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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Comfort Station

other name/site number: GE0039

2. Location

street & number: Crowley's Ridge State Park Campground and Cabin Area
Access Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Walcott

vicinity: X

state: AR

county: Greene

code: AR 055

zip code: 72474

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-state

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</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 Resort

Materials: foundation Stone roof SYNTHETIC/Fiberglass
walls Wood logs 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: SOCIAL HISTORY
ARCHITECTURE
ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

Period(s) of Significance: 1935-1942

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.

This boundary includes both the historic structure and a representative amount of the surrounding property historically-associated therewith, including its principal pedestrian approaches.

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The land that would comprise Crowley's Ridge State Park was acquired by the Arkansas State Parks Commission c. 1933 as part of its on-going efforts to add new recreational areas to the Arkansas State Parks system that had began in 1923 with the acquisition of the land that would form Petit Jean State Park. This property on the forested, hilly natural feature known as Crowley's Ridge (which extends from the Missouri border due south through eastern Arkansas to its termination in Helena, Arkansas) was acquired for development as a state park due to its remote, rural quality that enhanced the property's recreation and leisure potential.

The Comfort Station was constructed c. 1935 at Crowley's Ridge State Park by the men of the 4733rd Company of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Arkansas District, stationed at Walcott, Arkansas as a sanitary latrine structure for the use of the staff and visitors to the park. This structure was constructed by the CCC as part of the overall plan to develop this site as a public park to be administered by the state of Arkansas.

This latrine structure was constructed at Crowley's Ridge State Park by the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps for the purpose of providing a sanitary and private outdoor lavatory for the comfort and convenience of visitors to the park. Thus the Comfort Station 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.



