

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Shady Lake Dam

other name/site number: PL 0103

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not for publication: N/A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> </u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u> </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: Plain Traditional

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Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Concrete roof N/A
walls Concrete 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

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Social History
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.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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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: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>405030</u>	<u>3802350</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the western edge of County Road #64 located approximately 1,250 feet west of its intersection with County Road #607 proceed westerly along a line running parallel with the dam's northern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed southerly along a line running perpendicular with the dam's principal direction for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed easterly along a line running parallel with the dam's southern elevation for a distance of 200 feet to its intersection with the western edge of County Road #64; thence proceed northerly 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 dam itself and the flanking rock walls that help to contain the lake.

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Description:

The Shady Lake Dam is located along Forest Service Road No. 38 in Polk County. The dam is constructed of cast concrete and extends across the Saline River. The dam is approximate 130 ft. across and approximately 40 ft. tall. The dam is situated between two rock walls which form the river bank and holds the water to form Shady Lake.

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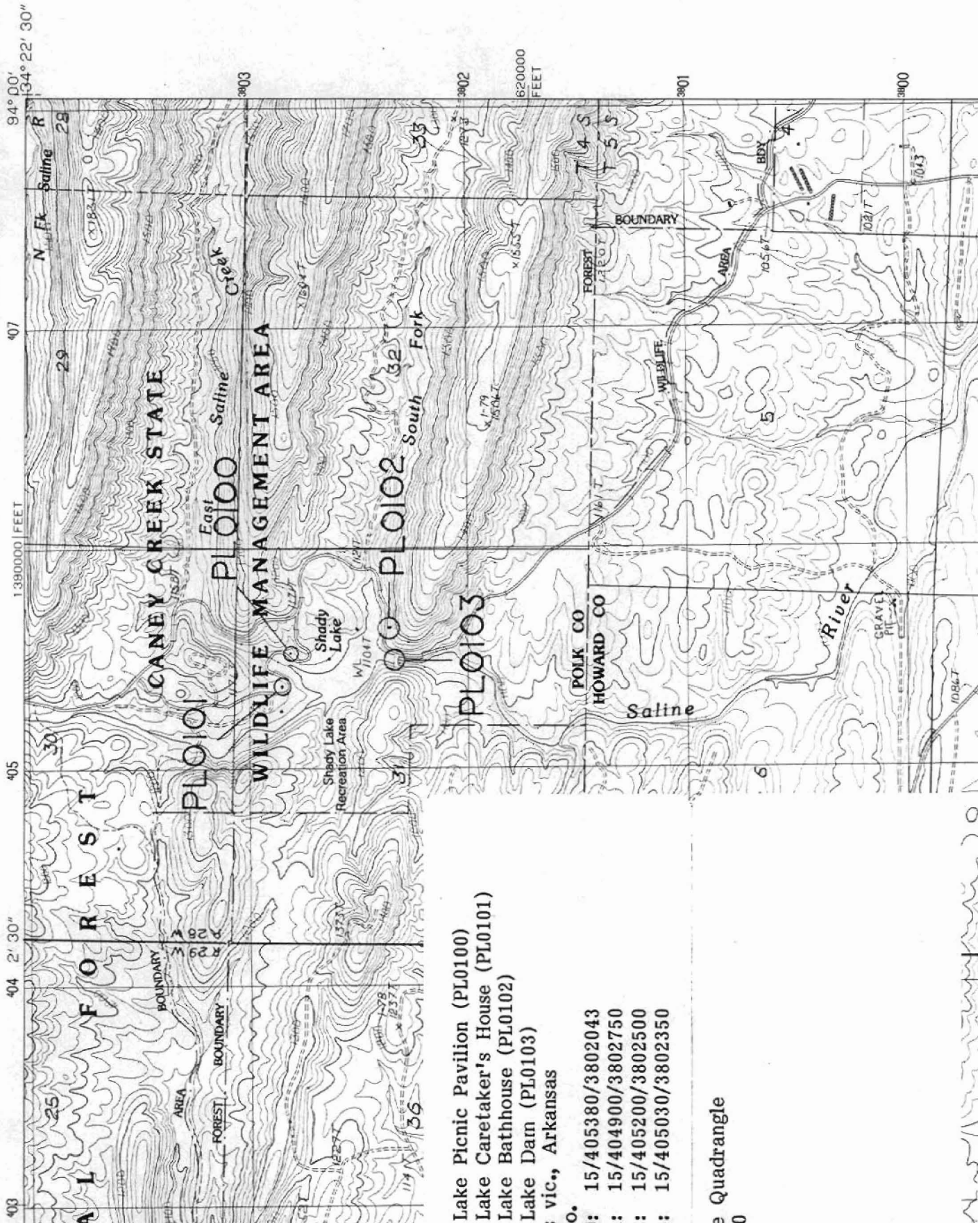
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The Shady Lake Dam was constructed circa 1940 by members of the 742nd Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Mena Camp that was located approximately eight miles to the northeast, near the small town of Shady. It was constructed as part 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 dam, a bathhouse, a picnic pavillion, and a caretaker's house (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 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.



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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