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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**1. Name of Property**

historic name: Legion State Park  
other names/site number: Legion State Park Historic District

**2. Location**

street & number: 635 Legion State Park Road not for publication \_\_\_  
city or town: Louisville vicinity \_\_\_  
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Winston code:159 zip code:39339

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul SEPT. 21, 1998  
Signature of certifying official Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
___ 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): _____	_____	_____

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property:**

PUBLIC/state

**Number of Resources within Property:**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

**Category of Property:**

District

**Contributing**

**Noncontributing**

10

4

buildings

1

sites

1

10

structures

12

14

objects

Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

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

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

State Parks in Mississippi built by the CCC between 1934-1942

Historic Park Landscapes in National and State Parks

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions:** RECREATION AND CULTURE/Outdoor Recreation  
LANDSCAPE/Park

**Current Functions:** RECREATION AND CULTURE/Outdoor Recreation  
LANDSCAPE/Park

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification(s):** OTHER/Rustic

**Materials:**

foundation: stone, concrete block, concrete

roof: asphalt shingles

walls: weatherboard, log

other

**Narrative Description:**

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- 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.

Areas of Significance

- Architecture
- Entertainment and Recreation
- Landscape Architecture
- Social History

Period of Significance

1934-1948

Significant Dates

1934, 1937

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a 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.

Significant Person(s)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation(s)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Civilian Conservation Corps

Narrative Statement of Significance:

See continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data

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

Name of repository:

Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property:

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
A	16	309040	3670310	D	16	309740	3669040
B	16	309410	3670330	E	16	308720	3669760
C	16	309810	3669140				

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

**Verbal Boundary Description** See continuation sheet.**Boundary Justification:** See continuation sheet.**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title:	Deborah Wise Oakley	date:	5 August 1998
organization:	Mississippi Department of Archives and History	telephone:	(601)359-6940
street & number:	P.O. Box 501	zip code:	39205-0571
city or town:	Jackson	state:	MS

**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(s)**

name:	Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks	telephone:	(601)362-9212
street & number:	P.O. Box 451	zip code:	39205
city or town:	Jackson	state:	MS

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Winston County, Mississippi

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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

Legion State Park is located in the northern part of Louisville, Mississippi off Highway 25 in Winston County. This park consists of 420 acres, of which approximately 120 are included in this nomination. Legion State Park was the fourth of ten state parks in Mississippi developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC Camp 480 began creating the park in October of 1934, and opened the site to the public in July of 1937. All the buildings were designed in the popular Rustic style of architecture commonly found in state park structures to blend with their natural surroundings. Standardized plans were developed by the National Park Service for the layout and construction of park facilities throughout the United States.

The park is characterized by its rolling hills, thick trees and two lakes. In order to further blend the man-made landscape with the natural one, all buildings and structures from the CCC era were designed in the Rustic style of architecture. The buildings all retain their original forms, exterior materials, and sense of place.

The park retains a high degree of its overall historic and architectural integrity. There are ten buildings and one structure that contribute to the architectural and historic character of the Legion State Park Historic District. These include the Lodge, a bunkhouse, the manager's residence, several cabins, a barn and the entrance gate structure. All contributing elements are identified with the notation "C." In addition, there are five buildings and four structures within the district do not contribute since they were not constructed by the CCC and do not fit the architectural or historical character of this nomination. These elements are identified with the notation "NC." The ten non-contributing structures are picnic pavilions, latrines and a woodshed that are scattered throughout the park. The designed landscape of the park is another contributing element, counted as a contributing site, and is noted in the inventory.

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DISTRICT INVENTORY

C=CONTRIBUTING ELEMENT; NC=NON-CONTRIBUTING ELEMENT

**01 C Lodge c.1934**

One-story, stone building with a stone foundation, cross-gabled roof and composite shingles. The facade (E) has a porch with half-hipped roof supported by stone and hand-hewn timbers. Windows are 3-light casements with wood frames. Door is a double, 4-light door with 1-light transom above. The gables are sided in rough weatherboard. There are two stone chimneys resting at the peak of the roof. The west elevation has a screened in porch with a brick floor, and the south elevation has a stone terrace. The interior has exposed, hand-hewn wooden beams, a stone fireplace and wood floors. An individually significant example of Rustic park architecture this is the most architecturally important building in the district.

**02 NC Shower House c.1965**

One-story, wood-frame building with a front gabled roof and concrete block foundation. The window located on the north elevation is a 15-light combination with a metal frame. The panes forming a central T-shape are fixed, while the 4-panes on either side are casement windows. The roof is covered in corrugated metal with exposed rafters. The door is centrally located.

**03 NC Shower House c.1965**

One-story, wood-frame building with a front gabled roof and concrete block foundation. The windows on the east and west elevations are 15-light combination with a metal frame. The panes forming a central T-shape are fixed, while the 4-panes on either side are casement windows. The roof is covered in corrugated metal with exposed rafters. The door is centrally located.

**04 C Bunkhouse c.1937**

One-story, wood frame building with a front gabled roof and a cut-stone foundation. The building is covered in wide, weatherboard siding. The roof is covered in composition shingles with exposed rafters. The east and west elevations each have four 9-light windows that swing up and in. The door is centrally located.

**05 NC Picnic Pavilion c.1980**

Rectangular pavilion, open on all sides, with a low gabled roof of steel beams covered in corrugated metal, and supported by nine wooden poles. The floor is earthen.

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**06 NC Latrine c.1960**

Rectangular pavilion, enclosed on three sides with weatherboard siding. It has a side-gabled roof with composition shingles.

**07 NC Sink c.1960**

The sink is an open pavilion, with a gabled roof and composition shingles.

**08 C Cabin 6 c.1934**

One-story, wood frame saddlebag building, with a gabled roof and composition singles, on a cut stone foundation. The facade (S) has a centrally located, screened-in porch with two, single-leaf wooden doors located under it. The entire facade reads, w/d/w/d/w. The south elevation has a (four) window, and the east elevation has a three windows. All of the windows are boarded over. The building is sided in wide, rustic, weatherboard. There is a stone chimney located in the center of the roof.

**09 NC Firewood Shed c.1980**

Small, wood-frame shed on an asphalt over concrete foundation, with a front-gabled roof with open eaves and composition shingles. The siding is slatted boards, with chicken wire underneath. It looks like a corn crib.

**10 C Manager's Residence c.1934**

One-story, wood-frame building on a stone foundation with a side gabled roof and composition shingles. The building is sided in rough weatherboard. The facade (S) has an undercut porch supported by double, hand-hewn posts. The porch reads d/w/w. The entrance is a single-leaf, wooden door, and the windows are double, 4-light casements set in wood frames. There is a front gabled projection to the west of the porch with a tripartite window. There is another gabled projection on the north elevation, with a stone chimney in the center. There are three other stone chimneys, one at the peak of the main gable, one on the east elevation, and the other on the north facing gabled projection on the east end of the building.

**11 C Storage Barn c.1934**

Two-story, wood-frame barn on a stone foundation, with a side-gable roof with composition shingles. The building is rectangular, with a smaller wing on the south elevation. The main facade (E) has three large barn doors, and a small single-leaf, vertical wood door to the far left of these. The wing has a stone chimney and single-leaf door on the east elevation. The upper loft has open windows with batten shutters.

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**12 NC Equipment Shed c.1980**

One-story, frame building on a slab foundation with a low-pitched gable roof, open eaves and composition shingles. The facade (W) of the building has a front facing ell with a front-facing gable covering a single-leaf door. To the south of this are two sets of double doors, all under an undercut porch. The south elevation has a single, 6-light window in a metal frame. The east elevation has two, 6-light windows in metal frames, and a small shed addition on the northern end.

**13 C Cabin #1 c.1934**

One-story, log building with a stone foundation and a side-gabled roof with composite shingles. The west facade has a screened-in porch with hand-hewn supports and the entrance centrally located under the gable. The entrance is a single-leaf, wooden door. The south elevation has four bays, reading window, stone chimney, window, window. The east elevation has two windows, with the northern most a tripartite. The north elevation has a double window and a (five) window. All windows are 3-pane casements with wooden frames.

**14 C Cabin #2 c.1934**

One-story, wood-frame, L-shaped building with a stone foundation and a cross-gabled roof with composition shingles. The facade (S) has a screened-in porch with hand-hewn supports, cut into the front of the ell. There are tow entrances off the porch, one set of double doors to the north and a single-leaf, wooden door to the east. The west elevation has a (five) window. while the north elevation has a tripartite window. The east elevation has a stone chimney in the corner of the ell and a boarded up window. The projection of the ell has a single window on the north and south, and a double window on the east. All windows are 3-light casements in wooden frames.

**15 C Cabin #3 c.1934**

One-story, wood-frame building on a stone foundation with a side-gabled roof and composition shingles. The facade (N) has a shed-roofed, screened-in porch with a single-leaf, wooden door and a double window located under it. To the east of the porch is another double window. The building is sided in rustic weatherboard. The east elevation reads window/stone chimney/window. The south elevation has two sets of double windows with a single-leaf door in the middle. All windows are 3-light casements with wooden frames.

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**16 C Cabin #4 c.1934**

One-story, wood framed building on a stone foundation, with a side-gabled roof and composition shingles. The building is sided with wide, rustic weatherboard. The north elevation has a wing with a screened-in porch and a double-door. The facade (E) has a centrally located single-leaf door with a double window to the south and a stone chimney and single window to the north. The south elevation has a double window. The west elevation has a double window and a (five) window. All windows are 3-light casements with wooden frames.

**17 C Cabin #5 c.1934**

One-story, wood-frame saddlebag building on a stone foundation with a side gabled roof and composition shingles. The facade (S) has a shed porch sheltering two, single-leaf doors. Between the doors is a projection with a double window. On either side of the porch are two double windows. The east and west elevations have (four) windows. The north elevation has three double windows. There is a stone chimney at the center of the roof line. The building is sided in wide, rustic weatherboard.

**18 NC Ranger's Residence c.1980**

Modern trailer

**19 NC Picnic Pavilion c.1934**

Fire charred ruins

**20 NC Chapel c.1960**

Wood, A-frame pavilion.

**21-24 NC Picnic Pavilion #1-4 c.1980**

Modern picnic shelter composed of four posts that run through the picnic table into a concrete slab, with a side-gabled roof above.

**25 C Entrance c.1934**

Cut stone pillars on either side of the road, with open metal posts rising out of them. An open metal segmental arch spans the road.

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**26 C Landscape c.1934**

This is a designed landscape that emphasizes the scenic landscape of the park's terrain. Notable man-made features include stone steps, stone culverts and wooden bridges with stone foundations. The CCC strove to create non-intrusive man-made features in the natural landscapes. Legion State Park is an excellent example of this philosophy.

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**Statement of Significance**

The Legion State Park Historic District has local and statewide significance under Criterion A in the areas of entertainment and recreation and social history, and under Criterion C in the areas of architecture and landscape architecture. The period of significance extends from 1934, with the construction of the park, to 1948, fifty years before this nomination. The historical development of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) is discussed in detail in the MPS "State Parks in Mississippi built by the CCC between 1934-1942." Legion State Park is an example of one of the ten new parks built in Mississippi by the CCC and placed under the supervision of the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

The CCC administered a variety of programs including road, park, and defense construction, reforestation, and erosion control, as well as many other facilities. The effects of this agency on the man-made landscape were enormous. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established the CCC as part of his New Deal program to help combat the economical hardships of the depression. (See the MPS cover document for a detailed account on pages 3-5).

The CCC used standardized approaches to park design to create regional interpretations that would blend into the natural surroundings. Legion State Park was the fourth of ten parks in Mississippi created by the CCC. CCC Camp 480 began work on October 12, 1934 and the park opened to the public on July 19, 1937. The CCC workers transformed the natural landscape with man-made roads, walking trails, cabins and other necessary park facilities thus combining national agendas with regional materials and surroundings. In 1954, Legion State Park was leased to the Pushmataha Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America for 25 years. For those 25 years, it was known as Camp Palila.

All buildings within the district are constructed in the Rustic style and blend nicely into their environment. The buildings retain their original forms, exterior materials, and sense of place.

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**Additional Registration Requirements**

The general registration requirements for listing of CCC-related state parks in Mississippi have been discussed in the cover document. However, because of their brevity, it has been determined that in order to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as a part of the "State Parks in Mississippi built by the CCC between 1934-1942" multiple property submission, a state park historic district must meet these additional registration requirements.

1. It must be or have been a Mississippi State Park developed by the CCC between 1932 and 1942.
2. It must retain, within the proposed district boundaries, a high degree of historical integrity from the period of its construction. It must retain most of its historic buildings, and they must retain a high degree of integrity of design, location, craftsmanship, and materials. It must retain its major landscape features, including lakes, woodlands, CCC-built walks, steps, and other structures, as well as the basic arrangement of roads and trails.
3. Areas of these parks not historically associated with the CCC or developed after that period will be excluded whenever possible from the boundaries of the historic district.

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**Geographical Data**

Verbal Boundary Description - The boundary of the nominated property is delineated by the polygon whose vertices are marked by the following UTM reference points:

A	16	309040	3670310	D	16	309740	3669040
B	16	309410	3670330	E	16	308720	3669760
C	16	309810	3669140				

Boundary Justification - The boundary includes the largest intact area of historical resources that were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and the National Youth Administration (NYA).

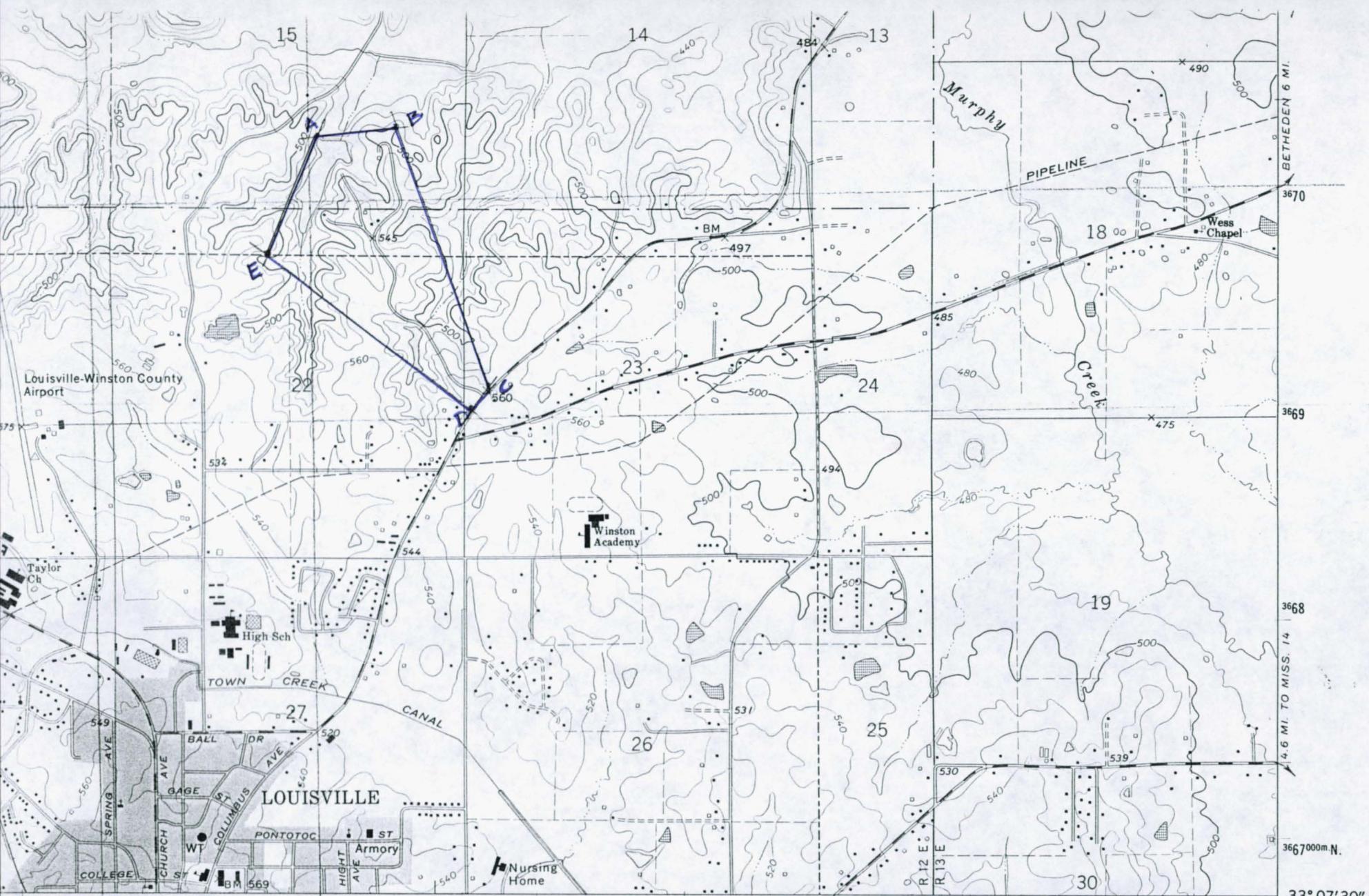




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- CONTRIBUTING
- NON-CONTRIBUTING
- #7 INVENTORY NUMBER
- BOUNDARY

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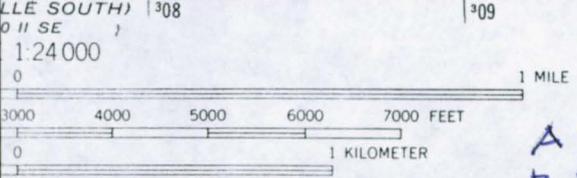
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WINSTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

- A 16/309040/3670310
- B 16/309410/3670330
- C 16/309810/3669140
- D 16/309740/3669040
- E 16/308720/3669760

**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route



VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

33° 07' 30" N  
89° 00' W  
1600N  
3250 11' SW



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Lodge

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Logan State Park Historic District  
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Bunkhouse

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Cabin #6

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Manager's Residence

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Entrance to park  
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Stone Steps

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Wooden bridge on stone footings

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