

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Bard Springs Dam #2

other name/site number: PL 0090B

2. Location

street & number: Forest Service Road 106

not for publication: N/A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: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> </u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> 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 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
Architecture
Entertainment/Recreation

Period(s) of Significance: c.1936 _____

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>407160</u>	<u>3805740</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point located approximately 200 feet south of a point on the southern edge of Forest Service Road #106 located approximately 3,000 feet southeast of Bench Mark 1323.3, proceed easterly along a line running parallel to the dam's northern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed southerly along a line running perpendicular to the dam's principal direction for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed westerly along a line running parallel with the dam's southern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a line running perpendicular to the dam's principal direction 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 steps leading to the dam at either end and the site immediately surrounding the dam.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Description:

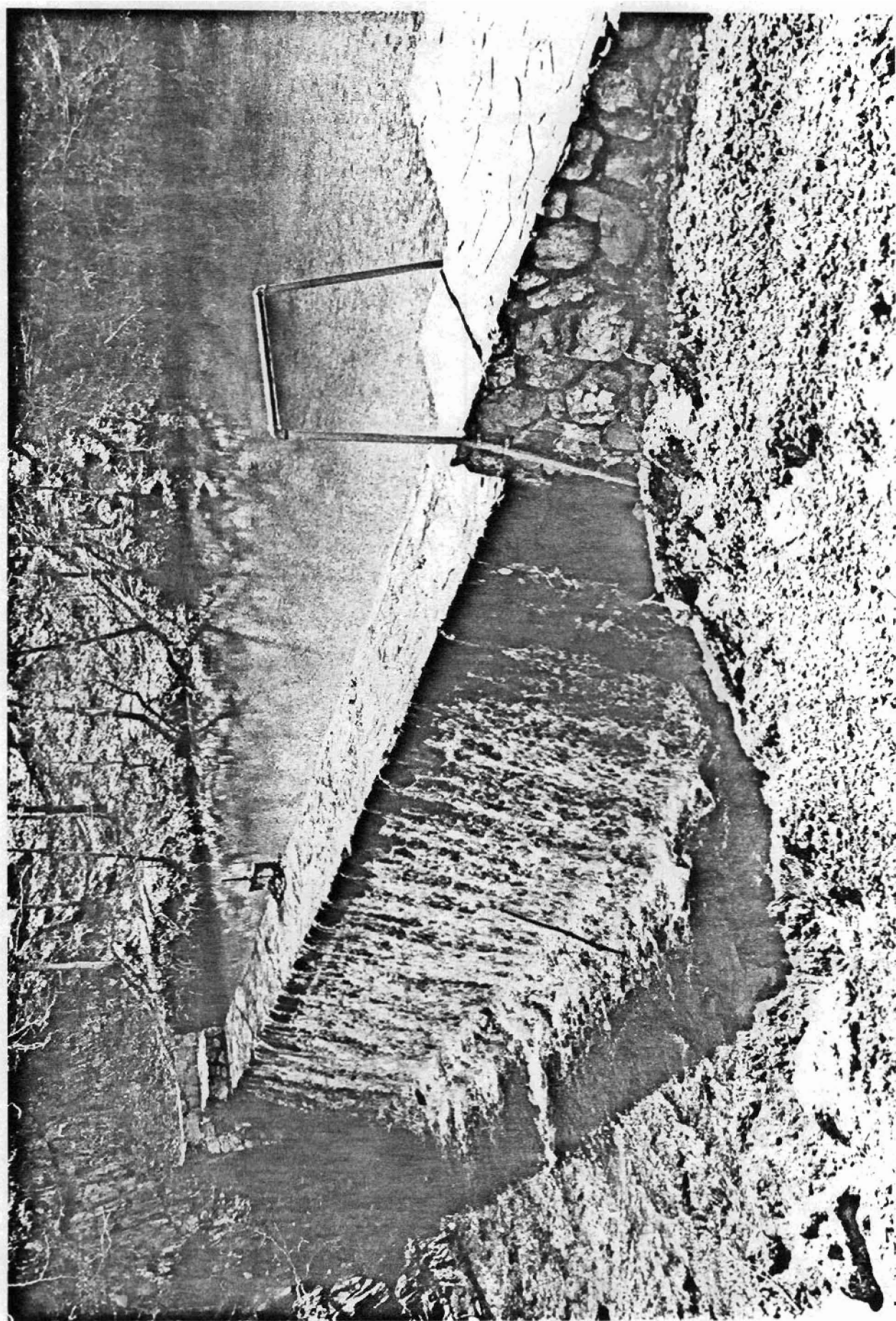
The Bard Springs Recreation Area is located on Forest Service Road 106 along Blaylock Creek between Blaylock Mountain and Raspberry Mountains in the Cossatot Mountains of Polk County. The Recreation Area has two dams which help to form a horseshoe bend on Blaylock Creek which is the primary water source for the Recreation Area. Dam No. 2 is on the eastern side of the recreation area and is constructed of cut stone. The dam is approx 75 ft. in length and approx 15 ft. in height. The dam has steps on either side of the creek which serve as a footing for the dam, and are square in shape. The main body of the dam has one continuous spillway which drops the water onto a series of staggered steps reducing the water eroding force on the creek at the base of the dam. In the center of the dam is a shut off valve which connects to a pipe in the lower portion of the dam to control the water elevation in the recreation area.

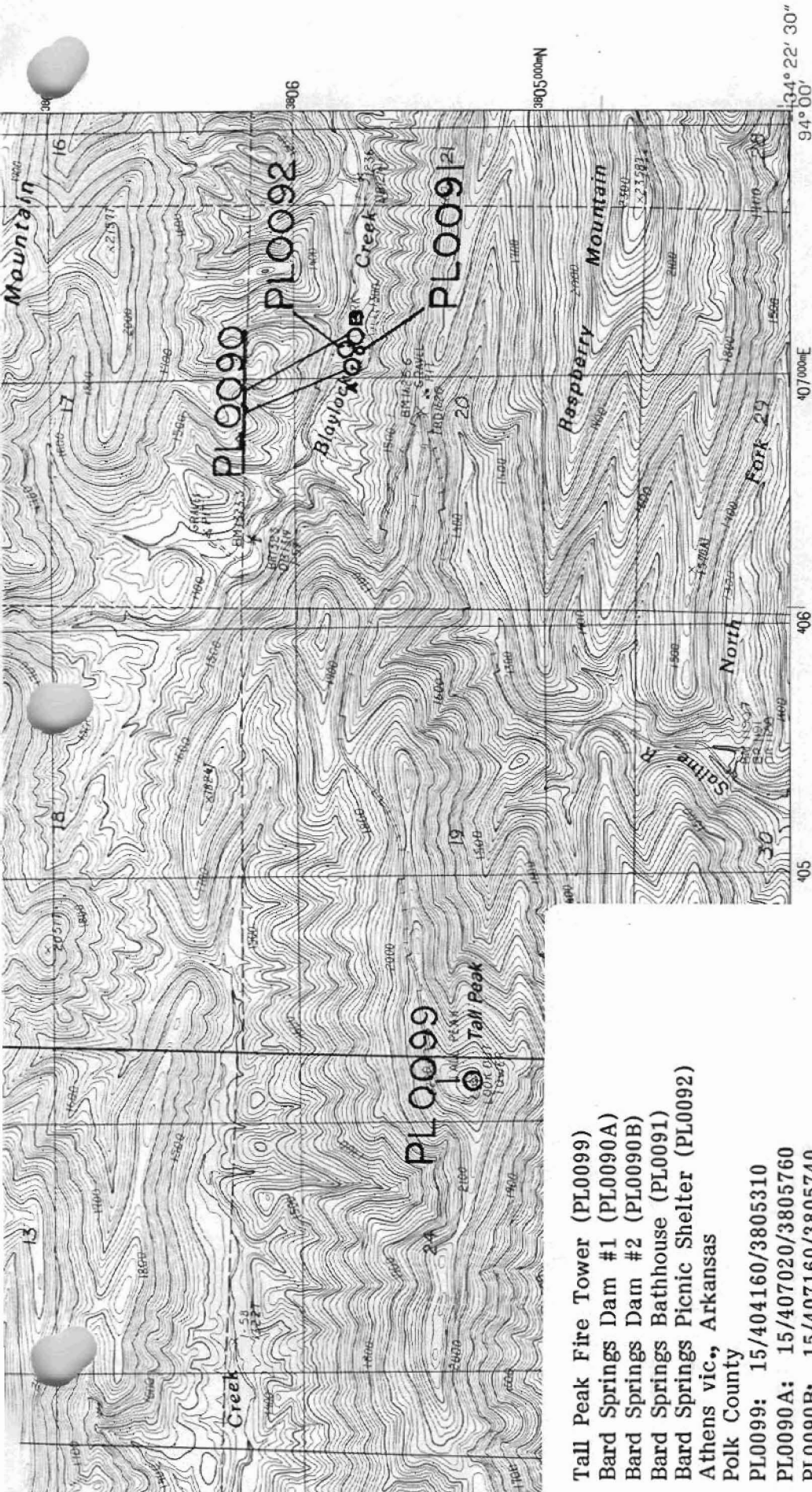
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The Bard Springs Dam #2 was constructed circa 1936 by members of the 742nd Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Mena Camp that was located approximately eight miles to the northwest, near the small town of Shady. It was constructed 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, another dam, a bathhouse and a picnic shelter (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 Bard Springs Dam #2 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.

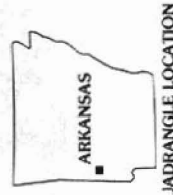




ROAD LEGEND

Improved Road
 Unimproved Road
 Trail

○ Interstate Route ○ U. S. Route ○ State Route



JADRANGLE LOCATION

3	1 Mena
	2 Board Camp
	3 Pine Ridge
5	4 Eagle Mountain
	5 Big Fork
	6 Baker Springs
8	7 Umphire
	8 Athens

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES

Tall Peak Fire Tower (PL0099)
 Bard Springs Dam #1 (PL0090A)
 Bard Springs Dam #2 (PL0090B)
 Bard Springs Bathhouse (PL0091)
 Bard Springs Picnic Shelter (PL0092)
 Athens vic., Arkansas
 Polk County
 PL0099: 15/404160/3805310
 PL0090A: 15/407020/3805760
 PL0090B: 15/407160/3805740

PL0091: 15/407110/3805740
 PL0092: 15/407210/3805750
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