

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 item by marking "x" in the 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 Clear Springs Recreation Area

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number N/A N/A not for publication

city or town Roxie vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Franklin code 37 zip code _____

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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

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.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul OCT. 27, 1998
Signature of commenting official/Title _____ Date _____

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer 10/27/98
State of Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) _____

Name of Property

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
1		sites
2	2	structures
		objects
3	2	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)

Recreation and Culture:Outdoor

Recreation

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and Culture:Outdoor

Recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and early 20th Century

American Movements

Other:Rustic

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Wood:Log

roof Wood:Shingle

other

Narrative Description

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

Name of Property

County and State

F

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)

Architecture

Landscape Architecture

Period of Significance

1935-1937

Significant Dates

N/A

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:

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property 32 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A	1	15	6	9	10	6	5	3	47	8	31	0
B	2	15	6	9	10	6	5	3	47	8	09	0

C	3	15	6	91	6	65	3	47	8	30	0
D	4	15	6	91	6	65	3	47	8	07	5

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

name/title Todd Sanders, Historic Preservation Consultant

organization _____ date June 22, 1998

street & number 404 Douglas Street telephone 601-287-7870

city or town Corinth state MS zip code 38834

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 USDA-USFS MS

street & number 100 W. Capital Street telephone _____

city or town Jackson state MS zip code _____

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Description

The Clear Springs Recreation Area lake was constructed between 1935 and 1937 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The lake which follows the contours of a natural ravine has maintained its original shape up to the present day. About ten years ago the lake was drained and some rotten wooden shoring was replaced with new wooden shoring. At the same time the original spillway was replaced with a conventional drain pipe. The shape and size of the lake was not changed from its original design.

The picnic pavilion at the Clear Springs Recreation Area was constructed in the rustic style between 1935 and 1937. The pavilion is a one-story, T-plan structure constructed of skinned logs. The cross-gable roof has wide over-hanging eaves and is covered with wooden shingles. The stem section of the T-plan is enclosed with horizontal skinned logs without chinking. Located in the end wall is a brick fireplace/barbeque pit. The remainder of the T-plan is open-sided, supported by skinned log posts with corner braces. The gable ends of this part of the structure are open and expose the log trusses. Benches constructed of large wooden slabs are incorporated in the log railings linking the log corner posts.

The gazebo at the Clear Springs Recreation Area was constructed in the rustic style between 1935 and 1937. The gazebo is constructed in the shape of a hexagon. The wooden shingled roof is supported by three pairs of skinned log posts linked by a bench made of a simple wooden slab. The other three sides are open. The roof structure, visible on the interior, is composed of skinned logs.

Also located in the recreation area are two non-contributing Circa 1980 one-story concrete block gable roofed restroom facilities.

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Statement of Significance

The Clear Springs Recreation Area has local and statewide significance under Criterion C in the areas of architecture and landscape architecture. Based on an intensive survey of forest service owned land in Mississippi undertaken by John Hopkins in 1990, the picnic pavilion and gazebo are the most significant of the few surviving Civilian Conservation Corps recreational structures in the rustic style of architecture in the National Forests of Mississippi. Clear Springs lake was constructed by the CCC at the same time as the picnic pavilion and gazebo, and retains its original shape and relationship to the picnic pavilion and gazebo.

The rustic style of architecture used by the CCC and other government agencies during the years of the Great Depression developed to fulfill a wide range of design aesthetics. The primary goal of the designers in creating a structure in this rustic style was to give visitors the illusion that each building was constructed by local artisans using traditional building techniques and native materials such as wood and stone. While most of these structures do indeed use native materials, the design of each building originated from architects and landscape architects working for these various agencies. Another effect of this rustic style of architecture was to provide a form of escape from the harsh reality of daily life during the depression to an idealized past. These simple basic buildings served as a type of visual link to our nation's past and perhaps renewed the faith of Americans in their nation during a time of great national struggle.

The lake is the only landscape element remaining from the original development of the Clear Springs Recreation Area by the CCC. While man-made, Clear Springs Lake was designed to appear as natural as possible by following the contours of the land. The naturalistic lake is a perfect companion to the rustic picnic pavilion and gazebo.

Immediately after land began to be acquired for the National Forests in Mississippi in 1933 what was to become the Homochitto National Forest was established. Between 1935 and 1937, the CCC constructed the Clear Springs Recreation Area in this National Forest. The lake, picnic pavilion and gazebo all remain from the original development of this area by the CCC and as such give a near complete picture of the overall effect desired by the original designers.

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Major Bibliographical References

Historic Resources Inventory Files, Historic Preservation
Division, Mississippi Department of Archives and History,
Jackson

Site visit November 30, 1997, by Todd Sanders, Historic
Preservation Consultant, Corinth, Mississippi

Telephone conversation March 4, 1998, with Joel Dukes,
Archaeologist, Homochitto National Forest

Geographical Data

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

A 15/691065/3478310
B 15/691065/3478090

C 15/691665/3478300
D 15/691665/3478075

Boundary Justification - The boundary includes the entire Clear
Springs Lake and the areas along the shore where the picnic
pavilion and gazebo are located.

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Clear Springs Recreation Area
Franklin County, Mississippi

PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Clear Springs Recreation Area
2. Franklin County, Mississippi
3. Todd Sanders
4. December 1997
5. Mississippi Department of Archives and History

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Photo 2 of 7	View of Picnic Pavilion fireplace, looking northwest
Photo 3 of 7	View of Picnic Pavilion bench, looking southeast
Photo 4 of 7	View of Picnic Pavilion, northeast corner, looking southeast
Photo 5 of 7	View of Gazebo, looking southwest
Photo 6 of 7	View of Gazebo , looking southeast
Photo 7 of 7	View of lake from Gazebo, looking east

NATIONAL FOREST

Clear Springs Recreation Area
Franklin County, Mississippi

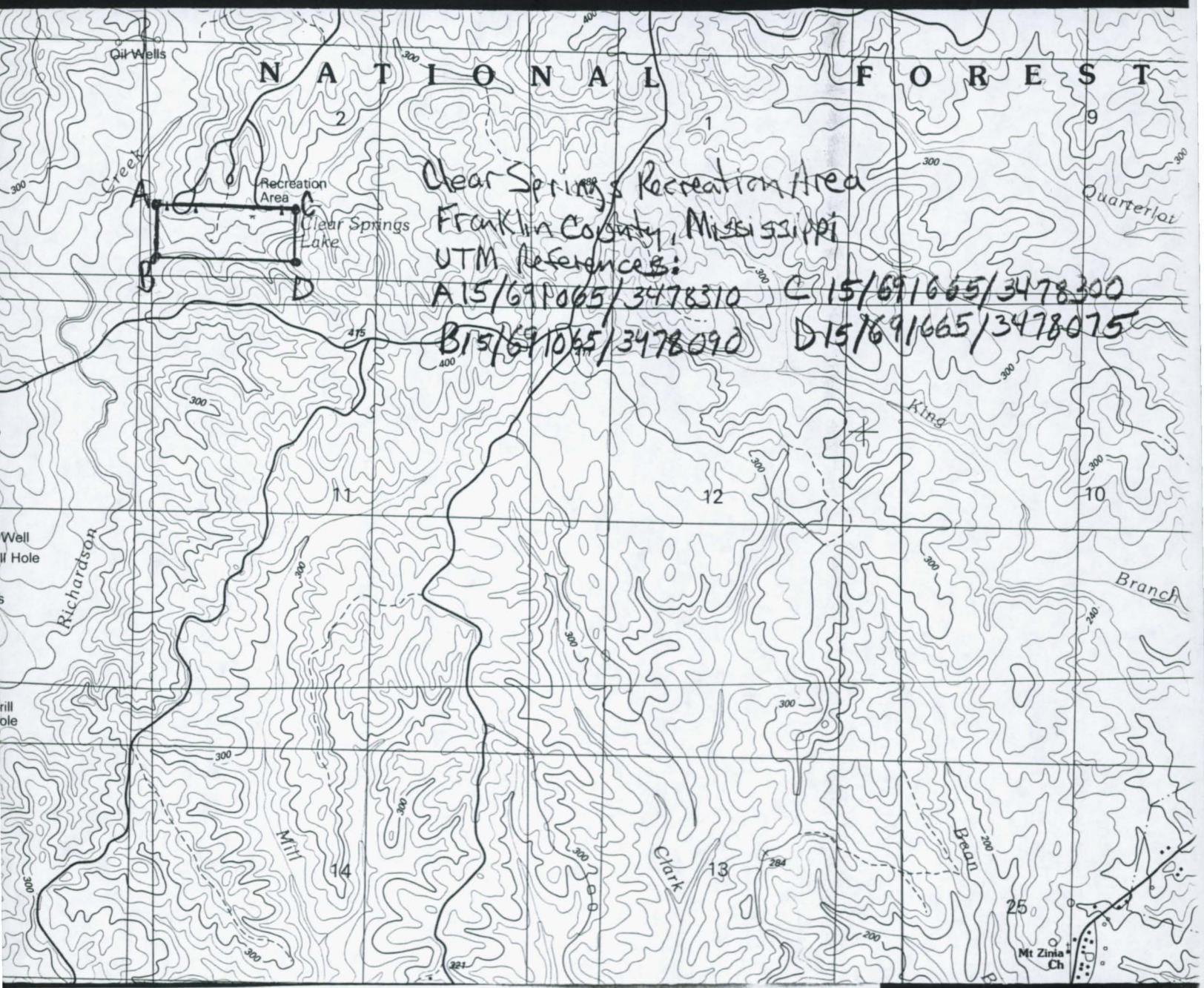
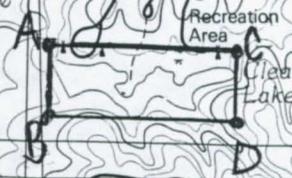
UTM References:

A 15/691065/3478310

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Clear Spring Lake Recreation Area

Franklin County, MS

Todd Sanders

Dec. 1997

Dept. of Archives and History, Jackson, MS

Picnic Pavillion, Southwest corner, looking northeast

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Clear Springs Lake Recreation Area

Franklin County, MS

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Picnic Pavilion, fireplac, looking northwest

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Jackson, MS

Picnic Pavilion, detail of bench
corner, looking southeast

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Clear Springs Lake Recreation Area
Franklin County, MS

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picnic pavilion, Northeast corner, looking
southeast

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Clear Springs Recreation Area
Franklin County
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Gazebo, looking southwest

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Franklin County, MS Area

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Gazebo, looking southeast

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Clear Springs Lake Recreation Area

Franklin County, MS

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View of lake from Gazebo, looking east

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