

1. County Forest
 5. present name Cook Forest State Park
 Indian Cabin District

8. property owners name and address
 PA Department of Environmental Resources
 Bureau of State Parks
 Box 1467
 Harrisburg, PA 17120

9. tax parcel number/other number
 N/A

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)
 PA State Parks
 Survey: 1983

10. U.T.M. Zone easting
 northing
 usgs sheet: Cooksburg

12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building () district (X)

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1933-1935

14. period
 1925-1949

15. style, design or folk type
 Rustic

19. original use
 Family Cabins

20. present use
 Family Cabins

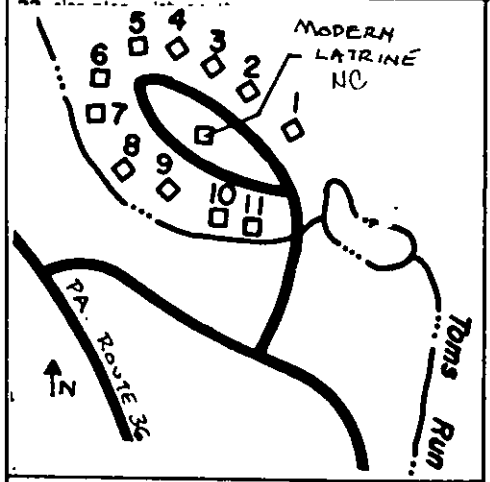
16. architect or engineer
 N/A

17. contractor or builder
 CCC Camps S-100
 and SP-2

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Stone/Wood

21. condition
 good

22. integrity
 good



BLACK AND WHITE PRINT(S)
 3 1/2" x 5" enlargement or medium format contact
 note location of negative in block 24.

2. municipality Farmington Township
 6. other name (historic name if any)
 N/A

24. photo notation
 See accompanying photos.

25. file/location
 N/A

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)
 Cook Forest State Park is an area of 6,422 acres in Clarion and Forest Counties along the Clarion River. Located at Cooksburg, the park contains one of the largest virgin timber stands, white pine and hemlock, in Pennsylvania. Two historic districts, the Indian Cabin District and
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27. history, significance and/or background
 The history of Cook Forest State Park dates to 1828, when John Cook began his lumbering and sawmill operations along Toms Run. Cook's son, Andrew, inherited his father's lands and business in 1857. A. Cook Sons Company continued to operate its sawmill until 1910.
 As early as 1911 the state legislature and the Department of Forestry expressed
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28. source of information
 See No. 9 on National Register nomination form.
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29. prepared by:
 John Milner Assocs.

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date
 10/86

revision(s)

31. county 053 32. style 88

32. construction material 01, 02, 04; 34. roof 01, 03

35. design type _____

36. historic function 160201P 160902P

37. construction feature _____; 38. ext. walls 01, 04 39. plan _____

40. facade width _____ 41. roof material 32 42. stories A 43. depth _____

44. ext. design _____

45. int. design _____

3. street address or specific location
 off PA Route 36 at Cooks-
 bury

4. survey code
 County: 053 Park: 202

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the River Cabin District are proposed for nomination.

The Cook Forest State Park Indian Cabin Historic District is located on Toms Run behind the park office. The district consists of twelve buildings, one of which does not contribute to the character of the district.

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| Cabin No. 1 | (202-22) | Single room, rectangular, gable-roofed log cabin. White cement chinking between logs. Inset "notched" porch with pole roof support. External stone chimney at one gable end. |
| Cabin No. 2 | (202-23) | Similar to Cabin No. 1. |
| Cabin No. 3 | (202-24) | Similar to Cabin No. 1, but lacking a chimney. |
| Cabin No. 4 | (202-25) | Similar to Cabin No. 3. |
| Cabin No. 5 | (202-26) | Single room, rectangular, gable-roofed log cabin. White cement chinking between logs. One eave side of roof extended to form an inset porch supported by log poles. |
| Cabin No. 6 | (202-27) | Similar to Cabin No. 5. |
| Cabin No. 7 | (202-28) | Similar to Cabin No. 5. |
| Cabin No. 8 | (202-20) | Similar to Cabin No. 5. |
| Cabin No. 9 | (202-21) | Similar to Cabin No. 5. |
| Cabin No. 10 | (202-29) | Similar to Cabin No. 5. |
| Cabin No. 11 | (202-30) | Similar to Cabin No. 5. |

The one non-contributing building is a modern latrine/washhouse constructed in 1965.

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interest in acquiring a 6,056 acre tract of Cook land containing one of the state's last virgin stands of eastern white pine and hemlock. The plan lay dormant until the formation of the Cook Forest Association in late 1926. The Association planned to raise the funds required to purchase the tract from the Cooks by means of public subscription.

A. Cook Sons Company demanded \$650,000 for the tract, with the reservation of gas and oil rights. The Cook Forest Association turned to the state legislature for help in raising this sum and, in April 1927, the legislature appropriated \$450,000, contingent upon the Association raising the remaining \$200,000. This goal was accomplished, and in December 1928 the Cook family deeded the property to the Commonwealth.

The park remained undeveloped until the arrival of CCC Camp S-100 in June 1933. This camp initially operated under the auspices of the United States Forest Service, but was transferred to the National Park Service, and renamed Camp SP-2, after Conrad L. Wirth, head of the state park program administered by the National Park Service protested to Emergency Conservation Work (ECW) Director Robert Fechner that the Forest Service personnel constructing recreational facilities in the park, work reserved for the camps under Park Service control. Camp SP-2 operated in the park from October 1933 to the end of September 1935.

The Cook Forest State Park Indian Cabin Historic District appears to meet Criteria A and C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is associated with the Emergency Conservation Work performed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, one of the most important of the federal relief efforts initiated under the New Deal, an exceptionally significant development in the twentieth century history of the United States. These buildings and structures also exemplify the rustic style of architecture espoused by the National Park Service. This style and philosophy have come to characterize most national and state parks in the United States.

More specifically, the Cook Forest State Park River Cabin Historic District is significant in the following areas:

Indian?

Architecture/Landscape Architecture:

The buildings and structures epitomize the rustic style and philosophy of architecture espoused by the National Park Service. Rustic buildings and structures are designed to blend with the natural environment. They make use of local, natural materials and

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represent a perceived notion of pioneer American architecture. Buildings are placed on the landscape so as not to detract from the natural environment.

Conservation/Recreation:

These buildings and structures have been used as recreational facilities for approximately fifty years. They represent the results of a massive federal effort to construct and improve outdoor recreational facilities across the United States.

Politics/Government:

These buildings and structures were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), one of the most important federal relief programs created under Roosevelt's New Deal. They are thus representative of the federal building programs that constituted one of the major developments of the Depression Era. Built on state-owned property, they also represent an unprecedented cooperation between state and federal government.

Social/Humanitarian:

These buildings and structures constitute a massive humanitarian program initiated by the federal government during the depths of the Depression. The construction of these buildings employed thousands of jobless young men, many of whom were homeless before they joined the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Boundary Information

Beginning at a point at the southeast corner of PA Route 36 and the cabin area access road, thence in an easterly direction along the south side of the access road approximately 600 feet to a point. Thence north approximately 500 feet to a point. Thence west approximately 500 feet to a point. Thence south approximately 600 feet to the starting point. These boundaries contain all of the resources associated with the Cook Forest State Park Indian Cabin Historic District.

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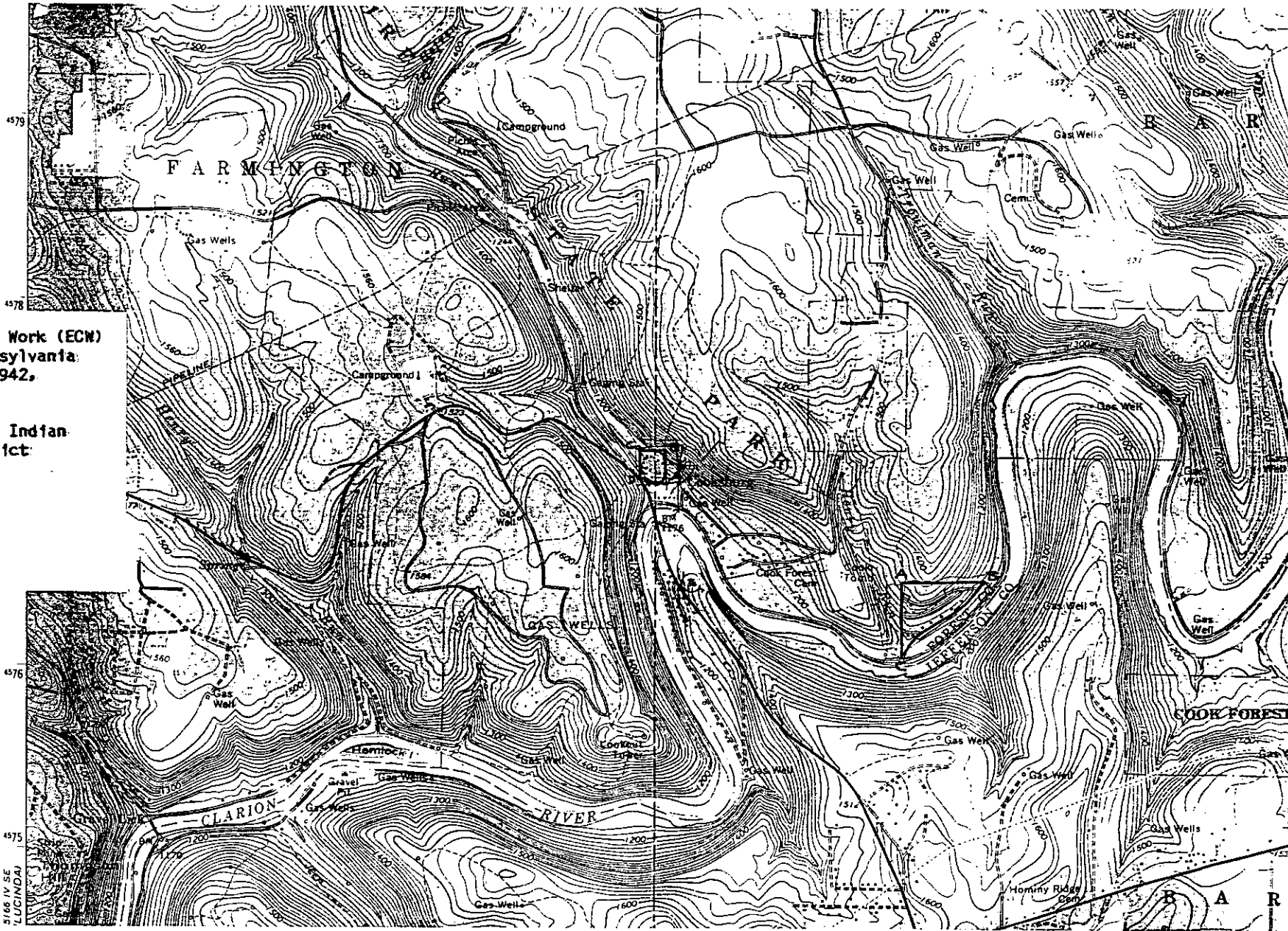
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UTM Coordinates: Zone 17
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Emergency Conservation Work (ECW)
Architecture in Pennsylvania
State Parks: 1933-1942.
Thematic Resources

Cook Forest State Park Indian
Cabin Historic District

Forest County

Zone 17

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