

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Charlton Spillway/Dam

other name/site number: GA 0002

2. Location

street & number: North of U.S. Route 270

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Crystal Springs

vicinity: X

state: AR

county: Garland

code: AR 051

zip code: 71938

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

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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: WPA Rustic Architecture

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Other Description: _____

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: Social History
Entertainment/Recreation
Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: c.1938 _____

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>465000</u>	<u>3819400</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the western edge of the eastern loop of the associated dirt access road located 1,500 feet north of its intersection with U.S. Route 270, 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 to the dam's principal elevation 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 the associated dirt access road; 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, the stone steps and retaining walls constructed as part of the dam, and the land immediately surrounding the dam that forms its historic setting.

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Description:

The Charlton Spillway/Dam is located in the Charlton Recreation Area along U.S. Hwy. 270 east of Mt. Ida, Arkansas. The spillway/dam is built across Walnut Creek just north of the point where Murphey Creek runs into Walnut Creek. This dam controls the level of the swimming area of the Charlton Recreation Area. The dam is situated to the north end of the pool with the spillway facing northward. The dam is made of stone and is roughly 75 to 100 ft in length. The crest of the dam has ten outlets inset along the center of the dam. These outlets provide the overflow over the spillway from the pool. The water level is controlled by a drain set in the dam with the drain pipe exiting the dam to the eastern side of the dam. The spillway itself is a gentle slope of about a 50% decline. On either side of the dam there are impressive sets of stone steps. The steps cover the footings of the dam on either bank. The steps on the eastern edge of the dam lead to a small amphitheater and the steps on the western end are part of a pathway around the swimming area. The dam was designed with the top portion relatively flat so that it may be used as a footbridge. The water outlets are spaced in a manner so that they are easy to step across.

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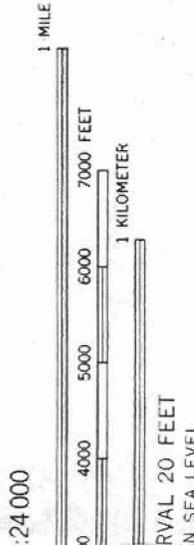
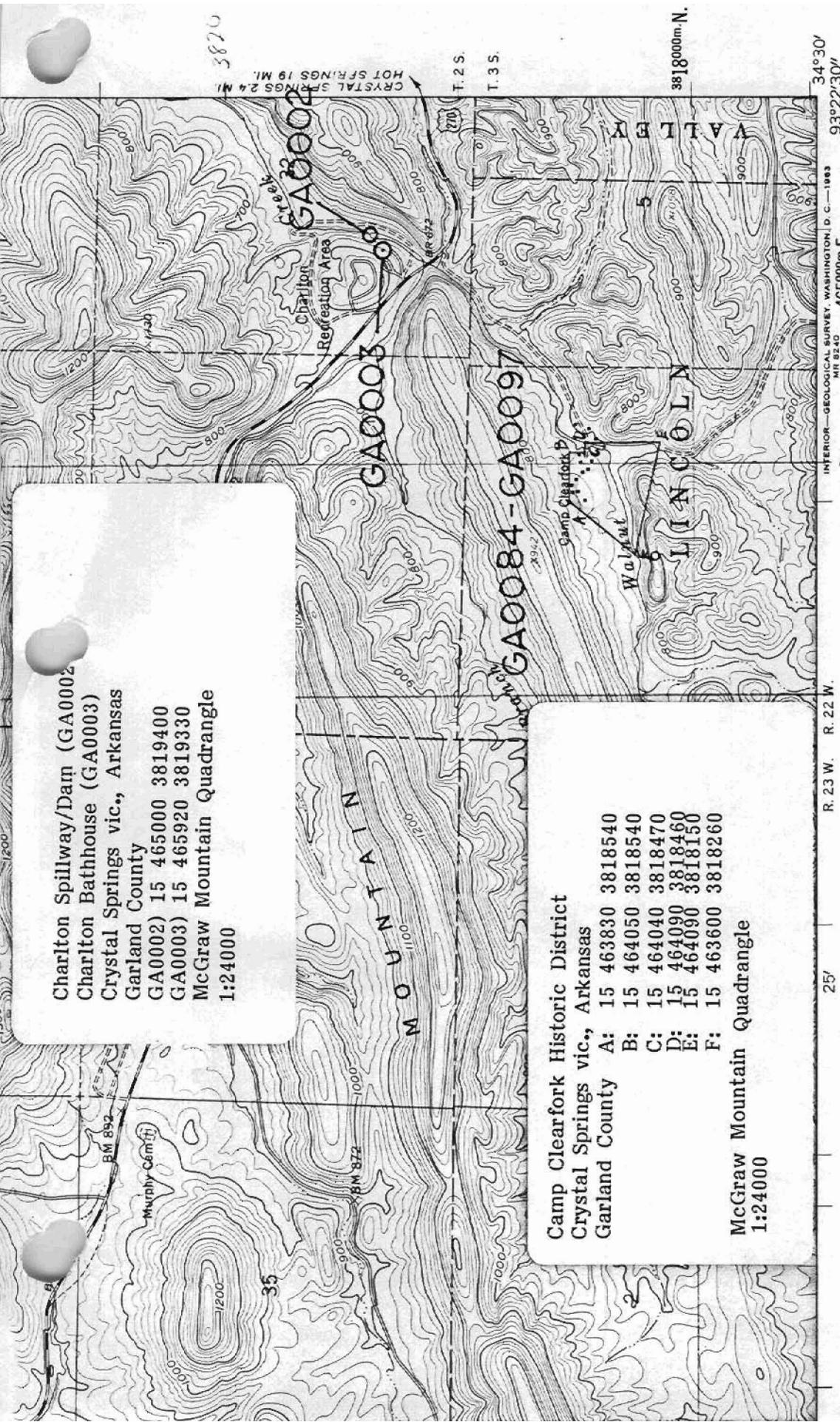
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The Charlton Spillway/Dam was constructed circa 1938 by members of the 741st Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Crystal Springs Camp that was located close nearby. It was constructed as part of a small, public recreational complex within the Ouachita National Forest (ONF) as part of the CCC's emphasis upon recreational construction that began in earnest circa 1935. The extant historic structures within this complex include only this spillway/dam and a bathhouse (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 Charlton Spillway/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.

Charlton Spillway/Dam (GA0002)
 Charlton Bathhouse (GA0003)
 Crystal Springs vic., Arkansas
 Garland County
 GA0002) 15 465000 3819400
 GA0003) 15 465920 3819330
 McGraw Mountain Quadrangle
 1:24000

Camp Clearfork Historic District
 Crystal Springs vic., Arkansas
 Garland County A: 15 463830 3818540
 B: 15 464050 3818540
 C: 15 464040 3818470
 D: 15 464090 3818460
 E: 15 464090 3818150
 F: 15 463600 3818260
 McGraw Mountain Quadrangle
 1:24000



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———
 Unimproved dirt - - - - -
 U.S. Route



MC GRAW MOUNTAIN, ARK.
 N 3430—W9322.5/7.5
 1962

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