NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY REPORT
REFERENCE No.: 1700 436 Control No.:

PROPERTY NAME: Roosevelt State Park

OTHER NAME/ SITE No: Rossevelt State Park Historic District

MULTIPLE NAME: State Parks in Mississippi built by the CCC MPS

ADDRESS/ BOUNDARY: 2149 MS 13S

CITY: Morton VICINITY

COUNTY: Scott STATE: MISSISSIPPI

Restricted Location Information: Owner: LOCAL Resource Type: DISTRICT

	Contributing	Noncontributing
Buildings	9	4
Sites	1	0
Structures	1	0
Objects	0	0

Nomination/Determination Type: MULTIPLE RESOURCE

Nominator: STATE GOVERNMENT Nominator Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Federal Agency: NOT APPLICABLE

NPS Park Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Certification: DATE RECEIVED/PENDING NOMINATION Date: 10/17/97

Other Certification: NOT APPLICABLE

Historic Functions: RECREATION AND CULTURE

Historic Subfunctions: OUTDOOR RECREATION

Current Functions: RECREATION AND CULTURE
LANDSCAPE

Current Subfunctions: OUTDOOR RECREATION
PARK

Level of Significance: STATE
LOCAL

Applicable Criteria: EVENT
ARCHITECTURE/ENGINEERING

Significant Person's Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Criteria Considerations: NOT APPLICABLE

Area of Significance: ARCHITECTURE
ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
SOCIAL HISTORY

Significance:

1934
1940
1942

Architect/Builder/Engineer/ Designer:

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)

Cultural Affiliation:

NOT APPLICABLE

Other Documentation:

NOT APPLICABLE

HABS No. N/A

HAER No. N/A

Architectural Styles: OTHER

Describe Other Style: Rustic Style

Foundation Materials: CONCRETE
Wall Materials: WOOD WEATHERBOARD
Roof Materials: ASPHALT
Other Materials: GLASS

Acreage: 20.0

UTM	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
Coordinates:	16/	/3 57 900/	/02 47 800	16/	/3 57 823/	/02 48 210
	16/	/3 57 823/	/02 47 480	16/	/2 47 496/	/35 78 380

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

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

2. Location

street & number: 2149 Highway 13S — not for publication N/A
city or town: Morton — vicinity X
state: Mississippi code MS county Scott code 123 zip code 39117

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally X statewide X locally. (___See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul — Oct. 6, 1997
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:
X 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): _____

for Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action
12/1/97

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:
PUBLIC/state

Number of Resources within Property: 9
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property:
District

Contributing	Noncontributing	
9	4	buildings
1		sites
1		structures
		objects
11	4	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

State Parks in Mississippi built By the CCC between 1934-1942
Historic Park Landscapes in National and State Parks

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 Style

Materials:
foundation: concrete block, brick, limestone
roof: tar shingles
walls: wood, plank lumber, weatherboard, brick
other glass

Narrative Description: See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

X **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.

X **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:
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.

Areas of Significance
Architecture
Entertainment and Recreation
Landscape Architecture
Social History

Period of Significance
1934-1942

Significant Dates
1935, 1940

Significant Person(s)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation(s)
N/A

Architect/Builder
Cilivian 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
_X__ State Historic Preservation Office
___ Other State agency
___ Federal agency
___ Local government
___ University
___ Other
Name of repository:

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: approximately twenty acres

UTM References: Zone Easting/Northing Zone Easting/Northing

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Harrison Lea Stamm; Architectural Historian
organization: Mississippi Department of Archives and History date: April 21, 1997
street & number: PO BOX 571 telephone: (601) 359-6940
city or town: Jackson state: MS zip code: 39211

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: Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Parks
street & number: P.O. Box 451 telephone:
city or town: Jackson state: MS zip code: 39205-0451

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Narrative Description

Roosevelt State Park is located three miles south of Morton, Mississippi on Highway 80 in Scott County. This park consists of five hundred fifty acres of which approximately twenty are included in this nomination. Roosevelt State Park was the seventh of ten state parks in Mississippi developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC occupied the site from August 1935 to the park's opening in April 1940. Nine park cabins, a park pavilion, and a few landscape features such as stairwells and culverts were built by the CCC. The buildings are designed in the popular Rustic style of architecture commonly found in state park construction. The Rustic style of architecture emphasized local materials that would allow buildings and 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 Roosevelt State Park Historic District is characterized by its gently rolling hills, adjoining one hundred fifty acre lake, and nine buildings that face a curvilinear paved drive emphasizing its scenic beauty. 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. Although many of the original screened porches have been enclosed, the buildings all retain their basic forms, interior and exterior materials, and sense of place.

The park retains a high degree of its overall historic and architectural integrity. However, the majority of the CCC resources are limited to only twenty acres of the park. The other park buildings date from the 1950s and 1980s and are not included in this nomination. However, it is important to note that the newer buildings do not distract from the landscape and use similar materials. The Roosevelt State Park Historic District contains eleven historic resources that contribute to its architectural and historical character. All contributing elements are identified with the notation "C." The designed landscape of the park is another contributing element and is noted in the inventory.

01 C Cabin Number 1
This is a symmetrical, one-story, three-bay, wood frame, side gabled house situated on a stone foundation with a tar-shingle roof. The facade is characterized by its centrally placed vertical plank door with one-light and screen door that is flanked by a grouping of three four-light louvered windows set into wooden frame (PHOTO #1).

02 C Cabin Number 2
This is an asymmetrical, one-story, four-bay, wood frame, gable-front-and-wing house situated on stone piers with concrete block in-fill and topped with a tar-shingle roof. The facade is dominated by its gable-front screened porch. The facade reads single window, paired window, door, paired window. The single window is a three-light, casement set into a wooden frame while the paired windows are four-light casements with similar frames. The entrance is marked by a vertical plank door that is obscured by the enclosed screened porch (PHOTO #2)

03 C Cabin Number 3
This is an asymmetrical, one-story, three-bay, wood frame, side gabled house situated on a poured concrete foundation and topped with a tar-shingle roof. The roof line is tripartite with lower sections flanking the higher central portion. On the northern half of the building, a four-stepped wooden staircase leads to a screened porch entrance. The southern half of the building has one three-light window set into a wooden frame. The central section of the building is characterized by its grouping of three four-light casement windows with wooden frames (PHOTO #3).

04 C Cabin Number 4
This is an asymmetrical, one-story, two-bay, wood frame, gabled-front-and-wing house. The building is on a poured concrete foundation and topped with a tar-shingle roof. There are two gabled-front windows both are four-light, casement windows set into wooden frames. On the northern side of the gabled-front is a screen porch entrance (PHOTO #4 and 5).

05 C Cabin Number 5
This is an asymmetrical, one-story, three-bay, wood frame, side gabled house with a poured concrete foundation and a tar-shingle roof. The entrance is marked by three-stepped wooden staircase and a vertical plank wood with one-light screen door. The entrance is flanked by a single, four-light, six-over-six double-hung sash window set into a wooden frame and an upper sash, two-light casement window (PHOTO #6).

06 NC Cabin Number 6
This is a one-story, six-bay, wood-framed duplex cabin with a concrete foundation and asphalt shingles on the roof. The facade is sided with pressed wood clapboard siding and reads window, door, window, window, door, window. A screened porch runs the entire length of the facade. The building is side gabled with a change in pitch over the porch. There are wooden louvered vents at the peak of the gable end. Both entrances are three-light-and-panel doors.

07 C Cabin Number 7
This is an asymmetrical, one-story, four-by-two-bay, wood frame, side-gabled house with a limestone pier foundation with concrete block in-fill and topped with a tar shingle roof. The facade reads door, paired window, upper sash window, paired window. The gable elevation has a door and paired window. All doors are vertical planks with one-light screened fronts, projecting wooden awnings, and three-stepped wooden staircases leading to them. The paired windows on the facade are four-light, casement windows with wooden frames while the gable side windows are replacement four-over-four double-hung sash windows. The upper sash window is characterized by its two-lights and sliding casement (PHOTO #7).

08 NC Cabin Number 8
This is a one-story, L-shaped, three-bay building with modem vertical wooden paneling and a concrete foundation. The facade reads window, door, window. The building has a gable roof with an offset pitch on the north side. The offset projection has sliding windows that open into the living area. All other windows are modem one-over-one aluminum with wood frames.The screened porch projects out from the L, to create a rectangular shape, but is recessed under the same roof. There is a round, metal chimney at the peak of the gable, just off the projection.

09 C Cabin Number 9
This is an asymmetrical, one-story, four-bay, wood frame, side-gabled house with a poured concrete foundation and topped with a tar shingle roof. The facade reads paired window, single upper sash window, door, paired window. The windows have all been replaced with six-over-six double-hung sashes set into the historic frames; however the easternmost set of windows seems to have once been a grouping of three since the dimensions of the replacement windows are different from the other historic sets. The entrance retains its original vertical plank door with screen front and projecting wooden awning (PHOTO #8).

10 C Cabin Number 10
This is an asymmetrical, one-story, three-bay, wooden frame, side-gabled house that rests on brick piers with concrete block in-fill and topped by a tar shingle roof. The facade is characterized by its screened porch that obscures its vertical plank door and set of four-light, double-hung sash windows. The exposed facade windows are three-light, double-hung sash windows placed into wooden frames. The rear of the building also has a screened porch given this building a configuration similar to a galleried planters' cottage and not the standardized CCC floor plan (PHOTO #9).

11 C Cabin Number 11
This is an asymmetrical, one-story, two-bay, wooden frame, side-gabled house that rests on a poured concrete foundation and topped by a tar shingle roof. The facade is characterized by its partial screened porch that obscures the entrance. The entrance is tripartite with a centrally located door flanked by eight-over-eight double-hung sash windows all set into wooden frames. The visible bay is characterized by paired three-light, double-hung sash windows set into wooden frames. Similar to Cabin Number 9, this too has more of a regional, planter's cottage floor plan with its front and rear screened porches (PHOTO #10).

12 NC Cabin Number 12
Identical to Cabin Number 8, but reversed plan. This is a one-story, L-shaped, three-bay building with modern vertical wooden siding and a concrete foundation. The facade reads window, door, window. The building has a gable roof with an offset pitch on the north side. The offset projection has sliding windows that are open into the living area. All other windows are modern one-over-one aluminum with wood frames. The screened porch projects out from the L, to create a rectangular shape, but is recessed under the same roof. There is a round, metal chimney at the peak of the gable, just off the projection.

13 NC Cabin Number 13
This is a one-story, U-shaped, six-bay building with modern vertical wooden siding and a concrete foundation. The facade reads window, door, window, window, door, window. The building has a gable roof with an offset pitch on the north side. The offset projection has sliding windows that open into the living area. All other windows are one-over-one aluminum with wood frames. There are two round, metal chimneys at the center of the building, just off the projection. Each of the entrances is a single-leaf wooden door. The screened porch projects out from the U to create a rectangular shape, but is recessed under the same roof.

14 C Park Pavilion
This is an open timber frame structure with a concrete slab floor that is approximately 100' x 100' and is characterized by its timber rafters that support a shed roof covered with tar shingles. The pavilion is well-intact and retains its historic built-in benches on the circumference of the building (PHOTO #11 and 12)

15 C Park Landscape
This is a designed landscape that emphasizes the scenic beauty of the park's terrain. Notable features include clearly planned paved drives that are curvilinear in shape and lead to vistas, lakes, and park service facilities. The general characteristics of the park landscape include a few remaining limestone staircases and paved or dirt trails that do not distract from the natural environment. The CCC strove to make non-intrusive man-made landscapes. Roosevelt State Park is an example of this philosophy. (PHOTO #13)

Statement of Significance

The proposed Roosevelt 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 to 1942. 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." Roosevelt State Park Historic District 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 projects. The effects of this agency on the man-made landscape are overwhelming. 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 analysis on pages 3-5).

The CCC used standardized plans for park layout to created regional interpretations that would blend into the natural surroundings. Roosevelt State Park Historic District was the seventh park in Mississippi created by the CCC. The CCC began working in 1935 and opened the park to the public in April 1940.[1] 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. These changes included the construction of Alfreda Lodge, a hand-hewn log structure that was the focal point of the facilities. The lodge was destroyed by fire in 1978.

All buildings within the district are constructed in the Rustic style and blend nicely into their environment. Although many of the original screened porches have been enclosed, the buildings all retain their basic forms, interior and exterior materials, and sense of place.

Additional Registration Requirements

The registration requirements for listing of Roosevelt State Park Historic District 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 to 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.

[1] Roosevelt State Park, Mississippi Landmarks File, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

Major Bibliographical References

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. Mississippi Landmark File. Scott County, Roosevelt State Park.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. National Register File. State Parks in Mississippi built by the CCC between 1934-1942.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. The National Forests of Mississippi: A Cultural Resources Survey, John Linn Hopkins, preservation consultant.

United States, Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places, Washington DC. Historic Park Landscapes in National and State Parks, Linda Flint McClelland, historian.

Geographical Data

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

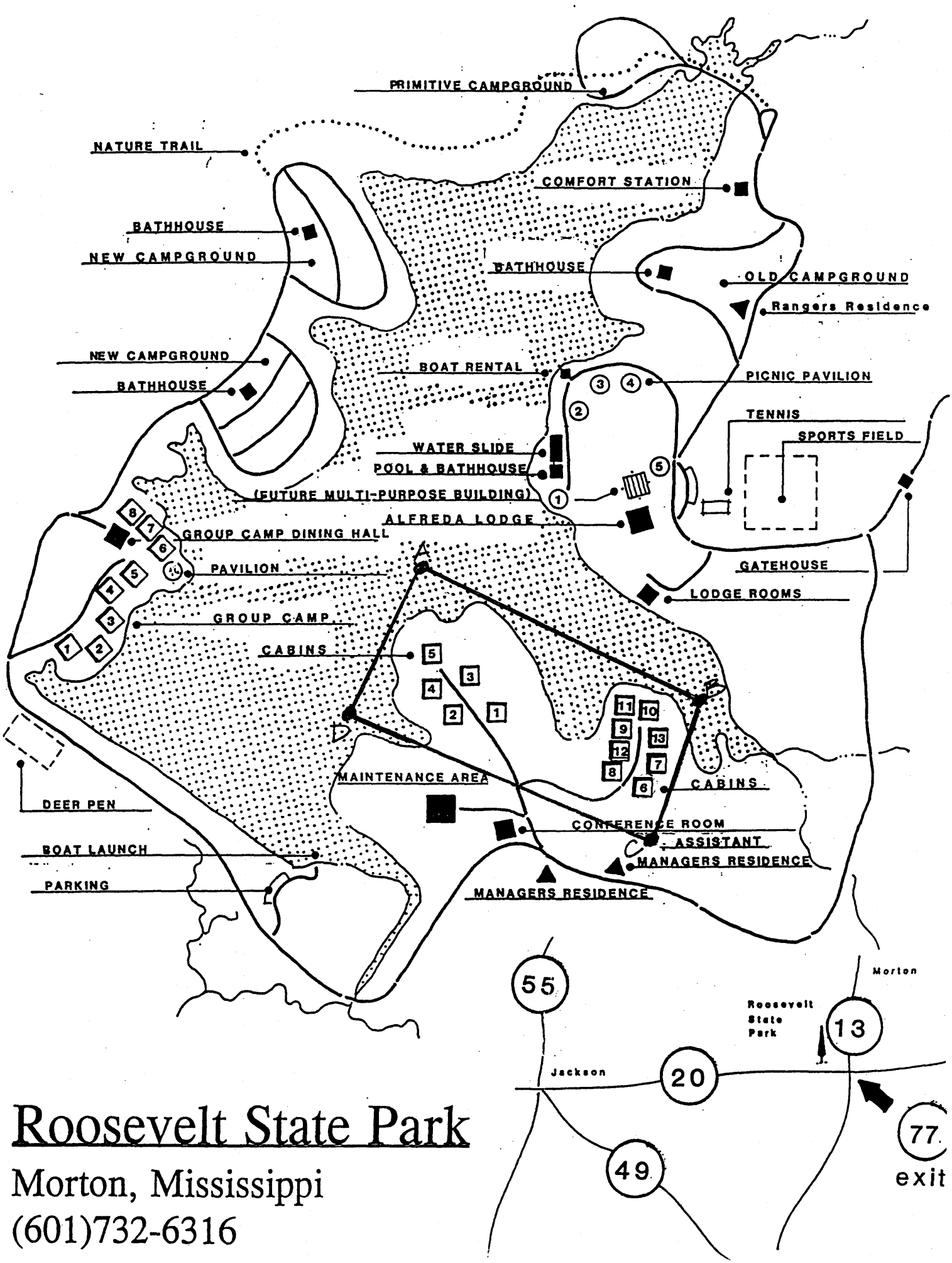
A	16/247600/3578600	B	16/247980/3578400
C	16/247910/3578140	D	16/247490/3578380

Boundary Justification-- The boundary includes the largest intact area of historic resources that were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

Photographs

1. Roosevelt State Park Historic District
2. Scott County, Mississippi
3. Harrison Lea Stamm
4. Spring 1997
5. Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1	View of facade (west) of Cabin One, view to the east
Photo 2	View of facade (west) of Cabin Two, view to the east
Photo 3	View of facade (south) of Cabin Three, view to the north
Photo 4	View of facade (east) of Cabin Four, view to west
Photo 5	Interior view of fireplace in Cabin Four
Photo 6	View of facade (east) of Cabin Five, view to west
Photo 7	View of facade (west) of Cabin Seven, view to east
Photo 8	View of facade (south) of Cabin Nine, view to northeast
Photo 9	View of facade (east) of Cabin Ten, view to west
Photo 10	View of facade (north) of Cabin Eleven, view to south
Photo 11	Picnic Pavilion, view to the east
Photo 12	Picnic Pavilion, view to the north
Photo 13	Landscape features



Roosevelt State Park

Morton, Mississippi

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Rear of facade (west) of Cabin #1, view to east

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View of facade (west) of Cabin #2, view to east
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view of facade (south) of Cabin #3, view to the north
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View of facade (east) of Cabin #4, View to west
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Interior view of fireplace in Cabin #4

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view of facade (east) of Cabin #5, view to west
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view of facade (west) of cabin #7, view to east
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View of facade (south) of Cabin Nine, view to northeast
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view of facade (east) of Cabin #10, view to west
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view of facade (north) of Cabin #11, view to south

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Picnic Pavilion, view to east
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~~Landscape features~~ Picnic Pavilion, view to the north
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