

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Shady Lake Bathhouse

other name/site number: PL 0102

2. Location

street & number: County Road #64

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Athens

vicinity: X

state: AR

county: Polk

code: AR 113

zip code: 71971

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Building(s)

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 CCC in Arkansas, 1933-42

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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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

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5. National Park Service Certification
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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

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: Recreation and Culture

Sub: Outdoor Recreation

Current : Recreation and Culture

Sub: Outdoor Recreation

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other: Rustic Architecture

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Asphalt
walls Wood/Weatherboard other _____
Wood/Logs

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: c.1940 _____

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: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>405200</u>	<u>3802500</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of County Road #64 located approximately 900 feet west of its intersection with County Road 607, proceed southerly along a line running parallel with the bathhouse's eastern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed westerly along a line running parallel with the bathhouse's southern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a line running parallel with the bathhouse's western elevation for a distance of 200 feet to its intersection with the southern edge of County Road #64; thence proceed easterly along said edge to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource, including the bathhouse itself, its principal approach from the road, and the land immediately surrounding it that forms its historic setting.

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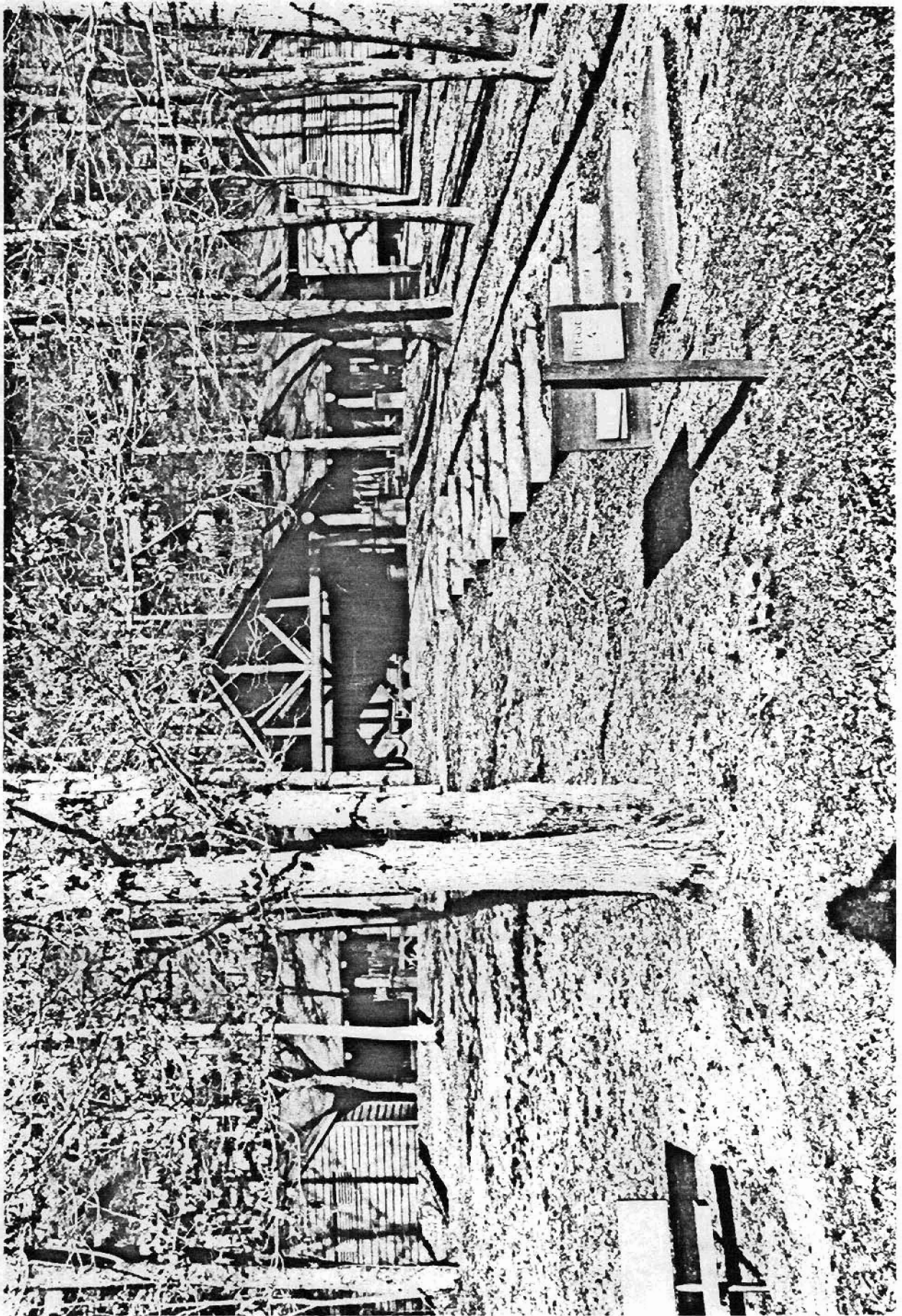
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Description:

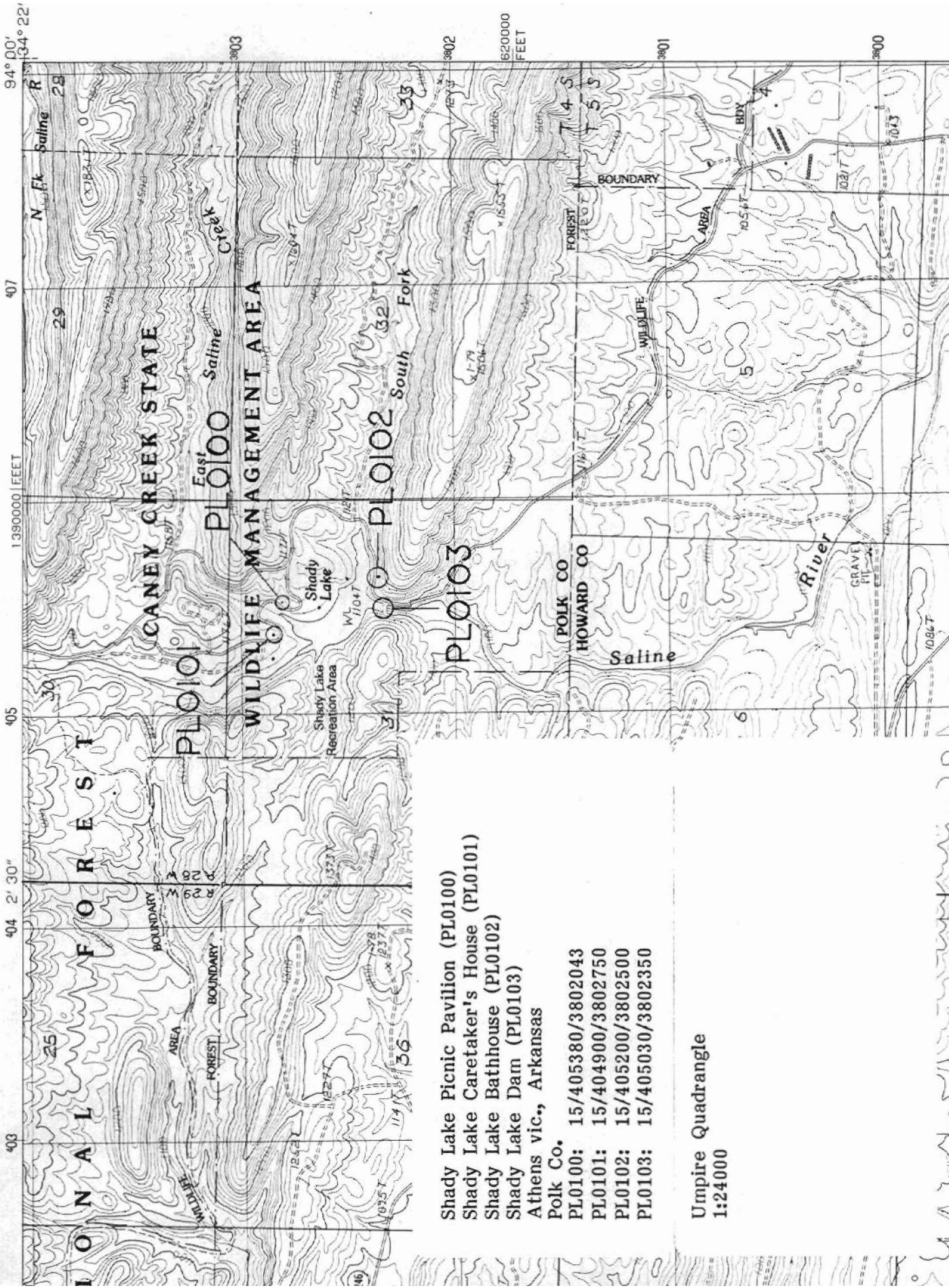
The Shady Lake Recreation Area is located on Forest Service Road No. 38 in Polk County. A unique structure at the recreation area is the bathhouse. The bathhouse is an irregularly-shaped single story structure constructed of logs and novelty siding, resting upon a continuous concrete block foundation. The structure is constructed in three sections which are connected with short covered walkways. Each of the end buildings are used as male and female changing rooms. The middle section serves as a concession and picnic area. The restrooms have louvered windows and the rear of the middle section has six-over-six windows. Each section of the structure has a gable roofcovered with composition shingles.

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The Shady Lake Bathhouse was constructed circa 1940 by members of the 742nd Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Mena Camp that was located approximately eight miles to the northeast, near the small town of Shady. 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 this bathhouse, a picnic pavillion, a caretaker's house, and a dam (each of which is nominated separately), all of which allowed the area to function purely as a swimming and picnicking facility, as it continues to do today. As such, the Shady Lake Bathhouse 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.



UMPIRE QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



- Shady Lake Picnic Pavilion (PL0100)
- Shady Lake Caretaker's House (PL0101)
- Shady Lake Bathhouse (PL0102)
- Shady Lake Dam (PL0103)
- Athens vic., Arkansas
- Polk Co.
- PL0100: 15/405380/3802043
- PL0101: 15/404900/3802750
- PL0102: 15/405200/3802500
- PL0103: 15/405030/3802350

Umpire Quadrangle
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