

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

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

2. Location

street & number: Route 2, Box 336-E not for publication ___
city or town: Tupelo vicinity X
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Lee code: 081 zip code: 38801

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 ___ locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul FEB. 10, 1999
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

7

2

buildings

1

sites

structures

objects

8

2

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

roof:

asphalt shingles

walls:

weatherboard

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

1934-1949

Significant Dates

1934, 1938

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: 40 acres

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
A	16	350140	3788920	D	16	350600	3788570
B	16	350560	3788930	E	16	350180	3788540
C	16	350970	3788680				

___ See continuation sheet.

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

name/title:	Deborah Wise Oakley	date:	October 14, 1998
organization:	Mississippi Department of Archives & History	telephone:	(601) 359-6940
street & number:	P.O. Box 571	city or town:	Jackson
city or town:	Jackson	state:	MS
		zip code:	39205-0571

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

street & number:	P.O. Box 451	telephone:	601 362-9212
city or town:	Jackson	state:	MS
		zip code:	39205

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Lee County, Mississippi

Narrative Description

Tombigbee State Park is located southeast of Tupelo, Mississippi off Highway 78 in Lee County. The park consists of approximately 480 acres, of which approximately 40 are included in this nomination. Tombigbee State Park was the second of ten state parks in Mississippi developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC began creating the park on June 1, 1934, and opened the site to the public in 1938. 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 densely wooded, rolling hills. 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 a sense of place.

The park retains its overall historic and architectural integrity. However, the majority of the CCC resources are limited to approximately 40 acres of the park. The other buildings date from the 1970's and 1980's and most are not included in this nomination. The Tombigbee State Park Historic District contains seven buildings and one landscape that contribute to its architectural and historic character. All contributing resources are identified with the notation "C." Two buildings within the district do not contribute since they were not constructed by the CCC. These buildings are identified with the notation "NC."

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DISTRICT INVENTORY

C=CONTRIBUTING ELEMENT; NC=NON-CONTRIBUTING ELEMENT

01 C Cabin #1

c. 1934

One-story, wood-frame cabin, on a stone foundation, with a gabled roof covered in composition shingles. There is a screened-in porch, with a shed roof, centered on the facade (N). The entrance is a single-leaf door, located underneath the porch. West of the door is a six-light window. On either side of the porch are 6/6, double-hung, windows, with wood frames. The building is sided in rough clapboard. The east elevation has two, 6/6 double-hung windows with wood frames. The south elevation has a single-leaf entrance under a shed-roof projection, and two, 6/6 double-hung windows with wood frames. There is also a modern, wooden deck on the south elevation. The west elevation has two, 6/6 double-hung windows with wood frames. A stone chimney rests at the center of the roof ridge.

02 C Cabin #3

c. 1934

Identical to Cabin #1, except without a wood deck.

One-story, wood-frame cabin, on a stone foundation, with a gabled roof covered in composition shingles. There is a screened-in porch, with a shed roof, centered on the facade (N). The entrance is a single-leaf door, located underneath the porch. West of the door is a six-light window. On either side of the porch are 6/6, double-hung, windows, with wood frames. The building is sided in rough clapboard. The east elevation has two, 6/6 double-hung windows with wood frames. The south elevation has a single-leaf entrance under a shed-roof projection, and two, 6/6 double-hung windows with wood frames. The west elevation has two, 6/6 double-hung windows with wood frames. A stone chimney rests at the center of the roof ridge.

03 C Cabin #4

c. 1934

One-story, wood-frame cabin, on a stone foundation, with a side-gabled roof covered in composition shingles. The building is sided with rough clapboard. The south elevation has a centrally located, single-leaf, paneled entrance, protected by a shed roof projection, supported by curved brackets. The entrance is flanked on either side by 6/6, double-hung windows. The east elevation has one, 6/6, double-hung window, and a wooden louvered vent at the apex of the gable end. The north elevation has one, 3/3, and two, 6/6, double-hung windows. All windows are wood framed. The west elevation has a single-leaf, wood, panel door and an outside chimney located under a side-gabled screened-in porch.

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04 C Cabin #5 c. 1934

One-story, wood-frame cabin, on a stone foundation, with a side-gabled roof, covered in composition shingles. The building is sided with rough clapboard. The south elevation reads w/w/w/d/w. All windows are 6/6, double-hung, with wood frames. The door is a single-leaf, vertical panel door, sheltered by a shed-roof projection, supported by curved brackets. The east elevation has one, 6/6, double-hung window with wood frame. There is a side-gabled recessed projection on the east end. One, 3/3, double-hung window on the north facade.

05 C Cabin #6 c. 1934

One-story, wood-frame cabin, on a stone foundation, with a side-gabled roof, covered in composition shingles. The building is sided in rough clapboard. The entrance is a single-leaf, paneled door, centrally located on the north elevation, under a front-facing, open gable supported by brackets. On either side of the entrance are 6/6, double-hung windows. The east elevation has two, 6/6, double-hung windows. There are no openings on the south elevation, but a modern wooden deck wraps around the southwest corner. The west elevation reads w/w/d. The windows are 6/6, double-hung, with wooden frames. The door is single-leaf, paneled, sheltered by a shed roof projection supported by brackets. A stone chimney rests at the center of the roof.

06 C Cabin #7 c. 1934

One-story, wood-frame cabin, on a stone foundation, with a side-gabled roof, covered in composition shingles. The building is sided in rough clapboard. The entrance is a single-leaf, panel door located under a shed-roof, screened porch. West of the porch is a spraddle roof projection with a 6/6, double-hung window in a wooden frame. The east elevation has one 6-light, fixed window with a wooden frame. On the south elevation, a single-leaf, wood panel door is centered, sheltered by a shed-roof projection, supported by brackets. On the right is a 6-light, fixed window. On the left is a 6/6, double-hung window with a wood frame. A modern wood deck wraps around the southeast corner. Outside stone chimney on west elevation, flanked by 6/6, double-hung windows with wood frames.

07 NC Ranger's Residence c. 1980

Modern, aluminum mobile home.

08 NC Gate House c. 1995

One-story, wood-frame building, on a concrete foundation, with a side-gabled roof covered in composition shingles. Modern, aluminum frame windows on all sides. Entrance is a 9-light-and-panel, hollow-core, aluminum door, centrally located on the facade.

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09 C Manager's House c. 1934

One-story, wood-frame house, on a stone foundation, with a side-gabled roof, covered in composition shingles. The west wing of the house is two stories, with a basement/garage on the bottom floor, under a separate side-gabled roof. The north facade has a screened porch, recessed under a spraddle roof with a 6/6, double-hung window and entrance. West of the porch is a front-facing gable projection with three 6/6, double-hung windows. Three stone chimneys rest on the interior of the main roof.

10 C Park Landscape

This is a designed landscape that emphasizes the scenic beauty of the park's terrain. Notable man-made features include wooden steps built into the hillside and several piers on the lake. The CCC strove to make non-obtrusive, man-made landscapes. Tombigbee State Park is an example of this philosophy.

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Statement of Significance

The Tombigbee 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 1949, 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." Tombigbee 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. Tombigbee State Park was the second of ten parks in Mississippi created by the CCC. The CCC began work on June 1, 1934 and the park opened to the public in 1938. 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.

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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Major Bibliographical References

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. Mississippi Landmark File.
Lee County, Tombigbee State Park.

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In Mississippi built by the CCC between 1934-1942.

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

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:

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	350140	3788920	D	16	350600	3788570
B	16	350560	3788930	E	16	350180	3788540
C	16	350970	3788680				

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

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3. Jennifer Baughn
4. October 1998
5. Mississippi Department of Archives and History

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TOMBIGBEE STATE PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT
LEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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Cabin # 3, looking North

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Cabin #4, looking NORTH

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Cabin #5, looking North

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Cabin #6, looking south

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Cabin # 7, looking South

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Gatehouse, looking east

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Manager's Residence, looking South

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