver County. It is located twenty-five miles west of Pittsburgh. The National Park Service designed and developed this park, with construction performed by the CCC, as a Recreation Demonstration Area (RDA) beginning** (continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background  
**The National Park Service designed and developed Raccoon Creek State Park as a Recreation Demonstration Area (RDA). The CCC constructed three RDAs, including Raccoon Creek, for the National Park Service in Pennsylvania. The RDAs were designed to reclaim unused or marginal farmland and convert it into an area of outdoor recreational facilities for underprivileged urban youths. The principal facility in an RDA is the Organized Group Camp, a complex of build-** (continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information  
**See No. 9 on National Register nomination form.** (continue on back if necessary)

29. prepared by:  
**John Milner Assocs.**

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date **10/86** revision(s)

31. county **007** 32. style **88**  
 33. construction material **01, 02, 04** 34. roof **01, 05**  
 35. design type  
 36. historic function **160201P, 160902P**  
 37. construction feature **01, 04** 38. ext. walls **01, 04** 39. plan  
 40. facade width **32** 41. roof material **A** 42. stories **1** 43. depth  
 44. ext. design  
 45. int. design

1. County **Beaver**  
 5. present name **Raccoon Creek State Park**  
 2. municipality **Hanover Township**  
 6. other name (historic name if any) **Raccoon Creek RDA**

3. street address or specific location  
**20 m. South of Rochester on PA Route 18**

4. survey code  
**County: 007 Park: 213**

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In 1935, CCC work crews constructed three Organized Group Camps in the park. The portion of the park located east of PA route 18 was developed after 1945.

It is proposed to nominate a single historic district encompassing all ECW architecture in the park. The proposed district includes all three Organized Group Camps and a Park Office/Maintenance Area. It includes a total of 124 buildings and two structures, all of which are considered contributing resources. These resources are all located west of PA Route 18.

The Park Office/Maintenance Area is located in the center of the park, just west of PA Route 18. It contains seven buildings and one structure, all of which contribute to the character of the district.

- Park Office (1-1) Rectangular, gable-roofed building with central brick chimney. Gable-roofed rear ell. Sided with horizontal clapboards. Vertical boards and battens in gable ends. Projecting, gable-roofed entry hood with squared timber posts.
- Conference Building (1-2) Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. Vertical board and batten siding in gable ends. Shallow, enclosed porch on front facade. Exterior brick chimney on rear facade.
- Storeroom (2-2) Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. Vertical boards and battens in gable ends.
- Carpenter Shop (2-5) Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. Vertical boards and battens in gable ends. Small, shed-roofed entry porch attached to front facade. Large, garage-type door in front facade.
- Blacksmith Shop (2-6) Small, rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. Small shed roof over gable end entry. Internal brick chimney on one eave side.

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| Repair Garage   | (2-7)  | Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. Vertical boards and battens in gable ends. Small shed-roofed entry hood. Entry flanked by two garage-type doors. |
| Vehicle Storage | (2-9)  | Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. Front facade consists of six pairs of garage doors.  |
| Open Shed       | (2-10) | Rectangular, gable-roofed shed. Rear and side walls sided with horizontal clapboards. Front facade is open.   |

Organized Group Camp No. 1 consists of 50 buildings and one structure, all of which are contributing resources, arranged into a central administrative area and four unit camps. The central administrative area is located in a clearing at the top of a hill. The unit camps are located below the administrative area in woods. Organized Group Camp No. 1 is presently unused. The camp is badly overgrown, particularly in the unit camps, and many of the buildings are suffering from neglect. Most of the buildings lack identification numbers, which makes a precise determination of original usages extremely difficult.

The buildings that comprise Organized Group Camp No. 1 display a unique type of construction not found in any other Pennsylvania state park. The buildings are a combination of log and frame construction. The lower portion of each building consists of salvaged telephone poles, sharpened at each end, laid on a stone foundation. Above these poles the buildings are of typical frame construction with rough, wane-edged siding. This type of construction is found only at Organized Group Camp No. 1. The buildings in the two remaining Organized Group Camps at Raccoon Creek State Park are typical, frame structures clad with rough, wane-edge siding.

The central administrative area of Organized Group Camp No. 1 contains the following resources:

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| Camp Office | (11-0) | Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edged siding construction. A small inset porch is located at one gable end. A gable-roofed porch, with hewn |
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timber roof supports, extends from the center of the front facade above the main entry.

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| Staff Quarters      | (11-1) | Large, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. Irregular plan. Large, irregularly coursed ashlar chimney at one gable end. Smaller chimney on one eave side. Large, shed-roofed inset porch connects the two main sections of building.   |
| Helps' Quarters     | (11-2) | H-plan, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. One side of the hyphen of the "H" has a shed-roofed porch, supported on hewn timbers, that extends to the gable ends of the flanking sections of the building.  |
| Kitchen/Dining Hall | (11-3) | Large, T-plan, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. Two, large, irregularly coursed ashlar chimneys. Shed-roofed vents above dining hall. One gable end of roof extended beyond building wall to form entry portico with hewn timber roof supports. Cross-gabled entry porch on one eave side. |
| Central Shower      | (11-4) | Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction.  |
| Infirmery           | (11-5) | T-plan, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. Internal stone chimney at one gable end. Inset porch at opposite gable end.   |
| Storage             | (11-6) | L-plan, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. One gable end contains a pair of large, garage-type wooden doors.   |
| Recreation Hall     | (11-7) | Large, T-plan, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. Large ashlar chimney at cross of "T."  |

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Washhouse (11-19) Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. Open porch below one gable end.

Unit Camp No. 2 contains the following resources:

Unit Lodge (11-20) Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. One gable end of roof extends beyond building line to form deep porch with hewn timber roof supports. Large, irregularly coursed ashlar chimney located along porch wall of building.

Counselors' Cabin (11-21) Two-bed, gable-roofed cabin of log and wane-edge siding construction. One gable end of roof extended beyond building line to form porch with hewn roof supports. A standard design.

Counselors' Cabin (11-22) Similar to Counselors' Cabin 11-21.

Campers' Cabin (11-23) Four-bed, gable-roofed cabin of log and wane-edge siding construction. A standard design.

Campers' Cabin (11-24) Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-23.

Campers' Cabin (11-25) Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-23.

Campers' Cabin (11-26) Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-23.

Campers' Cabin (11-27) Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-23.

Campers' Cabin (11-28) Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-23.

Washhouse (11-29) Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. Open porch below one gable end.

Unit Camp No. 3 contains the following resources:

Unit Lodge (11-30) Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. One

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- Museum (11-8) Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction.
- Crafts Building (11-9) Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction.

There are four Unit Camps in Organized Group Camp No. 1. Each Unit Camp contains a unit lodge, two two-bed counselors' cabins, six four-bed campers' cabins, and a washhouse.

Unit Camp No. 1 contains the following resources:

- Unit Lodge (11-10) Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. One gable end of roof extends beyond building line to form deep porch with hewn timber roof supports. Large, irregularly coursed ashlar chimney located along porch wall of building.
- Counselors' Cabin (11-11) Two-bed, gable-roofed cabin of log and wane-edge siding construction. One gable end of roof extended beyond building line to form porch with hewn roof supports. A standard design.
- Counselors' Cabin (11-12) Similar to Counselors' Cabin 11-11.
- Campers' Cabin (11-13) Four-bed, gable-roofed cabin of log and wane-edge siding construction. A standard design.
- Campers' Cabin (11-14) Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-13.
- Campers' Cabin (11-15) Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-13.
- Campers' Cabin (11-16) Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-13.
- Campers' Cabin (11-17) Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-13.
- Campers' Cabin (11-18) Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-13.

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gable end of roof extends beyond building line to form deep porch with hewn timber roof supports. Large, irregularly coursed ashlar chimney located along porch wall of building.

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| Counselors' Cabin | (11-31) | Two-bed, gable-roofed cabin of log and wane-edge siding construction. One gable end of roof extended beyond building line to form porch with hewn roof supports. A standard design. |
| Counselors' Cabin | (11-32) | Similar to Counselors' Cabin 11-31.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-33) | Four-bed, gable-roofed cabin of log and wane-edge siding construction. A standard design.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-34) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-33.  |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-35) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-33.  |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-36) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-33.  |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-37) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-33.  |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-38) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-33.  |
| Washhouse         | (11-39) | Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. Open porch below one gable end.  |

Unit Camp No. 4 contains the following resources:

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| Unit Lodge        | (11-40) | Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. One gable end of roof extends beyond building line to form deep porch with hewn timber roof supports. Large, irregularly coursed ashlar chimney located along porch wall of building. |
| Counselors' Cabin | (11-41) | Two-bed, gable-roofed cabin of log and wane-edge siding construction. One gable  |

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end of roof extended beyond building line to form porch with hewn roof supports. A standard design.

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| Counselors' Cabin | (11-42) | Similar to Counselors' Cabin 11-41.  |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-43) | Four-bed, gable-roofed cabin of log and wane-edge siding construction. A standard design.                    |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-44) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-43.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-45) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-43.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-46) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-43.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-47) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-43.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (11-48) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 11-43.   |
| Washhouse         | (11-49) | Rectangular, gable-roofed building of log and wane-edge siding construction. Open porch below one gable end. |
| Water Storage     | (11-50) | Elevated iron storage tank.  |

Organized Group Camp No. 2 consists of 45 buildings, all of which are considered contributing resources, capable of accommodating 120 campers. All of the buildings are of wood frame construction clad with rough, wane-edged siding. They represent standardized National Park Service designs and are typical of the buildings erected by the CCC in organized group camps throughout Pennsylvania. Group Camp No. 2 consists of a central administrative and four unit camps. The central administrative area consists of the following resources:

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| Camp Office    | (12-0) | Small, rectangular, gable-roofed building with vertical board and batten siding.                                  |
| Staff Quarters | (12-1) | Cruciform-plan, gable-roofed building with vertical board and batten siding. Horizontal clapboards in gable ends. |

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Large, external ashlar chimney at one gable end.

Helps' Quarters (12-2) H-plan, gable-roofed building with vertical board and batten siding. Horizontal clapboards in gable ends. External ashlar chimney at one gable end.

Kitchen/Dining Hall (12-3) Large, C-plan, gable-roofed building with vertical board and batten siding. Horizontal clapboards in gable ends. Strip windows in dining hall portion of building. Large, centrally located ashlar chimney.

Central Shower (12-4) Rectangular, gable-roofed washhouse sided with horizontal clapboards.

Infirmary (12-5) T-plan, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards from the foundation to the window sills and vertical boards and battens from the sills to the eaves. Small external brick chimney at one gable end.

Storage (12-6) Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards.

Organized Group Camp No. 2 has four Unit Camps. Each Unit Camp originally contained a unit lodge, a latrine/washhouse, two two-bed counselors' cabins, and six four-bed campers' cabins. The unit lodge at Unit Camp No. 2 and one of the two-bed counselors' cabins at Unit Camp No. 1 have been demolished.

Unit Camp No. 1 contains the following resources:

Unit Lodge (12-10) Rectangular, gable-roofed building clad with horizontal clapboards and vertical boards and battens. One eave side of roof is kicked out to form a shed-roofed porch with hewn timber roof supports. A stone chimney and a small, gable-roofed

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portico, with hewn timber roof supports, are attached to one gable end of the main block.

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| Counselors' Cabin | (12-12) | Small, two-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design.  |
| Campers' Cabin    | (12-13) | Four-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design.  |
| Campers' Cabin    | (12-14) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-13.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (12-15) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-13.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (12-16) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-13.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (12-17) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-13.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (12-18) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-13.   |
| Washhouse         | (12-19) | Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. One gable end of roof extended to form deep porch with wash area. Hewn timber posts support porch roof. |

Unit Camp No. 2 consists of the following resources:

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| Counselors' Cabin | (12-21) | Small, two-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design. |
| Counselors' Cabin | (12-22) | Similar to Counselors' Cabin 12-21.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (12-23) | Four-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design.       |
| Campers' Cabin    | (12-24) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-23.  |
| Campers' Cabin    | (12-25) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-23.  |

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- Campers' Cabin (12-26) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-23.
- Campers' Cabin (12-27) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-23.
- Campers' Cabin (12-28) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-23.
- Washhouse (12-29) Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. One gable end of roof extended to form deep porch, presently infilled with concrete block.

Unit Camp No. 3 contains the following resources:

- Unit Lodge (12-30) Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards and vertical boards and battens. One eave side of roof is kicked out to form a shed-roofed porch with hewn timber roof supports. A stone chimney and a small, gable-roofed portico, with hewn timber roof supports, are attached to one gable end of the main block.
- Counselors' Cabin (12-31) Small, two-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design.
- Counselors' Cabin (12-32) Similar to Counselors' Cabin 12-31.
- Campers' Cabin (12-33) Four-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design.
- Campers' Cabin (12-34) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-33.
- Campers' Cabin (12-35) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-33.
- Campers' Cabin (12-36) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-33.
- Campers' Cabin (12-37) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-33.
- Campers' Cabin (12-38) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-33.

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Washhouse (12-39) Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. One gable end of roof extended to form deep porch with wash area. Hewn timber posts support porch roof.

Unit Camp No. 4 contains the following resources:

Unit Lodge (12-40) Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards and vertical boards and battens. One eave side of roof is kicked out to form a shed-roofed porch with hewn timber roof supports. A stone chimney and a small, gable-roofed portico, with hewn timber roof supports, are attached to one gable end of the main block.

Counselors' Cabin (12-41) Small, two-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design.

Counselors' Cabin (12-42) Similar to Counselors' Cabin 12-41.

Campers' Cabin (12-43) Four-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design.

Campers' Cabin (12-44) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-43.

Campers' Cabin (12-45) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-43.

Campers' Cabin (12-46) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-43.

Campers' Cabin (12-47) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-43.

Campers' Cabin (12-48) Similar to Campers' Cabin 12-43.

Washhouse (12-49) Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. One gable end of roof extended to form deep porch with wash area. Hewn timber posts support porch roof.

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Organized Group Camp No. 3 consists of 22 buildings, all of which are considered contributing resources, capable of accommodating fifty-six campers. All of the buildings are of wood frame construction clad with rough, wane-edged siding. They represent standardized National Park Service designs and are typical of the buildings erected by the CCC in organized group camps throughout Pennsylvania. Group Camp No. 3 consists of a central administrative and two unit camps. The central administrative area consists of the following resources:

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| Staff Quarters      | (13-1) | Rectangular, gable-roofed, double-ended building sided with horizontal clapboards. Gable ends of roof extend beyond the building walls to form two inset porches with square porch supports.   |
| Kitchen/Dining Hall | (13-3) | Large, T-plan, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. An inset porch, hewn timber roof supports, is located at the gable end of one arm of the "T." A large exterior chimney is located where the two arms of the "T" meet. The dining hall portion of the building has shed-roofed dormer vents, an internal brick chimney, and an inset porch, with a hewn timber roof support, at the gable end. |
| Office              | (13-5) | L-plan, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards.  |

Organized Group Camp No. 2 has two Unit Camps. All of the cabins in Unit Camp No. 1 have been provided with wheelchair access ramps for use by the handicapped. Unit Camp No. 1 contains the following resources:

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| Counselors' Cabin | (13-11) | Small, two-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design. |
| Counselors' Cabin | (13-12) | Similar to Counselors' Cabin 13-11.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (13-13) | Four-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design.       |

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| Campers' Cabin | (13-14) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 13-13.  |
| Campers' Cabin | (13-15) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 13-13.  |
| Campers' Cabin | (13-16) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 13-13.  |
| Campers' Cabin | (13-17) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 13-13.  |
| Campers' Cabin | (13-18) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 13-13.  |
| Washhouse      | (13-19) | T-plan, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. An open wash area is located beneath the roof between the separate latrine and shower rooms. Presently used as the washhouse and latrine for Unit Camp No. 1. |

Unit Camp No. 2 contains the following resources:

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| Unit Lodge        | (13-20) | Rectangular, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. Roof kicks out along one eave side to form a shed-roofed porch with squared timber supports. Stone chimney and small, gable-roofed portico attached to one gable end. |
| Counselors' Cabin | (13-21) | Small, two-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design.  |
| Counselors' Cabin | (13-22) | Similar to Counselors' Cabin 13-21.  |
| Campers' Cabin    | (13-23) | Four-bed, gable-roofed cabin sided with horizontal clapboards. A standard design.  |
| Campers' Cabin    | (13-24) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 13-23.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (13-25) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 13-23.   |
| Campers' Cabin    | (13-26) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 13-23.   |

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| Campers' Cabin | (13-27) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 13-23.   |
| Campers' Cabin | (13-28) | Similar to Campers' Cabin 13-23.   |
| Washhouse      | (13-29) | T-plan, gable-roofed building sided with horizontal clapboards. An open wash area is located beneath the roof between the separate latrine and shower rooms. |

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ings that could accommodate a large group of campers for an extended stay of two weeks or longer. Activities within the camps were closely supervised and were intended to provide the camper with an educational experience.

CCC Camp SP-16 began the development of Raccoon Creek State Park as a Recreation Demonstration Area in October 1935. The camp remained active until the end of September 1937. In October 1939 CCC Camp SP-6 began work in the park. This camp remained active until the end of March 1941. In 1945 the National Park Service turned the Raccoon Creek RDA over to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the area was renamed Raccoon Creek State Park.

Raccoon Creek State Park's Organized Group Camp No. 1 is a particularly significant example of Emergency Conservation Work (ECW) architecture. All of the buildings in the camp display a unique combination of log and wane-edge siding that is not found in any other Pennsylvania state park, and may not exist anywhere else in the United States. Organized Group Camp No. 1 was prominently featured in Albert H. Good's Park and Recreation Structures, a three-volume publication produced by the National Park Service in 1938 to promote the "proper" and "correct" use of rustic architecture. Organized Group Camp No. 1 is presently unused. Many of the buildings are overgrown with vegetation and suffering from neglect.

The Raccoon Creek State Park Historic District appears to meet Criteria A and C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is associated with the Emergency Conservation Work performed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, one of the most important of the federal relief efforts initiated under the New Deal, an exceptionally significant development in the twentieth century history of the United

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States. These buildings and structures also exemplify the rustic style of architecture espoused by the National Park Service. This style and philosophy have come to characterize most national and state parks in the United States.

More specifically, the Raccoon Creek State Park Historic District is significant in the following areas:

Architecture/Landscape Architecture:

The buildings and structures epitomize the rustic style and philosophy of architecture espoused by the National Park Service. Rustic buildings and structures are designed to blend with the natural environment. They make use of local, natural materials and represent a perceived notion of pioneer American architecture. Buildings are placed on the landscape so as not to detract from the natural environment.

Conservation/Recreation:

These buildings and structures have been used as recreational facilities for approximately fifty years. They represent the results of a massive federal effort to construct and improve outdoor recreational facilities across the United States.

Politics/Government:

These buildings and structures were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), one of the most important federal relief programs created under Roosevelt's New Deal. They are thus representative of the federal building programs that constituted one of the major developments of the Depression Era. Built on state-owned property, they also represent an unprecedented cooperation between state and federal government.

Social/Humanitarian:

These buildings and structures constitute a massive humanitarian program initiated by the federal government during the depths of the Depression. The construction of these buildings employed thousands of jobless young men, many of whom were homeless before they joined the Civilian Conservation Corps.

EVALUATION

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Boundary Information

Beginning at a point on the northwest side of PA Route 18 approximately 600 feet southwest of the park headquarters access road, thence at right angles to PA Route 18, in a northwesterly direction, approximately 10,200 feet to a point. Thence at a right angle in a northeasterly direction approximately 5,200 feet to a point. Thence at a right angle in a southeasterly direction approximately 4,600 feet to a point on the park boundary line. Thence, in a generally southeasterly direction, along the park boundary line for several courses to a point on the northwest side of PA Route 18. Thence in a southwesterly direction along the northwest side of PA Route 18 approximately 900 feet to the starting point. These boundaries contain all of the resources associated with the Raccoon Creek State Park Historic District.

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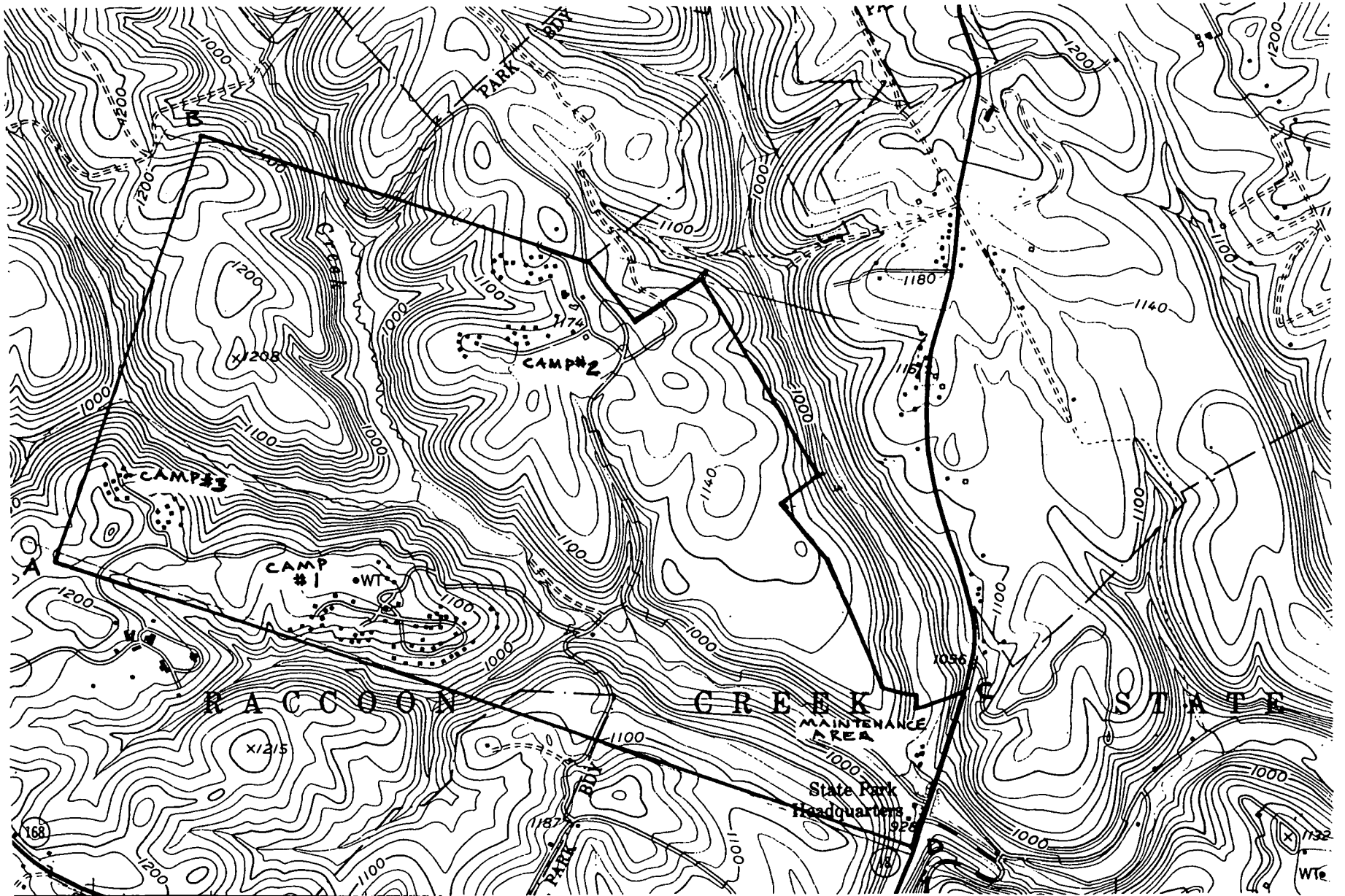
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RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT, BEAVER COUNTY



CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, Wilshire Branch (Los Angeles Branch Library System TR), 149 N. St. Andrews Pl. (05/19/87)

COLORADO, Pitkin County, Aspen, Smuggler Mine (Aspen MRA), Smuggler Mountain (05/18/87)

CONNECTICUT, Fairfield County, Greenwich, Greenwich Town Hall, 299 Greenwich Ave. (05/21/87)

CONNECTICUT, Fairfield County, Stamford, Main Street Bridge, Main St. and Rippowam River (05/21/87)

CONNECTICUT, Hartford County, Bristol, Rockwell Park, Dutton Ave. and Jacobs St. (05/21/87)

FLORIDA, Seminole County, Sanford, Old Fernald-Laughton Memorial Hospital, 500 S. Oak Ave. (05/21/87)

GEORGIA, Morgan County, Buckhead vicinity, Zachry—Kingston House, 6030 Bethany Rd. (05/18/87)

IDAHO, Shoshone County, Murray, Murray Masonic Hall, Main St. between Second and Third (05/19/87)

ILLINOIS, Greene County, White Hall, White Hall Historic District, Roughly bounded by Bridgeport, Jacksonville, Ayers, and Main Sts. (05/20/87)

KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Louisville, German Evangelical Church of Christ Complex, 1236 E. Breckinridge St. (05/21/87)

KENTUCKY, Kenton County, Covington, Ritte's Corner Historic District, Latonia, Roughly bounded by DeCoursey, Southern, Inez, and Winston Aves. (05/21/87)

KENTUCKY, Warren County, Smiths Grove, Smiths Grove Historic District (Boundary Increase), NW corner of Second and Main Sts. (05/20/87)

LOUISIANA, Rapides Parish, Woodworth, Alexander State Forest Headquarters Building, Alexander State Forest (05/21/87)

LOUISIANA, Vermilion Parish, Abbeville, Abbeville Commercial Historic District, Roughly bounded by Concord, State, Lafayette, and Jefferson Sts. (05/21/87)

NEW YORK, Dutchess County, Poughkeepsie, Mill Street—North Clover Street Historic District (Boundary Increase), 101—115 Main St., 25, 27, 29, and 32 N. Bridge St. (05/21/87)

NORTH CAROLINA, Bladen County, Clarkton, Clark, John Hector, House, SE corner jct of S. Grove and E. Green Sts. (05/20/87)

OHIO, Guernsey County, Cambridge, Sarchet—Burgess House, 145 W. Eighth St. (05/21/87)

OHIO, Hamilton County, Cincinnati, Laurel Homes Historic District, Roughly bounded by Liberty and John Sts., Ezzard Charles Dr., and Linn St. (05/19/87)

OHIO, Lucas County, Toledo, Valentine Theater Building, 405—419 St. Clair and 402—412 Adams (05/19/87)

~~PENNSYLVANIA, Beaver County, Rochester vicinity, Racoon Creek RDA (Emergency Conservation Work (ECW) Architecture in Pennsylvania State Parks: 1933—1942 TR), 20 mi. S of Rochester on PA-18, (05/18/87) *Vanover Twp.*~~

PENNSYLVANIA, Clinton County, Loganton vicinity, Ravensburg State Park (Emergency Conservation Work (ECW) Architecture in Pennsylvania State Parks: 1933—1942 TR), 8 mi. SE of Jersey Shore on PA 880 (05/18/87) *Crawford Twp.*

PENNSYLVANIA, Somerset County, Somerset, Laurel Hill RDA (Emergency Conservation Work (ECW) Architecture in Pennsylvania State Parks: 1933—1942 TR), 4 mi. W of New Centerville & PA 281 (05/18/87) *Middlecreek Twp.*

This report describes the methods and procedures used by John Milner Associates to evaluate and apply National Register eligibility criteria to Emergency Conservation Work (ECW) architecture constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Pennsylvania's state parks between 1933 and 1941.

All buildings and structures constructed by the CCC meet National Register Criteria A and C. The requirements of Criterion A, which states that resources "associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history" may be eligible for listing in the National Register, are met by every building and structure constructed by the CCC, since that agency constituted one of the most significant public relief programs of the New Deal, perhaps the most influential event in the past fifty years of American history. Every building and structure erected by the CCC in Pennsylvania's state parks also meets the requirements of Criterion C, which states that resources embodying "the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction" may be eligible for listing in the National Register. Most of these resources exemplify the rustic style of architecture promulgated and promoted by the National Park Service during the first four decades of the twentieth century. Those buildings not in the rustic style are examples of standardized, and in some instances prefabricated, military designs. The standardized designs used and refined by the CCC during the 1930s formed the basis for many of the standardized structures built in huge numbers during World War II.

While every building and structure erected by the CCC meets both Criteria A and C for National Register eligibility, many of these resources have lost their integrity of design, setting, or materials. John Milner Associates evaluated all CCC architecture in the Pennsylvania state park system in order to determine which of these resources best convey a sense of the Corps' role in the development of the parks. This evaluation focused upon a determination of the resource's significance within the state, since the framework for the proposed nomination is the state-wide system of parks, and a determination of the resource's integrity of design, setting, materials, and workmanship.

The buildings and structures constructed by the CCC in the Pennsylvania state park system fall into six broad categories; picnic and day use areas, family cabins, CCC camps, administrative areas, maintenance areas, and Recreation Demonstration Areas. The latter were special facilities designed and developed by the National Park Service in order to provide recreational opportunities to underprivileged urbanites. Recreation Demonstration Areas generally consisted of a central administrative and day use area, two to four organized group camps, each of which contained its own administrative area, and four to six unit camps. A unit camp contained campers' cabins, counselors' cabins, latrines, and a unit lodge. Many parks contain resources from more than one of these categories, and in some instances resources are intermingled within a single area without clear distinctions or

demarcations between categories. The buildings and structures erected by the CCC were grouped into these broad categories in order to assure that the full range of CCC activity within the park system is represented in the thematic nomination. Evaluation of integrity took place within the framework of these categories in order to assure that resources of a similar type were compared.

The resources proposed for inclusion within the thematic nomination represent the entire range of CCC construction-related activity within the state park system. All of the six broad categories of buildings and structures erected by the CCC are represented, generally by several of the best and most intact examples that survive. In general, the nomination of historic districts is proposed, rather than individual buildings or structures. Historic districts better represent the CCC's concern with site layout and the relationship between the various buildings required for a specific recreational facility. In three instances entire parks are proposed for nomination. These parks, Colton Point, Ravensburg, and Laurel Hill, display an exceptional level of integrity and possess outstanding collections of architecture that fully illustrate the extent of the CCC's construction projects.

The following sections, arranged according to the Bureau of State Parks' regional breakdown of its facilities, list each park that includes CCC-built architecture and indicate what resources are considered eligible and not eligible for nomination:

#### REGION 1

Black Moshannon: Three historic districts are proposed for this park. Black Moshannon has undergone significant alteration since the 1930s, perhaps most noticeably through the construction of a downhill ski area. The three proposed districts will include all of the park's CCC-built buildings and structures that are essentially unaltered and retain a significant degree of integrity. The creation of three separate districts, each associated with a distinct use or activity, permits the exclusion of modern intrusive buildings and structures from the districts. The three districts are:

Beach & Day Use District -- This district consists of seven picnic pavilions, four latrines, three pump shelters, a picnic shelter, concession building, bathhouse, and museum. The dam that forms the lake was rebuilt in the 1950s and is not included within this district.

Family Cabin District -- This district consists of twelve cabins, two latrines, a lodge, and a separate cabin.

Maintenance District -- This district consists of three maintenance buildings and a residence.

Picnic Area No. 1 -- This day use area contains three latrines, a pavilion, and stone fireplaces and water fountains.

Picnic Area No. 2 -- This day use area contains a concession building and a latrine.

Picnic Area No. 3 -- This day use area, laid out along the west shore of Laurel Hill Lake, contains a lifeguard station, concession building, and two latrines. The cabins that now comprise Group Camp No. 9 were originally located in this area.

Laurel Summit: No resources from this park are proposed for nomination. The park contains only two CCC-built structures, a latrine and a pavilion. These structures are of a standard design found throughout the Pennsylvania park system. Other parks contain more intact examples of these types associated with greater numbers of CCC buildings and structures.

Linn Run: A family cabin district is proposed for this park. This district contains ten cabins, two foot bridges, an automobile bridge, and stone fireplaces. The only CCC-built resource in the park that is not included in this district is an altered picnic pavilion.

Raccoon Creek: Field work is currently underway for this park. Research indicates that approximately 140 CCC-built buildings and structures are located in this former Recreation Demonstration Area. It is anticipated that several historic district nominations will be proposed for this park.

### REGION 3

Big Springs: No resources from this park are proposed for nomination. The only CCC-built resources in the park are five picnic shelters and their associated latrines. These structures are of a standard design found throughout the Pennsylvania park system. Other parks contain more intact examples of these types associated with greater numbers of CCC buildings and structures.

Blue Knob: No resources from this park are proposed for nomination. Research indicates that the Works Progress Administration (WPA), not the CCC developed this Recreation Demonstration Area. The WPA did not operate under the Emergency Conservation Work Act (ECW), which makes this park ineligible for inclusion in a thematic nomination of ECW architecture in the Pennsylvania state park system.

Caledonia: No resources from this park are proposed for nomination. The Youth Conservation Corps or National Youth Administration developed this park. These organizations were not part of the



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 State Parks: 1933-1942,  
 Thematic Resources

Raccoon Creek State Park  
 Historic District

Beaver County

Zone 17

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Raccoon Creek

Recreational Guide #167  
**RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK**

### RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK

Raccoon Creek State Park is located in southern Beaver County, 40 kilometers (25 mi.) west of Pittsburgh, via U.S. Routes 22 or 30. Access to the park from the north and south can be gained via PA Route 18 which passes directly through the park.

After 40 years of development, Raccoon Creek State Park is one of the largest and most beautiful of all the parks in Pennsylvania. The park contains 2,796 hectares (6,909 acres) and features the beautiful 41 hectare (101 acre) Raccoon Creek Lake.

#### RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

A wide and varied selection of recreational opportunities are available during all seasons of the year! They include:

##### Boating:

Non-powered boats and registered electric powered boats are permitted. Non-powered boats must display any of the following: 1) State Park launching permit, available at most State Park offices, 2) State Park mooring permit, 3) Pennsylvania Fish Commission mooring permit, or 4) current certificate and number of watercraft registration.

A boat launch area and 42 mooring spaces are available. A boat rental concession rents canoes and rowboats and a food and refreshment concession serves visitors.

##### Environmental Education and Interpretation:

Interpretive activities available to families and individuals include public guided walks from April through October at natural and historic areas of the park, evening campfire programs in the Family Camping Area each weekend during the summer, as well as numerous other year round special interpretive activities (i.e. bird walks, night hikes, snowshoe hikes, etc.).

Organized groups are offered similar programs by prior reservations with the Park Interpretive Office.

Other activities of the program include four self-guiding trails, interpretive displays and exhibits at two interpretive buildings, publication of informational booklets on historical park areas and natural history, plus numerous other activities to present the environment to the park visitor.

##### Hiking:

The Wildflower Reserve and Nature Center, on the park's eastern boundary with its 8 kilometer (5 mi.) of trails, contains one of the most unique stands of native wildflowers in western Pennsylvania.

Many other trails are also available in the park.

##### Bridle Trails:

5 kilometers (3 mi.) of trails have been designated for equestrian use.

##### Family Camping

161 Class A tent and trailer campsites are



available year-round; however, access is not guaranteed during severe winter storms. The wooded campground offers a selection of secluded or adjoining sites. Each site has a picnic table, and fire-ring. Other facilities include water outlets, 3 central washhouses with hot showers and a sanitary dump station.

Reservations are not accepted.

##### Organized Group Camps:

There are two organized group camps in the park which are rented at a nominal fee to nonprofit adult and youth groups such as scout, YMCA, school or church organizations from mid April to mid-October. The camps contain rustic lodges, dining halls, cabins, and utility buildings. Camp #2 has cabin space for 120 campers. Camp #3 accommodates 56 persons. Reservations are made through the park office for long or short periods.

A 1.6 hectare (4 acre) centrally located lake provides boating for the organized group camps.

##### Organized Group Tenting:

Up to 150 people can be accommodated in a primitive camping area. Qualified adult and youth groups may apply; advance reservations are required.

##### Swimming:

A 250 meter (800 ft.) guarded turf beach is open 11:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day unless posted otherwise. A bathhouse and a food and refreshment stand are located nearby.

##### Picnicking:

Approximately 600 picnic tables are located in the park's five picnic areas. Two large and two small shelters are provided in the main picnic area on a first come, first serve basis. All picnic areas have grills, water and sanitary facilities.

##### Hunting:

Over 1,600 hectares (4,000 acres) are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs from fall archery deer season through March 31, of the following year.

Common game species are deer, wild turkey, grouse, squirrel and rabbit.

Exercise **EXTREME CAUTION** with firearms at all times. This is a public park; it is used by fishermen, campers and others throughout the hunting season. Pennsylvania Game Commission laws apply.

Firearms and archery equipment may be uncased and ready for use by properly licensed hunters only in authorized hunting areas and during those seasons park areas are opened to hunting or under special conditions which may be established by the Department.

Hunting or Fishing Licenses cannot be purchased at the park.

##### Fishing:

The lake offers bluegills, sunfish, bullheads, catfish, yellow perch, walleye, crappies, large and small mouth bass. Cold water fish such as brook and rainbow trout are found both in the lake and in feeder streams. Pennsylvania Fish Commission laws apply.

##### Winter Activities:

Ice fishing and ice skating are permitted on the lake. Sledding is also permitted in the park. Various special events are scheduled in the winter-time by the Environmental Education and Interpretive section of the park such as a maple syrup demonstration, the annual Christmas bird count, and other activities. The park is open year-round to the public. Spectacular ice formations may be seen at the Frankfort Mineral Springs in the winter.

### HISTORY

The historic Frankfort Mineral Springs, site of a nationally known health spa during the 1800's, are located in the park. The area once attracted thousands of visitors who believed in the "healing powers" of the mineral water. The springs can be currently viewed from a scenic self-guiding trail that passes through the area. Guided walks and a historic museum are also available during the summer season.

King's Creek Cemetery, on the park's western boundary, is the final resting place of many of the first settlers of the region.

In an effort to add recreation lands to metropolitan regions, the National Park Service (NPS) bought some of the submarginal farm land in the 1930's. Under NPS direction, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and Works Progress Administration (WPA) built a Recreation Demonstration Area. The Federal Government transferred this outstanding area to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1945. Major recreational improvements as a State Park included construction of the large lake in 1948, swimming area, picnic area in 1950 and the tent and trailer campground in 1956.

### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

State Game Lands 189 and 117 provide hunting and general recreation. Hillman State Park provides hunting and a model airplane field.

### ACCESS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS

Special picnic tables and parking spaces have been designed throughout the park. The lakeside comfort station near the dam can accommodate wheelchairs.

For Further Information, Contact:

Raccoon Creek State Park  
Department of Environmental Resources  
R. D. 1, Box 329  
Hookstown, PA 15050  
Park Office Phone: (412) 899-2200  
Nature Center Phone: (412) 899-3611

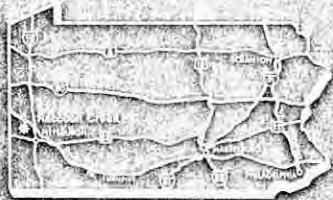
### Help Protect and Preserve Our Parks

There are 113 areas totaling 112,881 hectares (278,930 acres) of land that are administered by the Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of State Parks. The Bureau of State Parks is responsible to develop, maintain, police and preserve these public lands for the purpose of promoting healthful outdoor recreation and education.

Pets must be controlled at all times. They may not be taken into swimming or camping areas.

Alcohol is prohibited.

Natural areas may possess hazards not normally encountered. You are responsible for your family's safety. Parks are for people—enjoy them year-round!



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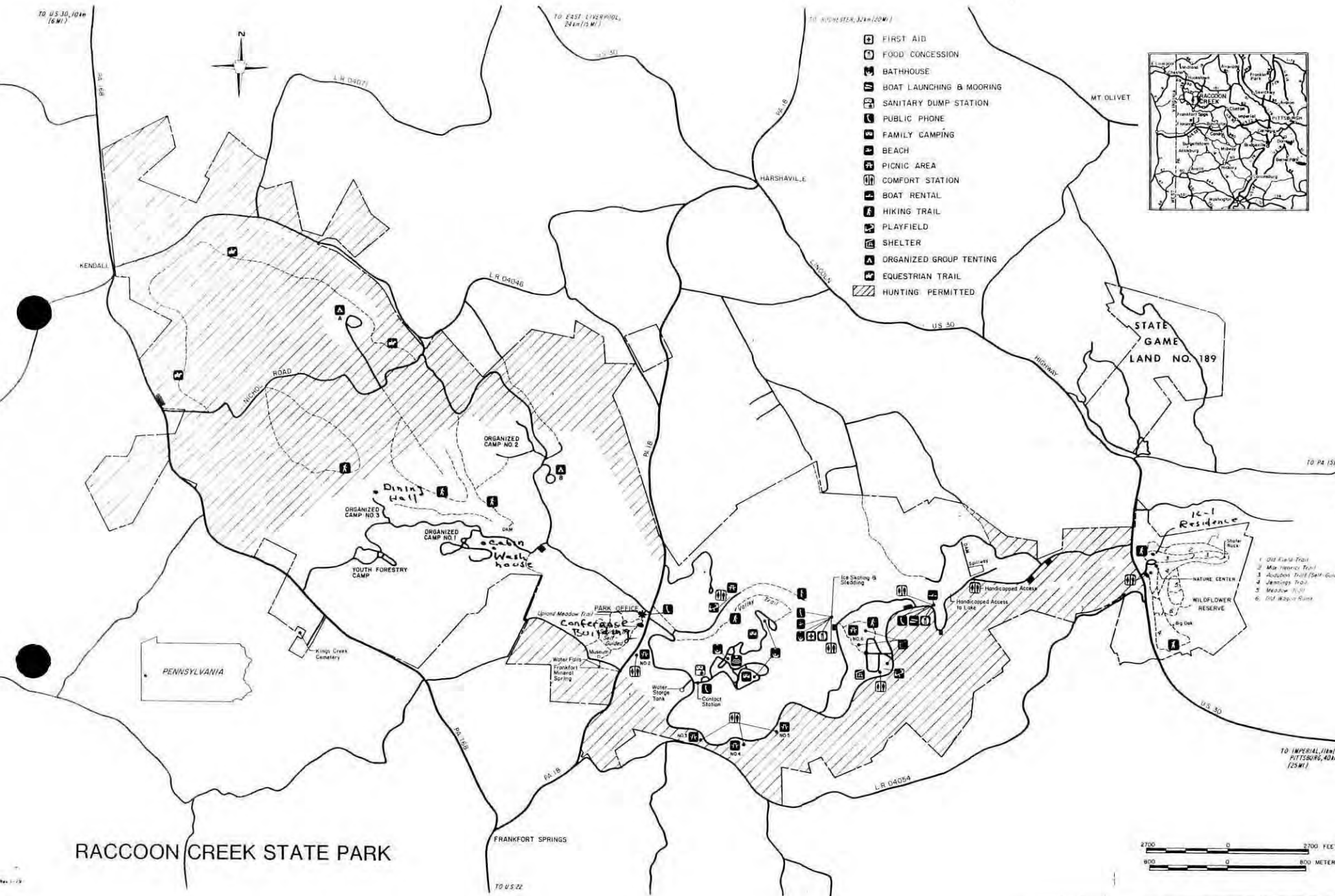
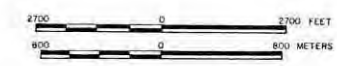
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- PUBLIC PHONE
- FAMILY CAMPING
- BEACH
- PICNIC AREA
- COMFORT STATION
- BOAT RENTAL
- HIKING TRAIL
- PLAYFIELD
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# RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK



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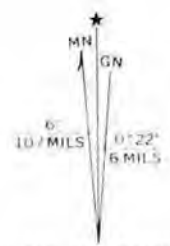


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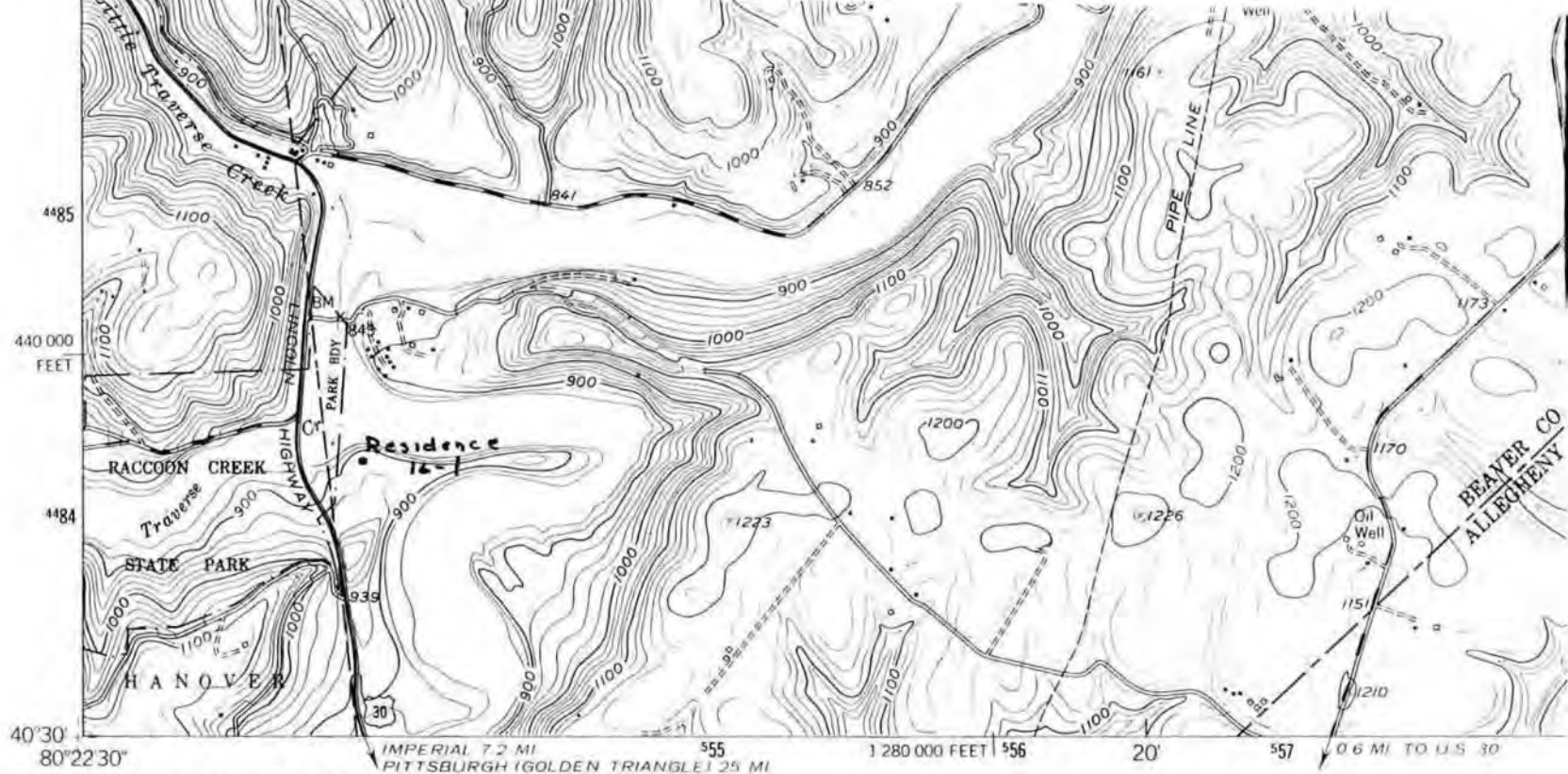


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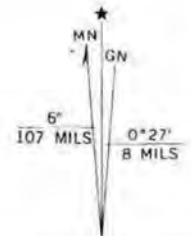
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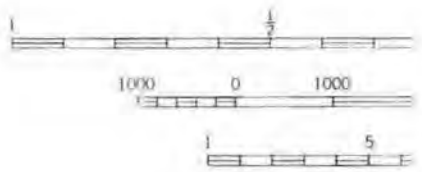
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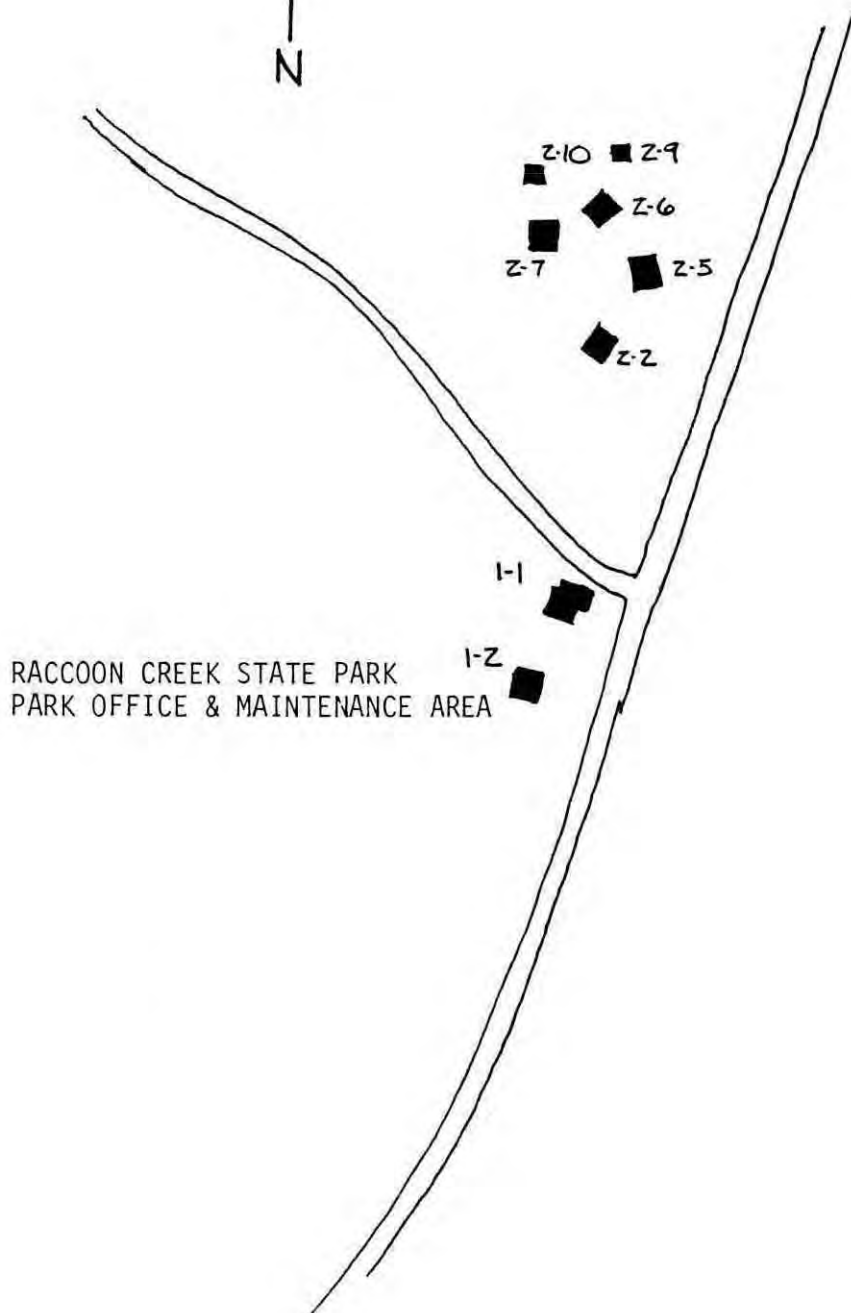


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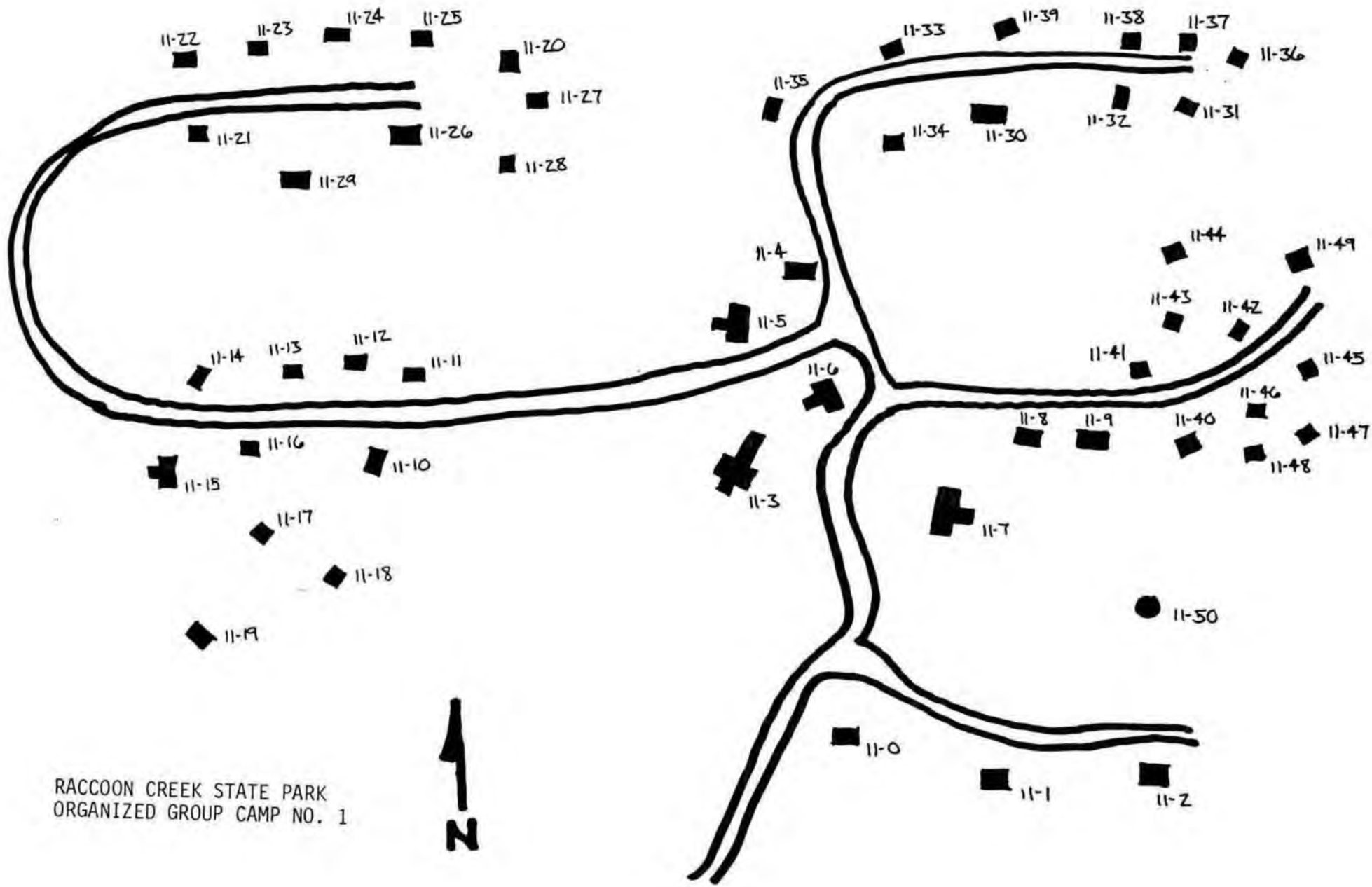


RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK  
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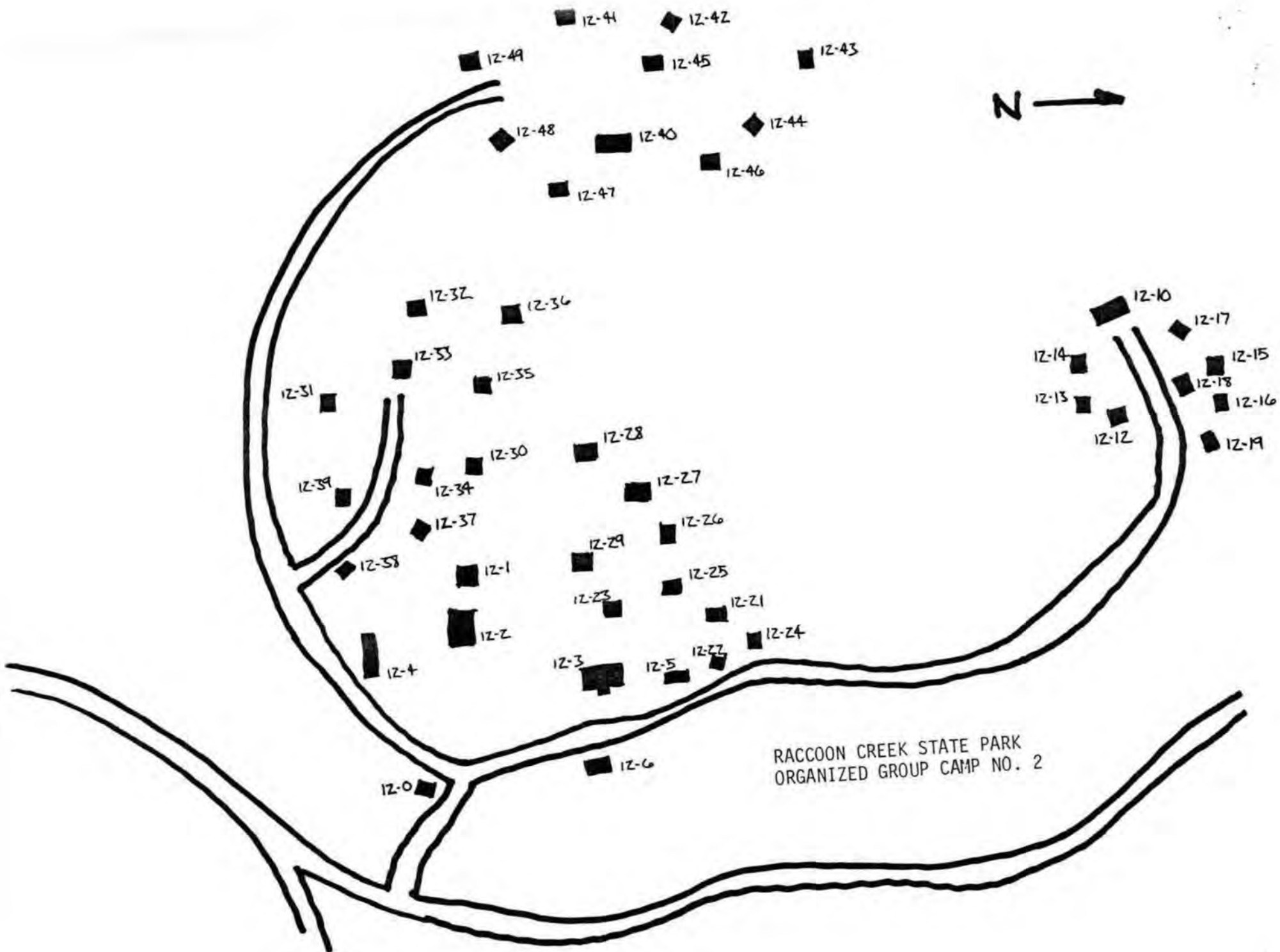
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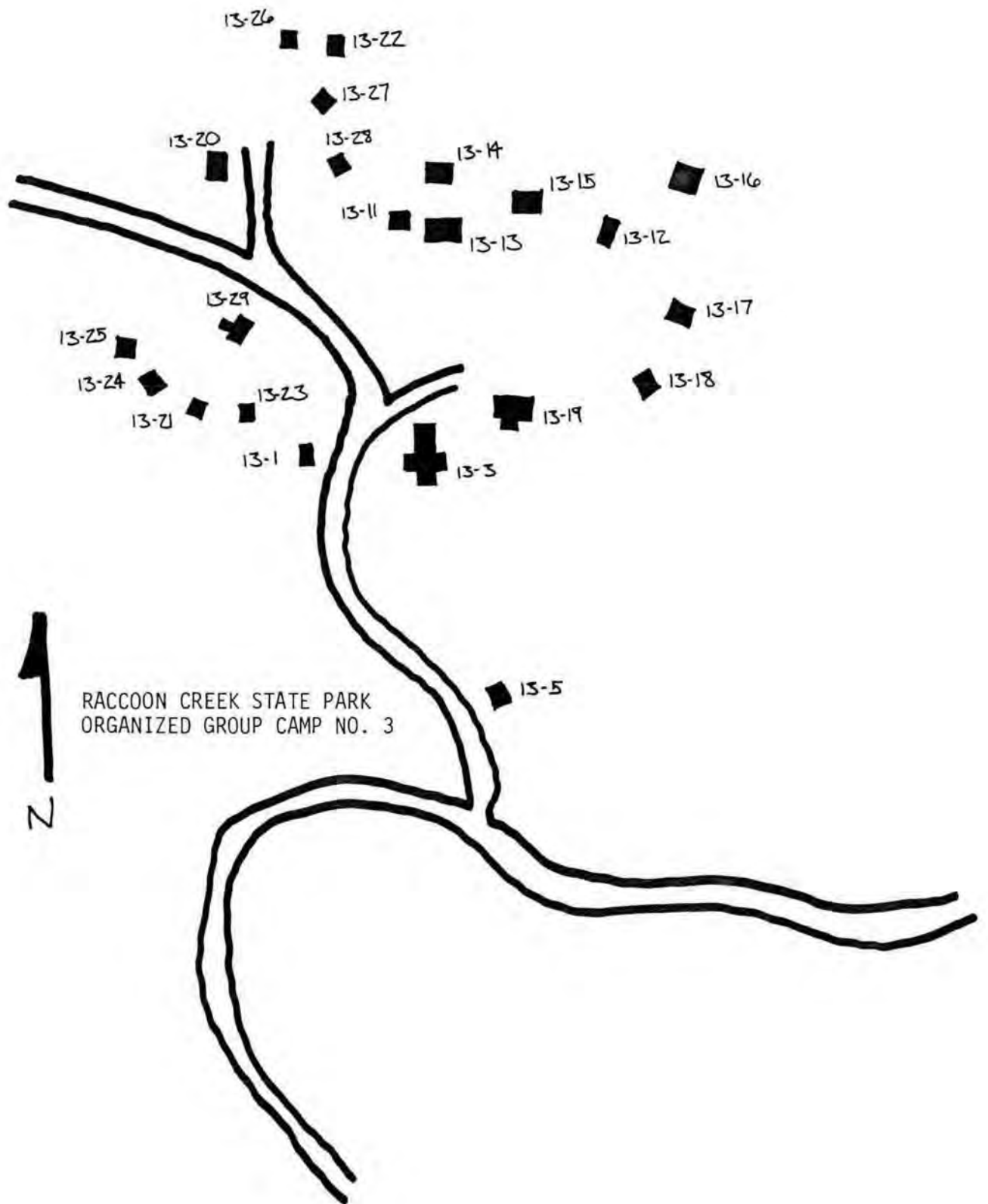


RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK  
ORGANIZED GROUP CAMP NO. 1





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ORGANIZED GROUP CAMP NO. 2



RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK  
ORGANIZED GROUP CAMP NO. 3



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October 16, 1986

Independence Twp. Supervisors  
Oliver W. Roberts, Chairman  
R.D. Box 293-A  
Clinton, PA 15026

Re: Raccoon Creek State Park  
Family Cabin District  
Independence Twp., Beaver Co.

Dear Chairman Roberts:

We are pleased to inform you that the above named property is part of the Emergency Conservation Work Architecture Thematic Resources Nomination which will be considered by the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the Federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our Nation's heritage. Enclosed is a copy of the criteria under which properties are evaluated.

Listing in the National Register results in the following for historic properties:

1. Consideration in planning for Federal, federally licensed, and federally assisted projects. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that Federal agencies allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment on all projects affecting historic properties listed in the National Register. For further information please refer to 36 CFR 800.
2. Eligibility for Federal tax provisions. If a property is listed in the National Register certain Federal Tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1984 revises the historic preservation tax incentives authorized by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976, the Revenue Act of 1978, the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980, and the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, which provide for a 25 percent investment tax credit for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial and rental residential buildings instead of a 15 or 20 percent credit available for rehabilitation of non-historic buildings more than thirty years old. This can be combined with an 18-year cost recovery period for the adjusted basis of the building. Certified structures with certified



rehabilitations receive additional tax savings because owners are allowed to reduce the basis by one half the amount of the credit. The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides Federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. For further information please refer to 36 CFR 67.

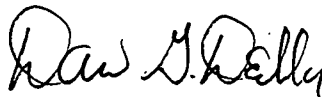
3. Consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located, in accord with the Surface Mining and Control Act of 1977. For further information please refer to 30 CFR 700 et seq.
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Listing in the National Register does not mean that limitations will be placed on the properties by the Federal government. Public visitation rights are not required of owners. The Federal government will not attach restrictive covenants to the properties or seek to acquire them.

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Sincerely,



for LARRY E. TISE

State Historic Preservation Officer

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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P.O. BOX 1026, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17108-1026

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October 16, 1986

Wayne Hyatt  
Hanover Twp. Supervisors  
R.D. 1, Box 112  
Georgetown, PA 15043

Re: Raccoon Creek State Park  
Hanover Twp., Beaver County

Dear Mr. Hyatt:

We are pleased to inform you that the above named property is part of the Emergency Conservation Work Architecture Thematic Resources Nomination which will be considered by the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the Federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our Nation's heritage. Enclosed is a copy of the criteria under which properties are evaluated.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October 16, 1986

Beaver County Commissioner  
Joseph H. Widmer  
Court House, Third Street  
Beaver, PA 15009

Re: Raccoon Creek State Park District  
Hanover & Independence Twps.  
Beaver County

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August 11, 1986

Dr. Patrick O'Bannon  
John Milner Associates  
1133 Arch Street, 5th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: E.C.W. Thematic Resources  
(list attached)

Dear Dr. O'Bannon:

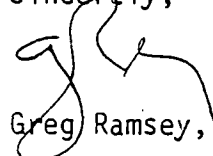
Your completed historic resource form for the above named property has been reviewed by the Bureau for Historic Preservation staff. From the material submitted, the resource appears to meet the National Register criteria and to have a nomination priority as established by the Historic Preservation Board.

The next step in the registration process is the completion of a National Register nomination and submission to the Bureau for Historic Preservation. The nomination form and detailed instructions are enclosed. Please read the instructions and the attached specific evaluation carefully. Under our system, the research, writing and typing in completion of the form are responsibilities of the applicant, and it is essential that the information in the form be accurate and that the completed form include all information and supplement material discussed in the enclosed instructions. Because of the amount of work involved, you may wish to consider hiring a professional consultant to assist you. (A list of consultants is available from the Bureau for Historic Preservation on request.)

Once a high quality, complete nomination has been submitted to the Bureau, we will schedule the property for review by the Historic Preservation Board, a committee of professionals from across the Commonwealth. They may approve the property, reject it or request additional information. If approved the nomination form will be sent to the National Park Service for final review prior to listing in the National Register.

If you have any questions on the nomination procedure or the completion of the forms, please write or call the Bureau at (717) 783-8946.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Ramsey, Chief

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SPECIFIC EVALUATION

NAME: Emergency Conservation Work Architecture in Pennsylvania

LOCATION: State Parks, 1933-1942 Thematic Resources, statewide

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance: Conservation, politics/government, recreation

Period of Significance: 1933-1942 Landscape architecture, architecture

Comments: In the opinion of the Bureau for Historic Preservation the above theme appears to meet the National Register criteria. This period and phenomenon in the history and development of Pennsylvania's state park system appears to have been very significant. The twenty-four historic districts and four individual properties proposed in this nomination appear to also meet the criteria. Please see attached list of these resources. At the time of this evaluation field work had not been completed in Clear Creek, Cook Forest, Raccoon Creek, World's End and Pymatung State Parks. Also please note that we are looking forward to a supplemental evaluation report covering the 7 parks included in the 1983 survey but not referenced in RFP for this project.

E.C.W. Thematic Resources

1. Black Moshannon State Park: Beach and Day Use District, Rush Twp.  
Centre County
2. Black Moshannon State Park: Family Cabin District, Rush Twp.  
Centre County
3. Black Moshannon State Park, Maintenance District, Rush Twp.  
Centre County
4. Cherry Springs State Park, Pavilion, W. Branch Twp.  
Potter County
5. Colton Point State Park, Delmar Twp.,  
Tioga County
6. Parker Dam State Park, Family Cabin District, Huston Twp.,  
Clearfield County
7. Parker Dam State Park, Construction Office/Dam, Huston Twp.,  
Clearfield County
8. Parker Dam State Park, Lodge, Hartley Twp.,  
Clearfield County
9. R.B. Winter State Park Lake District, Hartley Twp.  
Union County
10. Ravensburg State Park, Crawford County,  
Clinton County
11. S.B. Elliott State Park, Administration/Day Use District, Pine Twp.,  
Clearfield County
12. S.B. Elliot State Park, Family Cabin District, Pine Twp.,  
Clearfield County
13. Clear Creek State Park, Barnett Twp./Heath Twp.,  
Jefferson/Elk Counties
14. Cook Forest State Park, Farmington Twp.,  
Clarion County
15. Kooser State Park Family Cabin District, Jefferson Twp.,  
Somerset County
16. Laurel Hill State Park, Middlecreek Twp.,  
Somerset County
17. Linn Run State Park Family Cabin District, Cook Twp.,  
Westmoreland County
18. Raccoon Creek State Park Districts, Hanover Twp.,  
Beaver County 086887



19. Cowans Gap State Park Family Cabin District, Todd Twp.,  
Fulton County
20. Greenwood Furnace State Park, Jackson Twp.,  
Huntingdon County
21. French Creek State Park, Six Penny Lake Picnic District, Union Twp.  
Berks County
22. French Creek State Park, CCC Camp SP-17, Union Twp.,  
Berks County
23. Promised Land State Park, Bear Wallow Cabin District, Palmyra Twp.,  
Pike County
24. Promised Land State Park, Whitaker Lodge District, Palmyra Twp.,  
Pike County
25. Worlds End State Park, Forks Twp.,  
Sullivan County
26. Whipple Dam State Park, Lake Area District, Jackson Twp.,  
Huntingdon County



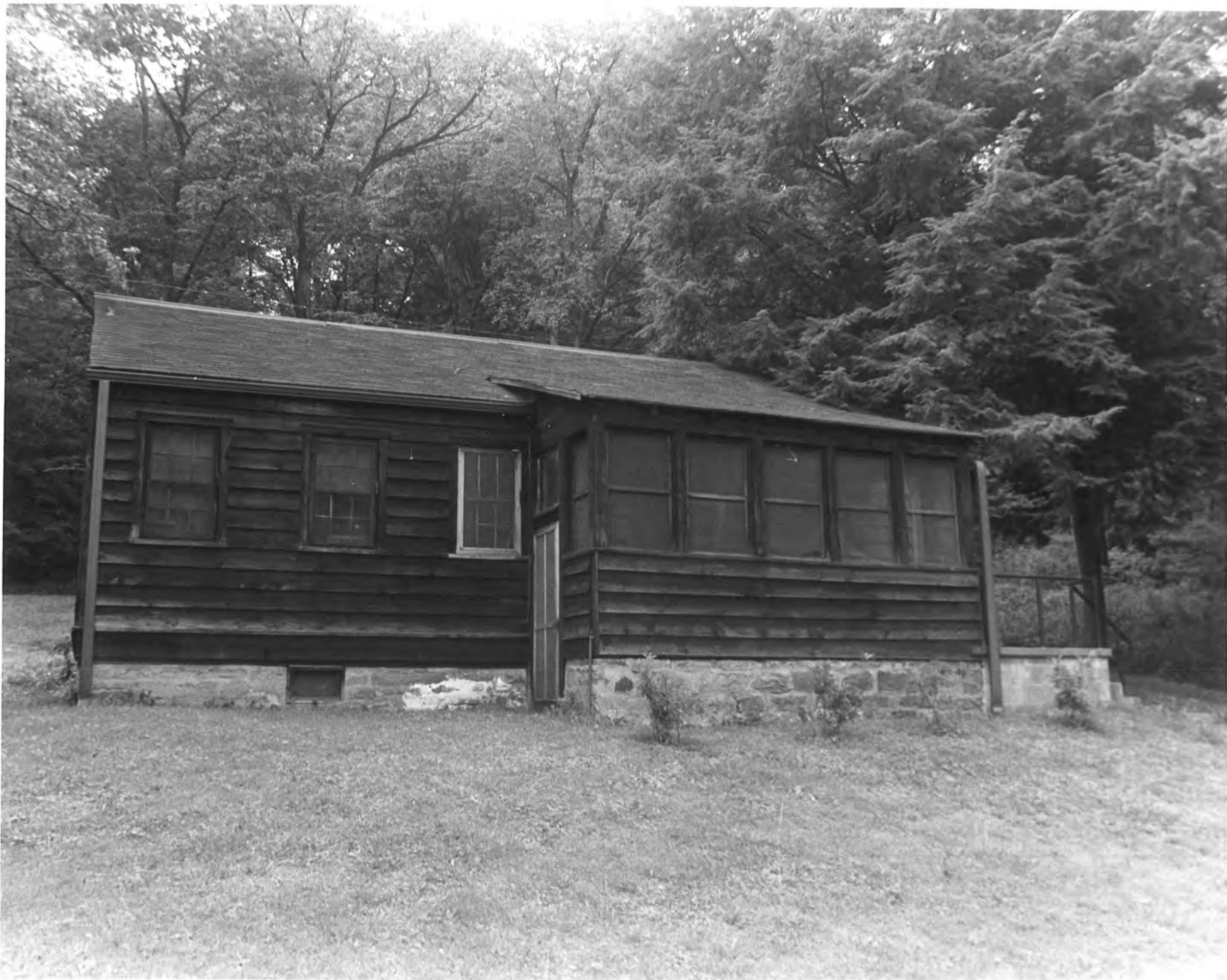
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Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Park Office/Maintenance Area  
Park Office (1-1)

#1



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Park Office/Maintenance Area  
Conference Building (1-2)

#2



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Park Office/Maintenance Area  
Blacksmith Shop (2-6)

#3





Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Park Office/Maintenance Area  
Repair Garage (2-7)

#4



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Organized Group Camp No. 1  
Camp Office (11-0)

#5



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Organized Group Camp No. 1  
Kitchen/Dining Hall (11-3)  
#6



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District

Beaver County

PV: Organized Group Camp No. 1  
Helpers' Quarters (11-2)

#7





Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District

Beaver County

PV: Organized Group Camp No. 1  
Unit Camp No. 4 Campers' Cabin  
(11-37)

#8



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District

Beaver County

PV: Organized Group Camp No. 2  
Staff Quarters (12-1)

#9



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Organized Group Camp No. 2  
Infirmary (12-5)

#10



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District

Beaver County

PV: Organized Group Camp No. 2  
Unit Camp No. 1, Unit Lodge  
(12-10)

#11



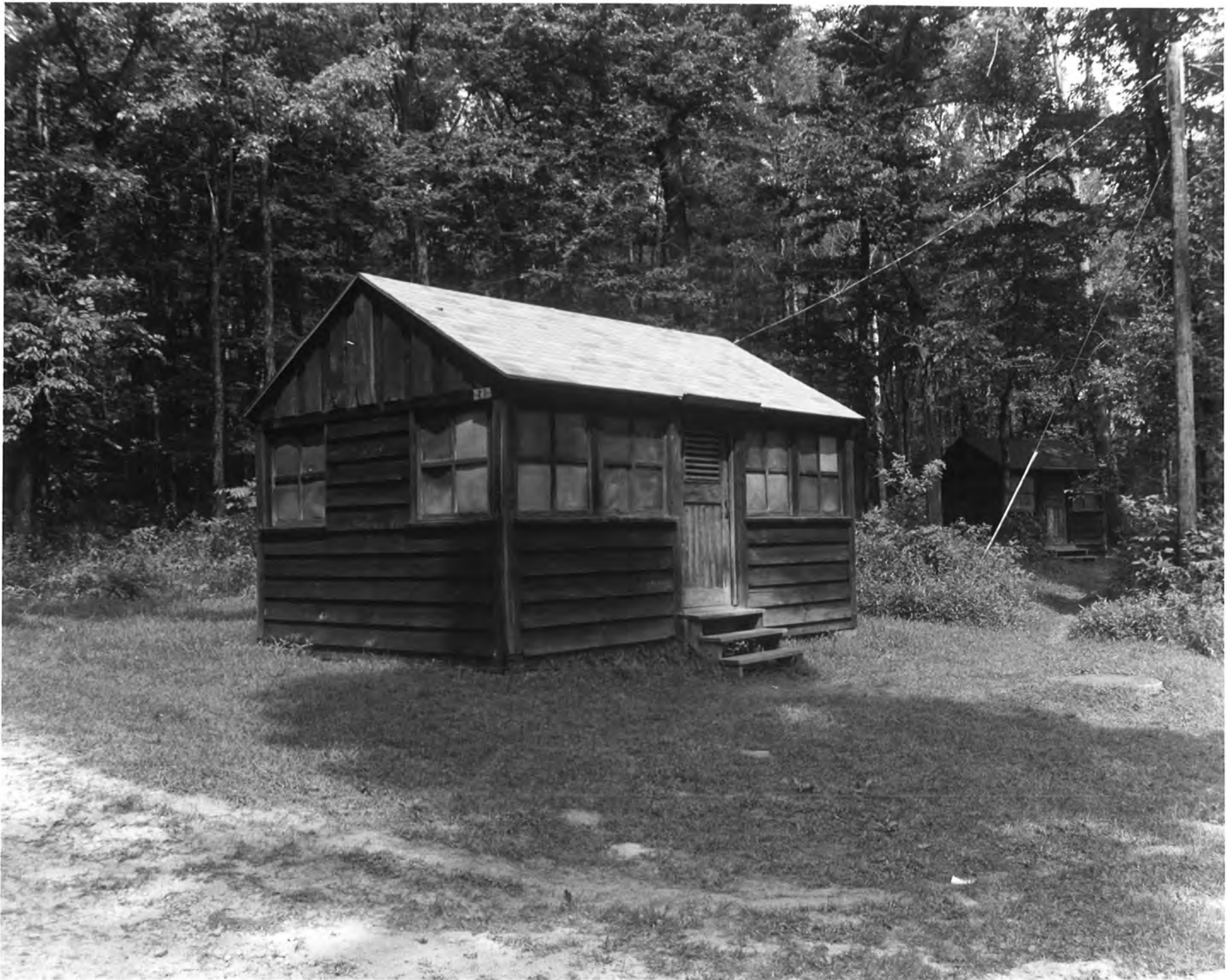


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Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Organized Group Camp No. 2  
Unit Camp No. 1, Counselors'  
Cabin (12-11)

#12



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Organized Group Camp No. 2  
Unit Camp No. 1, Campers'  
Cabin (12-13)

#13



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Organized Group Camp No. 3  
Office (13-5)

#14



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District

Beaver County

PV: Organized Group Camp No. 3  
Kitchen/Dining Hall (13-3)

#15





Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek, State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Organized Group Camp No. 3,  
washhouse, (13-19)

#16



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Organized Group Camp No. 3  
Unit Camp No. 2, Unit Lodge  
(13-20)

#17



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Organized Group Camp No. 3,  
Unit Camp No.1, Counselors'  
Cabin (13-12)

#18



Emergency Conservation Work  
Architecture in Pennsylvania  
State Parks: 1933-1942

PD: 1986 PC: William R. Henry Jr.  
NL: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Racoon Creek State Park Historic  
District  
Beaver County  
PV: Organized Group Camp No. 3,  
Unit Camp No. 1, Campers'  
Cabin (13-13)

#19

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