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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: Crystal Springs Dam

other name/site number: MN 0032

2. Location

street & number: Forest Service Road 177; east of State Route #27

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Norman

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Montgomery

code: AR 097

zip code: 71960

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
<u>1</u>	_____	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 CCC in Arkansas, 1933-42

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. ___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ___ 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): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

Current : Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Other: Rustic Architecture

Other Description: _____

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

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

8. Statement of Significance

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: c.1939

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.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

___ 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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Approximately one-and-one-half

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>441450</u>	<u>3815270</u>	B	___	_____	_____
C	___	_____	_____	D	___	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of the Forest Service Road #177 located approximately 15,400 feet east of its intersection with State Highway #27, proceed southerly along a line running parallel with the dam's western elevation for a distance of 300 feet; thence proceed easterly along a line running perpendicular to the dam structure itself for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a line running parallel with the dam's eastern elevation for a distance of 300 feet to its intersection with the southern edge of Forest Service Road #177; thence proceed westerly along said edge for a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource, including the principal approach to the dam from the road and recreation area, and the property immediately surrounding it that forms its physical setting.

11. Form Prepared By

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Description:

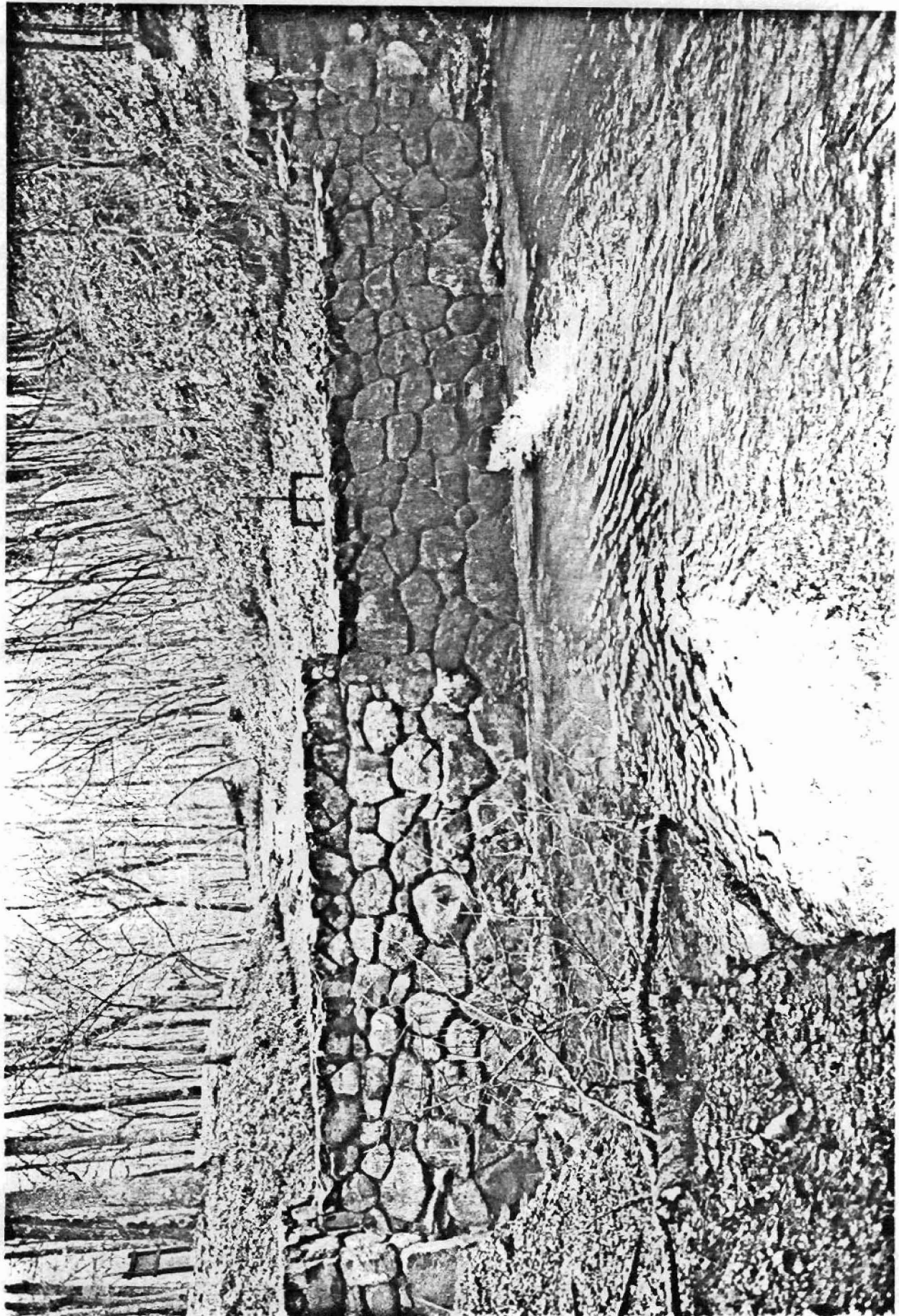
The Crystal Springs Dam is located along Forest Service Road No. 177 off Arkansas Highway 27 in Montgomery County. This two tier dam is constructed of field stone and is across the lower end of Collier Creek. The dam is approx. 30 ft in length and roughly 18 inches wide. In the center of the dam there is a shut-off valve connected to a drain pipe which runs through the dam. The valve controls the amount of water held above the dam for use in the recreation area.

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The Crystal Springs Dam was constructed circa 1935 by members of the 741st Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Crystal Springs Camp that was located close nearby. It was constructed as part of a small, public recreational complex within the Ouachita National Forest (ONF) as a result of the CCC's emphasis upon recreational construction that began in earnest circa 1935. The extant historic structures within this complex include only this dam and a camp shelter (nominated separately), both of which allowed the area to function purely as a swimming and picnicking facility, as it continues to do today. As such, the Crystal Springs Dam remains significant through its associations with the contributions to American social history made by the Civilian Conservation Corps, its associations with the emphasis upon outdoor recreation that guided such construction, and its status as an excellent example of CCC recreational architecture in a remarkable state of preservation.



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Crystal Springs Dam (MN0032)
Crystal Springs Camp Shelter (MN0033)
Norman vic., Arkansas
Montgomery County
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MN0033: 15/441400/3815300
Norman Quadrangle
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