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National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Cedar Falls Trail Historic District

other name/site number: CN0130

2. Location

street & number: Adjacent to Main State Park Access Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Winrock

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Conway code: AR 029 zip code: 72025

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-state

Category of Property: District

Number of Resources within Property:

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| _____ | _____ | buildings |
| _____ | _____ | sites |
| <u>12</u> | _____ | structures |
| _____ | _____ | objects |
| <u>12</u> | <u>0</u> | Total |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942

4. 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

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

N/A

Other Description: Rustic

Materials: foundation Stone roof N/A
walls Stone other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

SOCIAL HISTORY

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

Period(s) of Significance: 1935-42

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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X 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 -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Approximately 17

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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|---|-----------|---------------|----------------|---|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| A | <u>15</u> | <u>505600</u> | <u>3885790</u> | B | <u>15</u> | <u>505590</u> | <u>3885710</u> |
| C | <u>15</u> | <u>505290</u> | <u>3885710</u> | D | <u>15</u> | <u>505030</u> | <u>3885860</u> |
| E | <u>15</u> | <u>505040</u> | <u>3885940</u> | | | | |

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

The boundary for this district begins at the beginning of the present-day Cedar Falls Trail (a point located approximately 75 feet southwest of the southwesternmost elevation of Mather Lodge); the boundary extends 100 feet to either side of this point along a line running perpendicular to the trail itself; thence the boundary proceeds westerly, running parallel to the trail on both sides at a distance of 100 feet from the trail's centerline, continuing until its intersection with Cedar Creek; thence the northern boundary crosses the creek, while the southern boundary remains on the eastern side of the creek, and both boundaries turn and proceed southerly along Cedar Creek, running parallel to the banks of the creek and each boundary located one hundred feet from the center of the creek bed, to the point at which both boundaries intersect with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation of Footbridge #3, which line forms the western boundary of the district.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes both all of the historic resources for which the district has been considered significant and an associated portion of the surrounding landscape to either side of the historic trailbed.

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Cedar Falls Trail District

The Cedar Falls Trail Historic District includes three footbridges and nine sets of stone steps. The steps and bridges are included in one district because they were all specifically created to form the Cedar Falls Trail.

Steps #1 c. 1935

The first set of steps has been formed by stone slabs that are approximately four feet wide. The steps stretch for approximately twenty feet.

Steps #2 c. 1935

This set of steps has been carved into a rock at a switchback in the trail.

Steps #3 c. 1935

Steps #3 is a set of steps of masonry-laid stone slabs at a trail switchback.

Steps #4, #5, #6, #7, #9 c. 1935

These five sets of steps are all dry-laid stones located at switchbacks in the trail.

Steps #8 c. 1935

This set of steps is carved out of a large boulder.

Footbridge #1 c. 1935

This bridge consists of a single stone slab, approximately six feet long, that spans a runoff ditch that empties into Cedar Creek to the south.

Footbridge #2 c. 1935

Footbridge #2 is a single stone slab that is approximately four feet long and one foot tall.

Footbridge #3 c. 1935

This bridge originally consisted of a single slab of stone that spanned a small runoff ditch. The stone is now broken in half.

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The land that would comprise Petit Jean State Park was donated to the State of Arkansas in the mid-1920's by individual landowners and sympathetic lumbering concerns as the first step in the formation of a state parks system. The top of Petit Jean Mountain had already been recognized for its scenic splendor, and for its geological wealth and diversity, and so seemed a particularly worthy site. The initial plan of these citizens was to turn the entire site over to the federal government for the establishment of a national park; however, after considerable study, National Park Service officials determined that Petit Jean Mountain was not a unique natural resource when evaluated on a national basis, and thus declined to assume ownership. Yet these same officials strongly encouraged the state to preserve and maintain the site as an important representation of Arkansas's natural heritage, and in 1923, the Arkansas Legislature passed Act 276 authorizing the Commissioner of State Lands to accept land donations for state parks and reservations. Thus began the Arkansas State Parks system, with Petit Jean State Park as its flagship.

The historic Cedar Falls Trail was constructed c. 1935 by the men of the 1781st Company of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Arkansas District, stationed at Morrilton, Arkansas as a recreational hiking trail providing access to Cedar Creek from the plateau atop Petit Jean Mountain. The trail was constructed by the CCC as part of the overall plan to develop this part of the mountain as a public park to be administered by the state of Arkansas.

The series of stone steps and footbridges included within this district comprise the most intact such collection of landscape features installed for the creation of a recreational trail within Petit Jean State Park, and all were constructed by the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Thus the Cedar Falls Trail Historic District is eligible under Criterion A for its associations with both the Civilian Conservation Corps' importance within Arkansas social history and its role in the development of outdoor parks dedicated to public leisure and recreational activities. It is also eligible under Criterion C due to its status as a representative and intact example of the Rustic style of architecture that was made popular nationwide by the CCC, and which has since become virtually identified with it.

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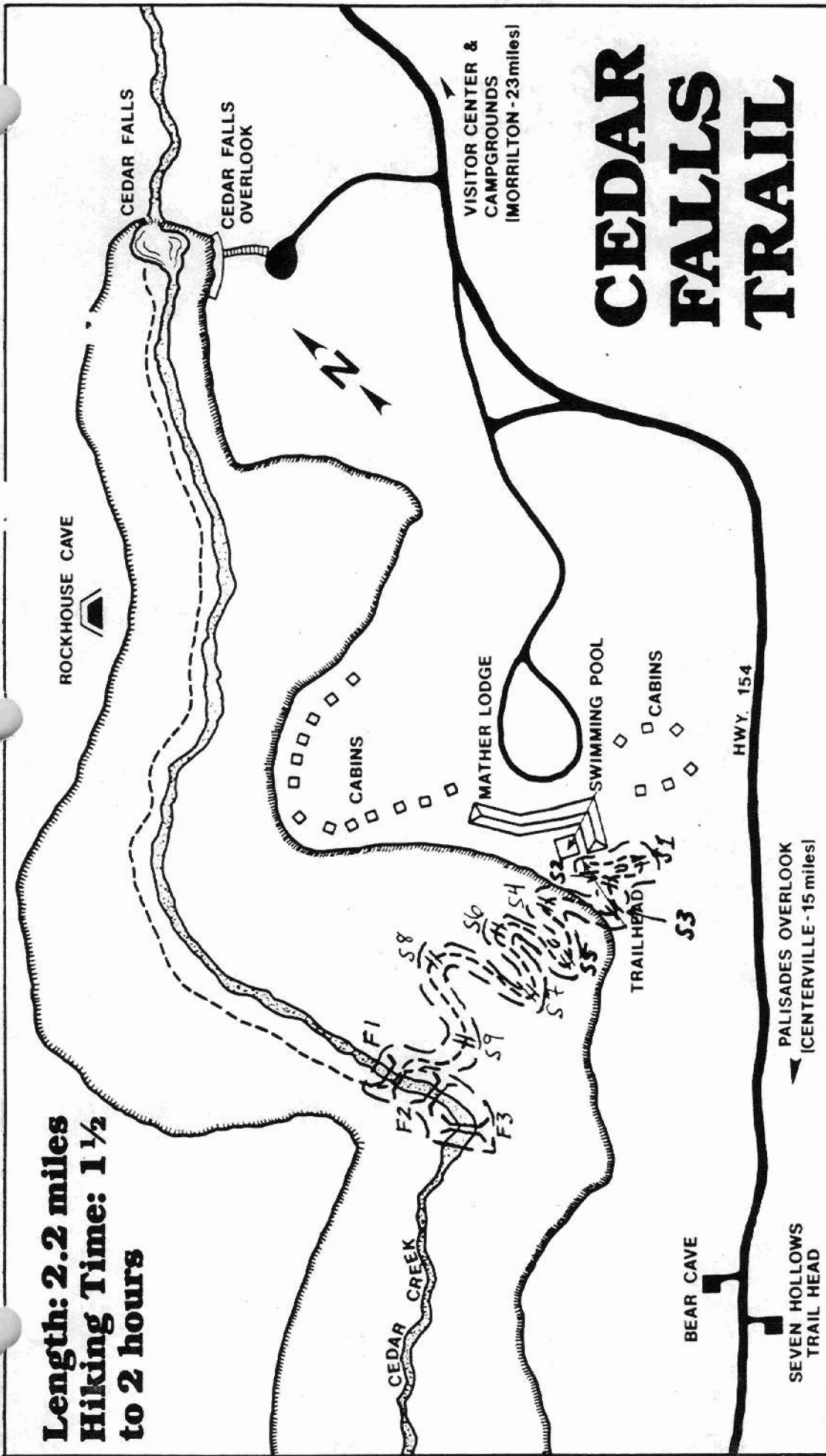
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See "Recreational Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942," Section H.

Length: 2.2 miles
Hiking Time: 1 1/2
to 2 hours

CEDAR FALLS TRAIL




Cedar Falls Trail Historic District

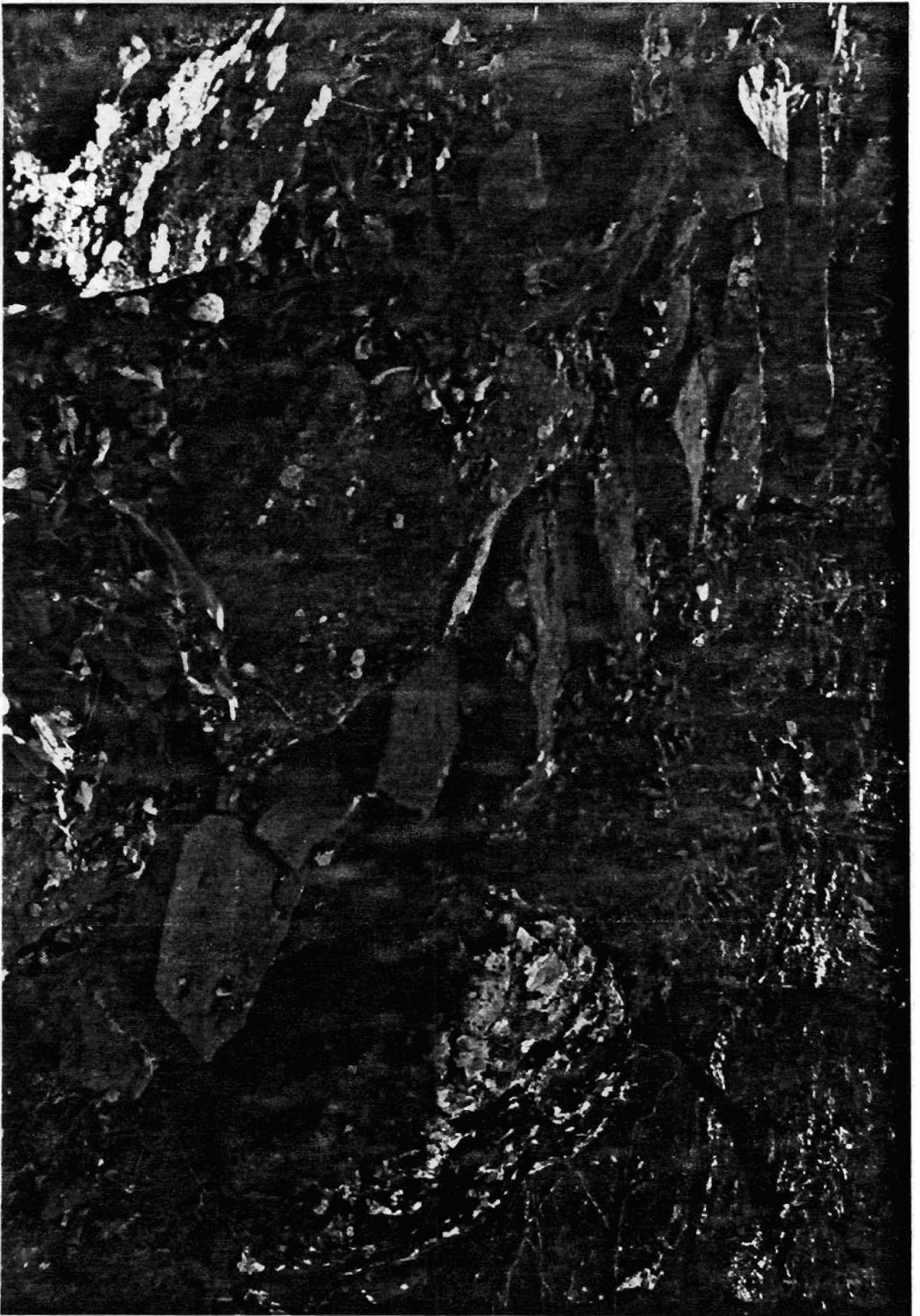
Winrock vic., Arkansas

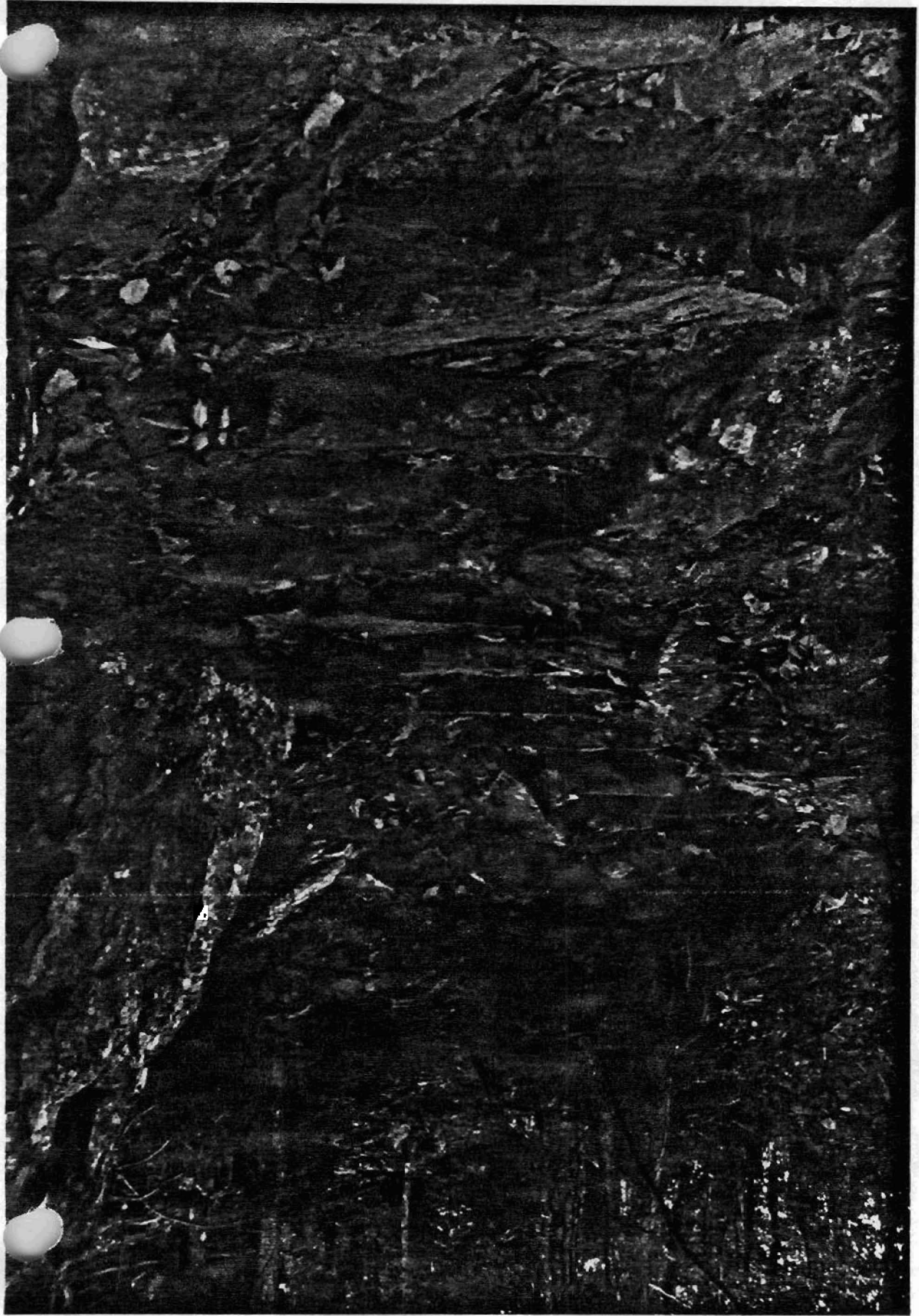
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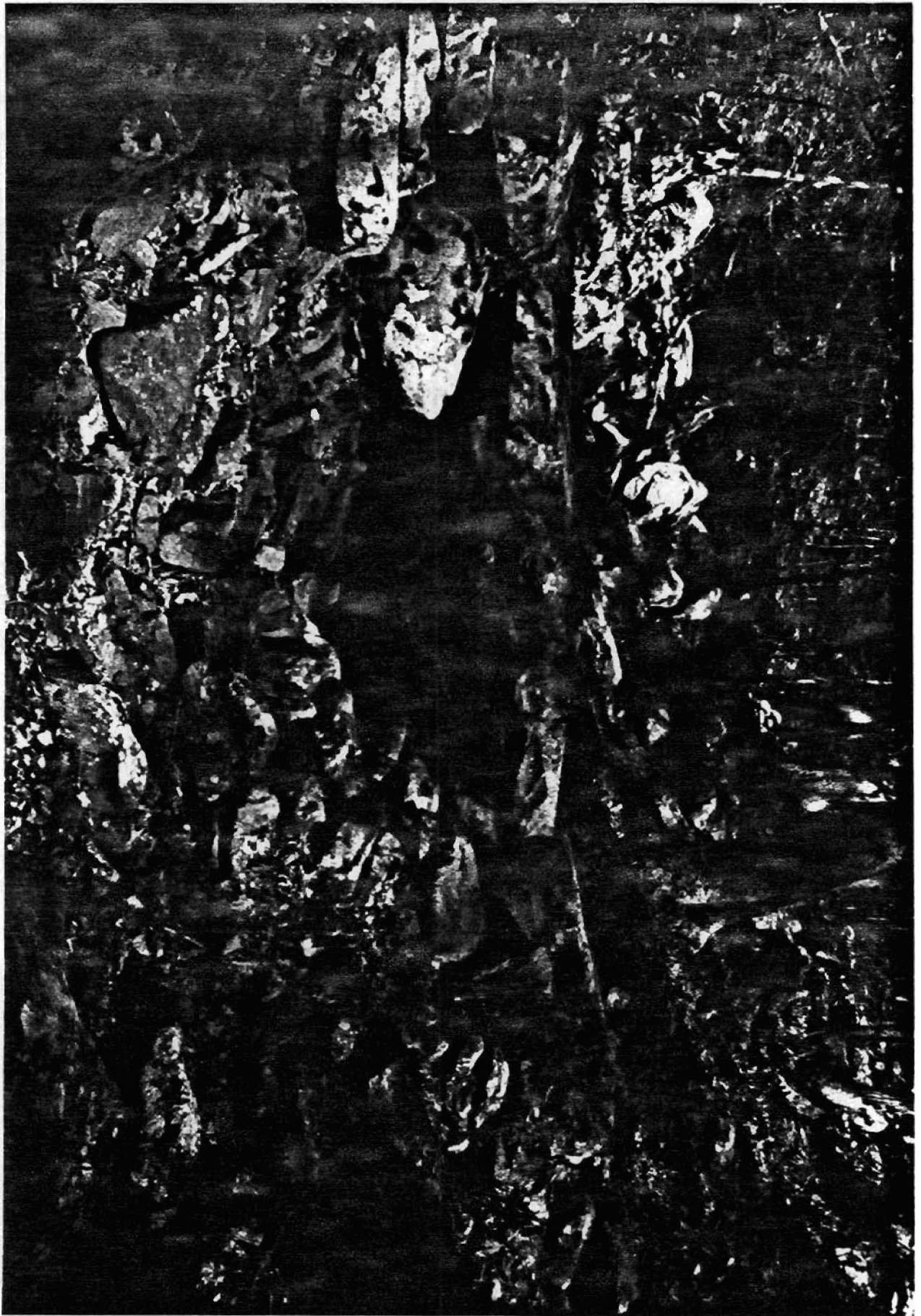
Steps (S): =

Footbridge (F): 









CEDAR FALLS TRAIL HISTORIC DISTRICT

| <i>RESOURCENO</i> | <i>HISTNAME</i> | <i>CONTRIBUTING</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CN0130 | CEDAR FALLS TRAIL HISTORIC DISTRICT | I |
| CN0129 | FOOTBRIDGE # 1 | C |
| CN0131 | FOOTBRIDGE # 2 | C |
| CN0132 | FOOTBRIDGE # 3 | C |
| CN0119 | STEPS # 1 | C |
| CN0120 | STEPS # 2 | C |
| CN0121 | STEPS # 3 | C |
| CN0122 | STEPS # 4 | C |
| CN0123 | STEPS # 5 | C |
| CN0124 | STEPS # 6 | C |
| CN0125 | STEPS # 7 | C |
| CN0126 | STEPS # 8 | C |
| CN0128 | STEPS # 9 | C |