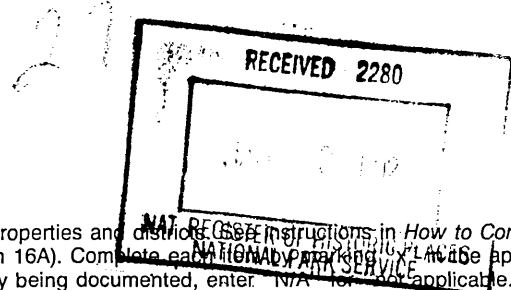


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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 section unless otherwise indicated by an appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Stowe CCC Side Camp

other names/site number Stowe State Ski Dorm, Stowe Ski Dorm

2. Location

street & number 6992 Mountain Road N/A not for publication

city or town Stowe N/A vicinity

state Vermont code VT county Lamoille code 015 zip code 05672

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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.)

Suzanne C. Gamble National Register Specialist 12-28-01
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Vermont State Historic Preservation Office
State of 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 commenting 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): _____

Olson N. Beall Signature of the Keeper 2/14/02 Date of Action

Stowe CCC Side Camp
Name of Property

Lamoille County, Vermont
County and State

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	
2		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
		Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/institutional housing

Recreation & Culture/ outdoor recreation

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/institutional housing

Recreation & Culture/ outdoor recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: CCC dormitory

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls shingle

roof asphalt shingle

other wood

Narrative Description

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

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The Civilian Conservation Corps built what is now the Stowe State Ski Dorm in 1935 as a side camp, Camp S-53, for the men working on local forestry projects. The dormitory is located within Mount Mansfield State Forest, along VT Route 108, heading north from the village of Stowe and approximately 1/2 mile south of the Stowe Ski Resort entrance. The town was named after Stowe in England and settled in 1794. In 1863 it had become a major summer resort area until a fire in 1888. As painful was the Depression of the 1930s, it was the catalyst for the development of Stowe as a winter resort and ski area because of the work completed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) as part of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal Plan. The CCC completed major works in the forests around Stowe and Mt. Mansfield, including the cutting of hiking and ski trails, road construction and the construction of a dormitory. Its purpose was to serve as a side camp for the men working in the nearby forests, including the ski trails that were being cut on Mount Mansfield. It hosted 50 men, with twenty-five men living behind the dorm in smaller camps that no longer exist. The CCC operated until WWII and after the war the dormitory was opened for public use as the first and only State operated ski lodge in the United States. Today, it is operated by the Americorps organization and maintains a similar mission providing an inexpensive, rustic ski lodge in the winter and serving as a base for Americorps forestry projects in the summer. It retains its integrity for location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

The Stowe CCC Side Camp is representative of CCC building styles and unique due its size. The wood shingle building is 70' long and two stories tall, considerably larger than most CCC designed and built structures intended as institutional housing. The large side-gabled structure is simple in detail and blends with the natural wooded environment due to its simple all brown color scheme. The building highlights the solid workmanship, use of natural materials, utilitarian design and choice of setting and location typical of CCC projects. The building is strategically positioned to view the steep east slopes of Mount Mansfield and its rocky summit. A few sympathetic alterations have been made to the building and have enabled it to retain the original feeling and association with the goals, building styles and accomplishments of the CCC in Vermont.

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1. CCC Side Camp, c.1935

-Exterior

The building is approached from the road via a gravel driveway crossing over a bridge covering the West Branch of the Waterbury River that runs along the road approximately 30' from the building. The driveway forks to the left, leading to a large gravel parking lot and to the right along the front (west side) of the building. The front of the property is landscaped with a grass lawn and coniferous plantings surrounding the fieldstone patio to the main door entrance portico. A few maple and birch trees sit between the grass lawn and stream bank. The view from the lawn and entrance of the building is toward the eastern slopes of Mt. Mansfield and the trails of the Stowe Ski Resort. The tree-covered hillside behind the building is very steep and terminates directly behind the building.

The ski dorm is a large two-story, eavesfront building that is two bays wide and six bays long and sits on a 70' X 20 1/2' concrete foundation. It is covered in wood shingles stained dark brown and the roof is sheathed in tan asphalt shingles. The building is generally simple in details and exterior ornament. The entry porch, one of the few areas with detailing, includes two hewn posts and cross- beams supporting the single-bay gable roofed enclosed entry porch with 6-light window insert sides leading to the main door, and a 9-light paneled aluminum door. The hewn posts appear as contemporary additions due to the joinery used. The building has been transformed since its original design in 1935 to accommodate co-ed dormitory facilities, consisting of a shed addition to the rear (east) side, an extension of the building to the south, and a later shed addition for storage on the southern end.

The fenestration includes first story paired 6-light windows with plain wood surrounds. The far northern end window is a sliding casement window. These windows have had shutters with applied diamond motif cut outs, but currently these are not on the building. Below these windows are planter boxes. Second story windows are paired casement windows. Rear windows include fixed 6-light sash in an irregular pattern.

In 1945 an addition was built to the right of the entrance porch (southern end). During this addition the cornice trim along the entire building was boxed in, creating a vented soffit and corner boards added to the exterior, flush with the shingle siding. This addition included a

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one-story shed roof projection at the south end of the building for wood storage and basement stairwell entrance. A one-story shed roofed rear ell projection constructed 1995 with board and batten siding at the northeast corner of the dormitory serves as an apartment. All three sides of the shed addition have contemporary aluminum, paired one-over-one-sash windows. On the north wall of the building a protruding shingled cover has been built to hide the mechanical stacks from the kitchen.

The south gable end has two small shed additions, one for wood storage and the other for a basement stairwell entrance. Around the backside of the wood storage shed is a 4' wide wooden fire exit stairway leading to a second story steel fire door. Both shed additions are sheathed and trimmed in the same fashion as the main building. An 8' wide red brick chimney with vertically stacked bricks below the top course protrudes from the roof between the original portion of the building and the 1945 addition.

The north gable end has a ground-floor steel entrance door with 9-lights offset to the left. Directly to the right of the lower entrance door is a steep wooden fire exit stairway leading to a second-story steel fire door. A red brick chimney extends along the exterior north gable wall. A decorative course of vertically stacked bricks directly below the top course adds detail to the 2'X2' chimney stack.

Interior-

The main entrance to the dormitory on the west side is an entry hall with the 5' wooden stairs leading to the second story bunk-rooms, a doorway to the left leading to the dining room, kitchen and office, and a doorway to the right leading to the living room. The kitchen is at the far northern end of the building, and the office is entranced through the dining hall. The rear-shed addition is accessed through the back of the office. The stairway leading to the second story terminates in a small hallway, with a women's bathroom directly to the left prior to entering the men's bathroom. A men's bathroom is located in the northeast corner of the building, accessed through the men's bunkroom. The women's bunkroom is slightly smaller and occupies the portion of the building to the right of the stairway landing. The building contains a full basement. The portion from the original building is accessed from the door at the north gable end and internally from a kitchen stairwell. A stairway in the center of the

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building leads down to the basement, including the portion from the 1945 addition that sits below the living room. This southern portion of the basement has an entrance stairwell from the exterior through the aforementioned shed addition.

The interior has been relatively unaltered since original construction and is very simple in detail and rustic in design elements. The original kitchen, dining hall, and office use a variety of wooden sheathing on the walls and ceiling. The dining hall is constructed of maple strip flooring, vertical tongue and groove boards with chair rail, and a tongue and groove ceiling. The kitchen retains its original wooden strip flooring and boarded ceiling but has contemporary industrial cookware, appliances, and formica counters. The office to the rear of the dining has sheet rocked walls above the chair rail, which caps the vertical tongue and groove boards. A drop ceiling has been added. The living room addition built during 1945 also retains its original design with an 8' wide interior fireplace wall of red brick, tongue and groove walls, hardwood floors, and plank ceilings. In the middle of the room are two posts boxed with boards. This room currently hosts a collection of CCC memorabilia, including tools used by the CCC, historic trail maps, and photos.

The second floor stair landing terminates the 5' wide wooden staircase and splits the men's bunkroom to the left and the women's bunk room to the right. The floor of the landing is fir strip flooring, and the walls are horizontal shiplap boards. In the landing is one of the few remaining pieces of furniture constructed during the CCC era, an Adirondack style settee bench. The walls and ceilings of the bunk rooms are constructed of horizontal shiplap boards.

2. Related Structures: (Garage c.1940)

About 100' north of the main dormitory building, at the far end of the parking lot is a vernacular style, 1-story garage. The gable front, 1X3 bay structure is about 20 1/2' X 30' and rests on a concrete foundation. The structure is stick-framed with wood shingle siding stained dark brown and a sheet-metal roof. The rafter tails have been left exposed. The south gable end has a vertical board, hinged double door. At the southwest corner of the building is a paneled front entrance door. All doors have plain wood surrounds with no detailing.

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 all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Entertainment/Recreation

Architecture

Period of Significance

1932 - 1942

Significant Dates

1932

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Civilian Conservation Corps

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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

VT Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation

Stowe CCC Side Camp
Name of Property

Lamoille County, Vermont
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

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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 districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

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

Property Owner

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

name Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, c/o Larry Simino, Director, State Parks

street & number 103 South Main Street telephone (802) 241-3664

city or town Waterbury state Vermont zip code 05405

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The Stowe CCC Side Camp, now the Stowe State Ski Dorm, is located within the Mount Mansfield State Forest on the Mountain Road, otherwise called Vermont Route 108 in Stowe, VT, about 1/2 mile south of the main entrance to the Stowe ski area. It maintains much of its integrity and is a significant building in the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Vermont and the development of downhill skiing as a sport and major source of Vermont's history and economy. It was built in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps as a side camp, Camp S-53, for state construction in the area, including the significant cutting of ski trails on Mt. Mansfield. This building served as the main side camp for the trail cutting, which was to usher in the beginning of downhill skiing in Vermont. It housed 50 men -25 with the remaining 25 and the State Forester living in smaller camps behind it. The CCC continued until WWII and as early as 1940 the building was opened as the first and only State-operated ski lodge in the United States. Today its use is similar in theme to its original purpose as it serves as an inexpensive rustic hostel for skiers in the winter and the base camp for Americorps in the summer for their trail and forestry projects. It is eligible under Criterion A and C of the National Register as a building that maintains its original design, workmanship and association of the utilitarian buildings constructed in Vermont by the CCC.

The Stowe State Ski Dorm, originally camp S-53, is eligible under Criterion A for its direct connection with the cutting of the first ski trails on Mount Mansfield. This area was the start of popular downhill skiing in New England and ultimately became a major industry and resort. Mount Mansfield (elevation 4,393 feet) is the tallest mountain in Vermont and the pinnacle of the Green Mountains, which run along the spine of the state.

Mount Mansfield has been a popular tourist destination and resort area dating back to 1863 when it hosted a number of summer resorts. Many of the accomplishments within the forests around Mount Mansfield can be attributed to Perry Merrill who was the Commissioner of Forestry in Vermont and selected the site at the base of the Toll Road, no doubt influenced by his passion for skiing, a skill he developed in 1924 as a student in Europe.

The CCC workers based at the Stowe side camp were responsible for cutting numerous ski trails on all sides of Mount Mansfield. This fact was due largely in part to the avid ski passions of Vermont's CCC leader, Perry Merrill and engineer Charlie Lord.

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Under Merrill's direction the CCC cut some of New England's most famous ski runs on Mount Mansfield, including the Nose Dive, Teardrop, Bruce, Ski Meister, Perry Merrill, and Charlie Lord trails. Charlie Lord was the master designer of the CCC trails on Mount Mansfield and deserves much of the credit for blazing some of the most enduring runs of quality and popularity in New England. Although few of the CCC men were themselves skiers, a sport of the middle and upper class, they were quoted as being "quite enthused about skiing" and enjoyed the new use of these trails, which ushered in a new era of downhill skiing. Many of these trails have been incorporated into the Stowe downhill ski area that thrives on the north side of Mount Mansfield, in full view from the Ski Dorm. Much of the history of skiing on Mount Mansfield and indeed New England, can be found in the history of these trails that were blazed by the men based at the Stowe CCC side camp, now Ski Dorm. These two men together, Merrill and Lord, were major catalysts for the development of the elaborate, visionary trail systems on Mount Mansfield, ushering in the skiing future of the region and the lifeblood of the town of Stowe. This has enabled the once side camp to function for over 50 years as a ski dormitory.

The Stowe CCC Side Camp is unmistakably a piece of CCC construction and has retained its original design, quality of work, and the feeling of utilitarian building priorities which were indicative of CCC construction in Vermont. The building is eligible under Criteria C of the National Register since the Stowe Ski Dorm is representative of the type of building and construction methods employed by the CCC in Vermont for many of their buildings. The building was solidly built like most other CCC structures with a solid foundation, brown cedar shingle siding and rustic wooden interior with little ornament. It was built to last, serve 50 men, and blend with the natural surroundings. The simple construction plan and choice of brown exterior paint on the shingled facades was standard for CCC structures. These well crafted, utilitarian building elements are associated with the CCC construction styles throughout Vermont and originally based upon National Park Service designs for "Rustic Structures". The CCC was skilled in crafting with natural building materials such as stone, brick and wood, utilizing labor intensive, but durable techniques. A few of the interior elements, including an Adirondack-style bench constructed by the CCC crew, still remain as significant artifacts testifying to the level of craftsmanship developed through CCC building tasks.

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In summation, the Stowe CCC Side Camp is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C for its role in the development of downhill skiing in New England, its connection with the visionary trail systems on Mt. Mansfield, and the integrity the building has maintained over the years as a hallmark of CCC building styles. The architecture of the Ski Dorm retains its original integrity and the building is directly associated with the conservation accomplishments and recreation opportunities created by the CCC in the surrounding forests.

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Geographical Data:

Verbal Boundary Description:

The property of the Stowe Ski Dorm and the one outbuilding it contains is directly on northeast bank of the West Branch of the Waterbury River on the northeast side of VT Route 108. The property runs 300' northeast to southeast along the river and 100' deep in a northeasterly direction, and encompasses the legal boundaries of Stowe Tax Parcel #14-001.000.

Boundary Justification:

The property boundary describes the area in which the historic Stowe Ski Dorm and the garage associated with it exist in their original locations. The area behind the dorm was originally used as tenting sites for the CCC workers and is significant to the building in its historic context.