

Buckeye Vista Overlook  
Name of Property

Polk County, Arkansas  
County and State

Listed 3-30-07  
07000204

S Form 10-900  
(Rev. 8-86)

OMB No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**1. Name of Property**

Historic Name: Buckeye Vista Overlook

Other Name/Site Number: PL0112

**Location**

Street & Number: Forest Service Road 38

Not for Publication: NA

City/Town: Athens

Vicinity: X

State: AR County: Polk Code: AR113 Zip Code: 71971

**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property: Public/Federal

Category of Property: Structure

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Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
—	— buildings
—	— sites
<u>1</u>	— structures
—	— objects
<u>1</u>	— Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: NA

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942

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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 X 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.

*Cathy Hatcher* 7/25/06

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

☐ 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: No style

Materials: foundation Stone roof  
walls Stone other

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

Summary:

The Buckeye Vista Overlook is a 70-foot long, 12-foot tall stone wall topped with rubblestone. Civilian Conservation Corps Company 742 built the structure in 1935.

Elaboration:

The Buckeye Vista Overlook is a 70-foot long, 12-foot tall stone wall topped with rubblestone. Civilian Conservation Corps Company 742 built the structure in 1935.

The Buckeye Vista Overlook provides a roadside pullout from Forest Service Road 38 within the Ouachita National Forest. It is built from quarried novaculite rocks that are set flush with mortar that is flush with the rocks (as opposed to grapevine mortared). The overlook is located on the north side of the road and offers a scenic view of an adjacent valley.

The overlook is built in a curving design and is approximately 70 feet from end to end. It tapers outward from the roadside and is about 12 feet tall in its center. A long vertical crack has developed near the center of the overlook. The overlook is topped with rubblestone that was added at an unknown date.

The Buckeye Vista Overlook has excellent integrity. It is still in its original location, which gives it a high degree of integrity of setting, feeling and association. Its design and workmanship reflect the careful work of the Civilian Conservation Corps members who constructed it. Though the rubblestone wall that tops the overlook was likely added at a later date, it still reflects the natural materials that were the hallmark of the CCC.

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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: Statewide.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A and C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): NA

Areas of Significance: Social History  
Conservation

Period(s) of Significance: 1935-1956

Significant Dates: NA

Significant Person(s): NA

Cultural Affiliation: NA

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

**SUMMARY:**

The Buckeye Vista Overlook, built in 1935 by CCC Co. 742, is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion A** for its association with the activities of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Ouachita National Forest and under **Criterion C** with **statewide significance** as a rare and well-constructed example of a scenic overlook, one of only two known to have been built by the CCC in the Ouachita National Forest. The nomination is made within the historic context "Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942."

**Elaboration:**

Civilian Conservation Corps Company 741 was formed on May 1, 1933, at Camp Pike, Arkansas, and was the second company formed in the Arkansas District. The company moved to Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 29 West on May 18, 1933, and established its camp. The formal camp was built between June 15 and July 12, 1933.

The *Official Annual Arkansas District Civilian Conservation Corps, Seventh Corps Area*, published in 1937, noted that the company's accomplishments included 12,000 acres of timber stand improvement, four dams constructed (including Shady Lake Dam, NR 10/20/93), two forest camp grounds constructed (containing Shady Lake Bathhouse, Shady Lake Caretaker's House and Shady Lake Picnic Pavilion, NR 10/20/93), sixty miles of telephone lines built and maintained, thousands of man-days spent fighting forest fires, creation and maintenance of an 8,300-acre game refuge, and 28 miles of stream improvements.

"Over 100 miles of all-weather roads have been built and maintained," according to the annual. "This includes twenty-three bridges of different types and sizes, and roadside beautification work completed. Two roadside vistas, of native rock, have been built."

With its curvilinear design, flush mortar, and flush novaculite rock construction, the Buckeye Vista Overlook differs from the other overlook known to have been built by Company 742, or for that matter to have been built in the entire Ouachita National Forest. It stands today as a testament to the hard work and skilled workmanship of the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Arkansas CCC District, Seventh Corps Area. "Official Annual Arkansas District Civilian Conservation Corps, Seventh Corps Area." (District Headquarters, Little Rock, AR, 1937)

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 acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The area within a 200-foot circle centered around the middle of the overlook itself.

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Boundary Justification:

This boundary contains all of the property historically associated with the Buckeye Vista Overlook.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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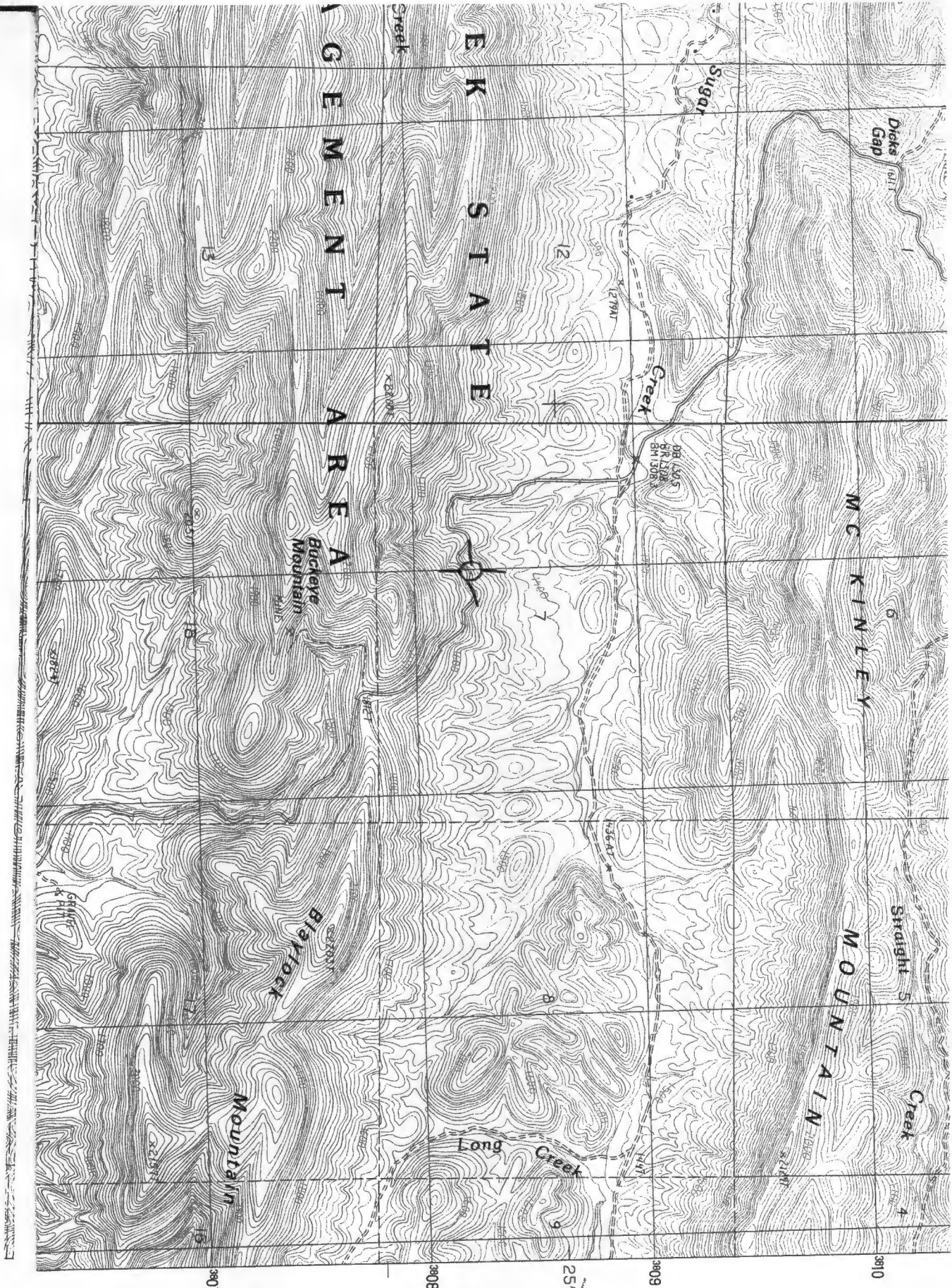












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