# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form.* If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).** 

### 1. Name of Property

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other names/site number									
2. Location									
street & number	West Virginia H	ighway 20 (3	32 miles s	south of US	Highway 3	33)		no	t for publication
city or town Ha	acker Valley								inity
state West Vir	ginia co	de <u>WV</u>	county	Webster	c	ode _	101	_ zip code	26222
3. State/Federal	Agency Certifie	cation							
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(Check only one box.)

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building(s)

district

structure object

site

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#### 5. Classification

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**Ownership of Property** 

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private

public – Local

public - State

public - Federal

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Webster County, West Virginia County and State

## Category of Property Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	_
16	9	buildings
0	0	district
1	3	site
45	10	structure
31	0	object
93	22	Total

#### Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

#### New Deal Resources in West Virginia State Parks and Forests

### 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions.)

**RECREATION AND CULTURE/ Outdoor** 

Recreation

LANDSCAPE/ Park

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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(Enter categories from instructions.)

**RECREATION AND CULTURE/ Outdoor** 

Recreation

N/A

LANDSCAPE/ Park

#### 7. Description

# Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER/ Rustic

#### Materials

(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: STONE

walls: STONE/ Rubble Stone

WOOD/ Log

roof: ASPHALT/ Asphalt Shingle

other: STONE/ Rubble Stone

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### **Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with **a summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

### **Summary Paragraph**

Holly River State Park is located in the northeastern corner of Webster County, at the junction of Randolph County to the east and Upshur County to the north. The park is 22 miles north of the community of Webster Springs. US Route 20 extends along the western end of the park and Webster County Route 3 roughly parallels the park's southern boundary. The core of the park is located along the Laurel Fork of the Holly River. A total of 18 New Deal-era resource types have been documented within the park's boundaries. They include entrance and area signage, an office and restaurant, superintendent's residence, administration building, registration building, roads, trails, foot- and vehicular bridges, seasonal rental cabins, a picnic shelter, swimming pool, bath house, water filtration plant, and stone work such as retaining walls, steps, and a planter.

The entirety of Holly River State Park dates from the New Deal period. New Deal-era architectural resources are concentrated along Webster County Route 10/Pickens Road and Cabin Road. The landscape and woodlands within the park were subjected to planning and design by the National Park Service (NPS) and Works Progress Administration (WPA).

### **Narrative Description**

Holly River State Park encompasses approximately 8,242 acres. The park features the rugged topography that is characteristic of West Virginia. Dense woodlands cover much of the landscape. Other natural features within the park include streams and waterfalls. The park is designed for a variety of active recreational pursuits, including hiking, camping, fishing, and swimming. Fully furnished rental cabins, picnic shelters, and an activities building offer more passive recreational opportunities as well. Other visitor amenities include a restaurant, swimming pool, bath house, and game courts. Architectural resources and landscape design within the park are naturalistic and rustic, making them blend into their surroundings. Narrow and paved, the roads wind through the existing terrain. The hiking trails include scenic overlooks that allow visitors a variety of views of the forested and mountainous terrain. Living quarters for the park superintendent and assistant superintendent are within the park's boundaries, as are various maintenance and storage buildings and an administrative office (in the same building as the restaurant). Of the historic district's 115 architectural resources, 93 are contributing to the historic district and 22 are non-contributing. Most of the non-contributing resources were built outside the historic district's period of significance. Constructed with the intention of expanding or upgrading visitor amenities, they include two campgrounds, tennis and game courts, a relocated historic building, a trout rearing pond, and a liming machine building. Such additions are in keeping with the historic uses of the park.

(see continuation sheets)

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#### 8. Statement of Significance

# Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)



Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.



Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

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Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D

Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

SOCIAL HISTORY

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

CONSERVATION

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

ARCHITECTURE

### **Period of Significance**

1935-1938

### **Significant Dates**

N/A

### **Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

#### Property is:

A	Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
В	removed from its original location.
с	a birthplace or grave.
D	a cemetery.
E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F	a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

## **Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

Architect/Builder

Works Progress Administration (WPA)

National Park Service (NPS)

### Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance, 1935 to 1938, spans the period from the establishment of the park to the end of WPA activity here and the first recording of the park's rental cabins in state records.

### Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

The New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District is associated with the New Deal Resources in West Virginia State Parks and Forests Multiple Property Listing. Holly River State Park began with land acquisitions during late 1935 to create a new national park (later redesignated a state park). Creation of the park was directly related to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs for work relief, conservation, and developing recreational opportunities within each state. The National Park Service (NPS) assisted with the initial park planning and design. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) was responsible for the first construction projects within the park. Consequently, the Holly River historic district is associated with the following historic contexts as explicated in the New Deal Resources in West Virginia State Parks and Forests Multiple Property Listing: State Park and Forest Development in West Virginia, 1933-1942; New Deal Federal Relief Programs in West Virginia State Parks and Forests, 1933-1942; Rustic Style Architecture in West Virginia State Parks and Forests, 1933-1942; and Landscape Design and Landscape Management in West Virginia State Parks and Forests, 1933-1942. The historic district is significant at the state level under Criterion in significance of Social/History, Politics/Government, Α the areas of Conservation. and Entertainment/Recreation for its association with New Deal-era federal work relief programs, with conservation programs initiated at the federal level and carried out at the state level, and with recreational development in the state of West Virginia. The historic district also is significant under Criterion C in the area of significance of Architecture for its rustic architecture as designed and carried out by the WPA and for its use of NPS park planning and design principles. The period of significance, 1935 to 1938, spans the period from the establishment of the park to the end of WPA activity here.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

(see continuation sheet)

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

Additional developmental history and historic context information is available in the Multiple Property Documentation Form, New Deal Resources in West Virginia State Parks and Forests (Sweeten 2010).

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Historic District

Name of Property

#### 9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

#### See Continuation Sheets.

#### 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 # \_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data: X State Historic Preservation Office Other State agency

- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository:

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

### 10. Geographical Data

#### Acreage of Property 8,242

(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

#### **UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A <u>17</u>	557044	4285026	C <u>17</u>	561663	4276434
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#### **Verbal Boundary Description**

See Continuation Sheets.

#### **Boundary Justification**

See Continuation Sheets.

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#### **Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

• Maps: A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

- Continuation Sheets
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

### **Photographs:**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

### (see continuation sheet)

Property Owner:				
(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)				
Name				
street & number	telephone			
city or town	State zip code			

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement**: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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New Deal Resources in West Virginia State

Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

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County and State

Parks and Forests

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### Narrative Description (continued)

Resource No. 1 Resource Type: Designed and managed landscape Resource Name: Holly River State Park Construction Date: ca. 1935-1938 Status: Contributing site Count: 1

Holly River State Park retains its overall, original New Deal-era landscape design (Photos 1-8). The park's 8,242 acres are primarily covered with forests of native hard- and softwood trees, both deciduous and coniferous. Since the 1930s, the forest has been managed according to standard forestry practices as they evolved across the twentieth century. Holly River retains landscape elements, such as roads and trails, that demonstrate the naturalistic design principles utilized during the New Deal period (Photos 1-4). The roads and trails follow the existing topography and are designed to incorporate scenic elements (Photo 5). Elements such as culverts are constructed of native stone and designed to blend in with natural features (Photo 6). Manmade resources, such as footbridges, are designed to increase public access to natural sites while blending into the overall scenery (Photo 7). Similarly, architectural resources, such as cabins, have been carefully sited and were constructed utilizing native materials, all with the intent of harmonizing with the natural setting (Photo 8). The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources continues to manage the forest according to today's commonly accepted forestry practices. Since the 1930s, the park's staff has maintained the New Deal-era resources in a manner that is sympathetic to the character-defining naturalistic and rustic design tenets used by the WPA during the park's original development.

Resource Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 Resource Type: Engineering resource Resource Name: Stonework – Entrance and directional signage Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing objects Count: 4 Entrance signage is located at the park entrance on West Virginia Route 20 (Photo 9). Featuring a stone cap, the rectangular stone pillar has wooden sign boards attached to each flat face. Flanking the north and south sides of Webster County Route 10/Pickens Road, there is a series of five square rubble stone piers with flat stone tops (Photo 10). Each square pier stands approximately 2 feet tall. Approximately 4 feet tall, a directional sign stands alongside the park road leading to the Activities Building south of Webster County Route 10/Pickens Road (Photo 11). This sign consists of a round, rubble stone end pier with mortared joints. The round rubble stone motif is a signature architectural element used by the WPA throughout the park's construction projects. A replacement wood signboard with directional information is attached to the round pier via a wooden horizontal

*Resource Nos.* 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 *Resource Type*: Engineering resource *Resource Name*: Roads

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*Construction Date*: ca. 1936 *Status*: Contributing structures *Count*: 7

The primary road through Holly River State Park is Webster County Route 10/Pickens Road (Photo 12). The WPA built this road, as well as the roads leading to the cabin area, camping area, and auxiliary roads through the park such as Park Road 806, Webster County Route 10-2, and Webster County Route 20-4. The workers used crushed rock for the road beds and surfaced them with either pavement or gravel. Over the years, the roads have been maintained and upgraded as needed, included replacement surfacing. All culverts along the roads are less than fifty years old. The roads are contributing resources.

Furthermore, portions of the abandoned right-of-way for a nineteenth-century road, the Hacker Valley-Cleveland Road, are extant within the park. Ruts for the old road are still visible along the south side of County Route 10/Pickens Road a short distance past the park's entrance after a wide curve and prior to reaching the registration building (Gioulis 2008:186). The road remnant is a contributing resource.

Resource Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Trails Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing structures Count: 5

Holly River State Park features five New Deal-era walking and hiking trails: Wilderness Trail, Salt Lick Trail, Tramontane Trail, High Rock Trail, and Reverie Trail (Photos 13-14). The interconnected trails are within the core of the park. They are curvilinear and conform to the topography, in keeping with the naturalistic and rustic design tenets used at Holly River. Trailheads are located near the cabins and recreational facilities, such as the swimming pool. WPA workers built all of these trails.

Resource Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Trails Construction Date: ca. 1955; ca. 1975; ca. 1995 Status: Non-contributing structures Count: 6

Trails believed to post-date the New Deal period include Ridge Road, Oak Ridge, Potato Knob, and Railroad Grade (Photo 15). Trail building campaigns took place at the park during the 1950s and 1990s. All of these trails are located south of Webster County Route 10/Pickens Road. Scenic overlooks are found on Oak Ridge, Ridge Road, and Potato Knob trails. Ridge Road Trail passes alongside a natural feature known as Tenskwatawa Falls. A small, ca. 1975 patrol cabin is located at the junction of Oak Ridge and Ridge Road trails. Potato Knob Trail begins with a scenic overlook at the south end of the park, passes alongside the Upper Waterfalls, Shupe's Chute, and Lower Waterfalls on the Left Fork of Holly River, and terminates at a small cemetery within the park. Given its name, Railroad Grade Trail is presumed to follow a portion of an abandoned railroad grade. The incorporation of natural and historic features in the trails' design is in keeping with the landscape design principles used during the New Deal period, however, because these trails post-date that era, they are non-contributing to the historic district.

Additionally, the Nature's Rock Garden trail is believed to have been constructed after the New Deal period and

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before ca. 1980 (Photo 16). A memorial plaque on the trail states that it is dedicated to the memory of Bobby Wayne Armes, who served as a naturalist at the park in 1968 and was killed the following year during his military service in the Vietnam War. Because the trail is not associated with the New Deal era, this is a non-contributing structure.

Finally, the current Laurel Fork Trail initially was a large picnic area. New Deal-era fireplaces, a barbeque pit, foot bridges, and water fountain are still extant along this trail (each resource type is described below). Built during the 1990s with a paved surface, the trail itself meets accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Photo 17). Interpretive signage outlining the history of the park in written and Braille languages is placed along the trail's length. The trail is a non-contributing resource due to its date of construction; resource types located alongside the trail are considered separately below.

Resource No. 24

Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Boardwalk at waterfalls Construction Date: ca. 2005 Status: Non-contributing structure Count: 1

Located south of County Route 3, a boardwalk leads from an access road to the upper waterfall on the Left Fork of the Holly River. Constructed entirely of pressure-treated lumber, the boardwalk crosses a steep grade (Photo 18). A sign at the head of the boardwalk states that the associated access road, parking lot, and boardwalk were constructed in 2005. Agencies involved included the Federal Highway Administration, West Virginia Department of Transportation – Division of Highways, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Section, Holly River State Park Staff, and the Holly River State Park Foundation, Inc. Cooperative funding, contributions, and volunteer workers were combined to complete the project.

Resource Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 Resource Type: Engineering resource Resource Name: Footbridge Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing structures Count: 10 There are ten footbridges within the park. Four are le

There are ten footbridges within the park. Four are located along the circular Tramontane Trail; one is located at the swimming pool parking lot; one is located at the tennis courts; one is located at the cabin area between cabins 7 and 8; and three are located along the Wilderness Trail. Each footbridge features stone abutments with modern wooden decks and rails (Photo 19). Some of the abutments are rectangular stone slabs, while others feature the rubble stone with mortared joints found on other elements within the park. The WPA built all of the footbridges.

Resource Nos. 35, 36 Resource Type: Engineering resource Resource Name: Vehicular bridge Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing structures Count: 2 Two New Deal-era vehicular bridges

Two New Deal-era vehicular bridges are within Holly River State Park. The first bridge is situated north of the Park Office/Restaurant building. It features original stone abutments and piers, while the wooden deck and

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railings are replacement materials (Photo 20). Measuring 25 feet wide for vehicular traffic, this bridge also includes a 4' wide pedestrian walkway. The second bridge is a short distance to the east, along the approach to the cabin area. This bridge features original stone abutments and round, rubble stone piers (Photo 21). Measuring approximately 12 feet wide, the bridge has replacement wooden decking and railings. The WPA built both bridges.

Resource Nos. 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 Resource Type: Mechanical resource Resource Name: Water fountains Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing objects Count: 10 There are ten stone water fountains located through

There are ten stone water fountains located throughout the park, as follows: one fountain at the Old Pavilion; one at the Windy Gap School; one at the Activities Building; one at the swimming pool parking lot; two at the swimming pool; and four along the Laurel Fork Trail. Some fountains are rectangular in shape and feature cut stone construction, while others are circular and built of rubble stone (Photo 22). Each fountain stands approximately 3 feet tall and many are accessed by a stone step or two. Some of the fountains rest on a concrete or stone pad. WPA workers built all of the fountains.

Resource Nos. 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 Resource Type: Engineering resource Resource Name: Stone work Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing structure Count: 20 Located throughout the park are stone retaining walls, walks, and steps. Observed were stone walks and steps in

Located throughout the park are stone retaining walls, walks, and steps. Observed were stone walks and steps in the front of the Old Pavilion; a stone retaining wall along the creek by the Old Pavilion; and stone retaining walls along the creek, along the road by the Superintendent's Residence, and at the swimming pool. In the cabin area, fourteen examples of stone steps, stone walks and stone retaining walls between the cabins and in the cabin parking areas have been documented (Photo 23). A rectangular stone planter about 12 inches high is at the Activities Building parking lot (Photo 24). WPA workers were responsible for all of the stonework in the park.

Resource No. 67 Resource Type: Administrative building Resource Name: Registration building Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing building Count: 1

The registration building is located along the south side of Webster County Route 10/Pickens Road and Laurel Fork a short distance inside the park's entrance (Photo 25). The 1-by-1 bay, one-story building measures approximately 6 feet by 6 feet. Rising from a rubble stone foundation, the walls also are built with rubble stone with mortared joints. The front-gabled roof is supported by round chestnut logs stained red. Asphalt shingles cover the roof. An entry without a door is centered on the primary gable end wall, while window openings are centered on the remaining three walls. Lacking sash, the window openings are edged with replacement lumber. Narrow, wooden benches are attached on the interior beneath the windows. This building was constructed by the WPA.

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Resource No. 68, 69 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Campgrounds Construction Date: ca. 1965, 1972 Status: Non-contributing sites Count: 2

During the early 1960s, a 19-site campground was added to the park's amenities (Photo 26). A paved access road leads to the campground sites. Each site is situated in a cleared area and is surrounded by woods and other screening vegetation. A ballfield is located at the end of the campground road (Photo 27). The field site is cleared and consists of mown grass, and it is surrounded by woods. A 68-site primitive campground was completed in 1972. It is accessed via an unpaved access road and is well away from the more developed portions of the park. In keeping with their intent, the primitive camping sites have minimal improvements and present few alterations to the surrounding forest. Because both campgrounds were constructed outside the period of significance for the historic district, they are non-contributing resources.

Resource No.70 Resource Type: Residential resource Resource Name: Assistant Superintendent's residence Construction Date: ca. 1975 Status: Non-contributing building Count: 1 Located off an access road directly south of the 19-si

Located off an access road directly south of the 19-site campground and northeast of County Route 3, this is a one-story, frame dwelling with an asphalt-shingled, gable roof. It features rustic architectural details that are in keeping with the park's overall design. Because it was constructed outside the period of significance, this is a non-contributing resource.

Resource No. 71 Resource Type: Mechanical resource Resource Name: Restroom building Construction Date: ca. 1955 Status: Non-contributing building Count: 1

Located south of County Route 10, this is a one-story, side-gabled, frame building with a rear extension (Photo 28). It is located in a clearing along with the Carpenter Pavilion (described below) and directly west of Laurel Trail. Built on a concrete foundation, the walls are clad with horizontal clapboard siding stained brown. Asphalt shingles cover the roof. Entries are on each gabled end wall, with a tripartite ribbon window immediately adjacent. The north longitudinal wall has a centered entry and is flanked by two rectangular window openings. All the entries have flush wood doors and the windows have one-light sash. This restroom building was added as part of a park improvement campaign during the early 1950s. Because it was constructed outside the period of significance for the historic district, this is a non-contributing resource.

Resource No.72, 73 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Carpenter and Balli pavilions Construction Date: 1991; ca. 1997

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Status: Non-contributing structure

#### Count: 2

Two WPA-built picnic shelters were demolished and replaced by new picnic shelters. Built in 1991, the Carpenter pavilion is built on a poured concrete pad (Photo 29). The octagonal roof is supported by a series of concrete pillars faced with rubble stone. Asphalt shingles cover the roof, which is topped by a louvered cupola. The rustic style and use of rubble stone is sympathetic in design to the WPA-built resources in the park. The ca. 1997 Balli pavilion is a more simply designed structure (Photo 30). Built on a rectangular concrete pad, the gabled roof is supported by square posts at each corner. Asphalt shingles cover the roof. Because the extant picnic pavilions are not associated with the New Deal period, they are non-contributing structures.

Resource No. 74 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Activities Building Construction Date: ca. 1997 Status: Non-contributing building Count: 1

Constructed ca. 1997, the activities building is located south of the Balli pavilion and west of the park office and restaurant building (Photo 31). Erected on a poured concrete foundation, the one-story building has an L plan. The walls are clad with unstained clapboard siding and asphalt shingles cover the roof. An oversized door is near the east corner of the north façade and a single-leaf entry with a flush wood door is near the west corner. On the north and east wall, an entry with a flush wood door is flanked by two windows with one-over-one sash. A small window is right-of-center on the east gabled end wall. An exterior stone chimney is centered on the south gabled end wall. Because it is not associated with the New Deal era, this is a non-contributing building.

Resource Nos. 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Fireplaces Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing objects Count: 16

There are fifteen stone fireplaces located on the island of the Laurel Fork Trail (Photo 32). Each is constructed with stacked cut stone arranged in a "U" shape, and has a brick insert for the fireplace. The fireplaces are simply constructed, without any decorative stone work or configurations. No longer in use, the stone fireplaces are beginning to deteriorate. Another fireplace is located in Dreamer's Meadow along the Reverie Trail. A bit more elaborately constructed than the fireplaces on the Laurel Fork Trail, it has a metal chimney pipe with stone veneer mortared into the top of the fireplace. The WPA built the fireplaces in the park.

Resource No. 91 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Barbeque pit Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing object Count: 1 There is a five-course, rectangular, cut stone barbeque pit located on the island of the Laurel Fork Trail (Photo 33). The simply built pit features no decorative stone work. An inner "lip" is recessed along the top to hold metal grills/grates. The pit does not appear to be used any longer. The WPA built the barbeque pit.

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Resource No. 92 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Old Pavilion picnic shelter Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing building Count: 1

Hexagonal in shape, the rustic-style, one-story Old Pavilion rises from a rubble stone foundation (Photo 34). The walls are constructed of rubble stone columns that flank large openings. Wood siding and window sash originally filled these openings, but they were removed at an unknown date. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Massive stone chimneys are opposite one another and to either side of the primary façade. The building generally measures 55 feet from front to rear, and 44 feet from side to side. At the rear of the building is a wooden deck with a rubble stone foundation. It is partially separated from the main building by flanking wing walls covered with wood shingles and pierced by casement window sash. The deck features an open railing constructed of symmetrically spaced, large round chestnut logs on rubble stone piers. Horizontal chestnut logs extend between the piers to form railings. An extension on the rear façade houses two restrooms. Also constructed on a rubble stone foundation, these walls are sheathed with wooden shingles and asphalt shingles cover the sloped roof.

On the interior, each chimney has a cut stone fireplace accented with keystones and central round millstones on the chimney breast (Photo 35). The chestnut log structural members of the hipped roof are completely exposed on the interior. At the center of the roof is a massive chestnut log covered with a rubble stone; the veneer was added ca. 1990. WPA workers constructed the building.

Resource No. 93 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Windy Gap School Construction Date: unknown Status: Non-contributing building Count: 1

The Windy Gap School is a historic one-room school building (Photo 36). Rising from concrete block piers, the one-story, frame building has a centered entry on the gable end wall, three window openings spaced along each longitudinal wall, and a front-gabled roof with a small square cupola. Replacement wooden steps access the primary entry. The schoolhouse originally stood on a remote tract of land owned by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (Wikipedia 2010). During the 1990s, it was removed from its original location and placed at Holly River State Park. Because it is not associated with the New Deal period, it is non-contributing to the Holly River historic district.

Resource No. 94
Resource Type: Administrative building
Resource Name: Office and restaurant
Construction Date: ca. 1936
Status: Contributing building
Count: 1
Constructed by the WPA, the office and restaurant is a U-shaped building with a cross-gabled roof (Photo 37).
The rustic-style building measures approximately 73 feet long by 57 feet deep. The 11-bay by 6-bay building

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rises from a stone foundation. Wooden shingles sheathe the exterior walls. The windows retain original, wooden, 4-over-4 sash. Asphalt shingles clad the roof. Massive end chimney constructed of rubble stone are at opposite ends of the building. On the interior, the fireplaces feature cut stone surrounds with keystones. A recently constructed wooden deck spans the primary façade and wraps around to the sides of the building. Sympathetic and simple in design, it has a stone foundation, wooden deck, and turned wooden balustrade.

Resource No. 95

Resource Type: WPA-related resource Resource Name: Storage building Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing building Count: 1

Built by the WPA, this is a one-story, frame building with a T plan (Figure 2; Photo 38). Measuring approximately 64 feet by 25 feet, the 6-bay by 1-bay building rises from a stone foundation. The walls are clad with clapboard siding; the extant siding replaced the original wooden siding in ca. 1998. A gable-roofed entry stoop with a wooden deck and stone piers is centered on the primary façade. Asphalt shingles cover the gabled roof. A louvered cupola is centered on the roof. The windows retain original, 9-pane wooden sash, while the doors feature original herringbone wood doors. On the west side of the rear wing is a shed-roofed porch with replacement square posts and a wooden deck and steps. On the east side of the junction between the front- and side-gabled sections, a small, one-story, shed-roofed extension originally functioned as an ice house and is now used for storage (Figure 3).

Resource No. 96 Resource Type: Engineering resource Resource Name: Trout rearing pond Construction Date: ca. 1965 Status: Non-contributing structure Count: 1

The trout rearing pond is located south of the park office and restaurant building, and immediately east of a parking lot (Photo 39). The pond is lined with concrete and has a stone apron. Aerators at each end of the pond maintain oxygen levels. Trout raised in the pond are used to stock streams in the park for recreational fishing. Because it is not associated with the New Deal era, this is a non-contributing structure.

Resource No. 97, 98 Resource Type: Administrative resource Resource Name: Maintenance building and shed Construction Date: ca. 1981 Status: Non-contributing buildings Count: 2

Situated a short distance west of the trout pond are two side-gabled maintenance buildings (Photo 40). Each is built on a poured concrete siding. The walls of each building are clad with horizontal wood siding stained dark brown. Asphalt shingles cover the roof. The larger of the two buildings has a series of overhead doors and single leaf entries punctuating the west façade. Standing south of it is the smaller shed, which has a single door on the west longitudinal wall. Both of these buildings are non-contributing because they are not associated with the New Deal period.

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Resource No. 99 Resource Type: Residential resource Resource Name: Superintendent's residence Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing building Count: 1

Constructed by WPA workers, the superintendent's residence is a one-story building with a rubble stone foundation (Photo 41). It measures approximately 49 feet wide and 38 feet deep. The 6-bay by 1-bay building features the same type of rustic design found on other New Deal-era resources within the park. The primary façade walls feature log construction with mortared joints. The logs are stained red. Semi-circular logs at each end act as corner boards. The side and rear walls are sheathed with clapboard siding. The windows have replacement sliding sash. Asphalt shingles cover the cross-gabled roof. A wraparound porch with a stone deck and round, chestnut log railing highlights the primary façade. The house has both an interior and an exterior chimney, both featuring decorative rubble stonework. The exterior chimney has a metal cleat. An exposed concrete block chimney is located on the rear wall, along with concrete steps to the basement.

Resource No. 100
Resource Type: Residential resource
Resource Name: Garage at superintendent's residence
Construction Date: ca. 1970
Status: Non-contributing building
Count: 1
Park staff built a garage near the superintendent's residence in ca. 1970. Because it is not associated with the New Deal period, this is a non-contributing building.

Resource No. 101 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Bathhouse Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing building Count: 1

The WPA built the bathhouse at Holly River (Photo 42). It is a ca. 1936, one-story, hip-roofed building with a gable-roofed wing centered on the rear wall. The overall building measures approximately 71 feet wide by 17 feet deep. The 11-bay by 5-bay building is constructed on a concrete block foundation. The primary façade features vertical chestnut logs with concrete infill. The logs are stained red. Semi-circular legs at each end act as corner boards. The remaining walls are clad with wooden siding, with horizontal chestnut logs in the gables. The windows have 12-paned, fixed wooden sash. A divided transom tops the primary entrance doors. Asphalt shingles sheathe the roof. Piercing the roof is an interior brick chimney with a stone cap.

Resource No. 102 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Swimming pool Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing structure Count: 1 Built by the WPA, the ca. 1936 swimming pool area is situated in a broad, flat area (Photo 43). The rectangular OMB No. 1024-0018

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swimming pool has a square wading pool at one end and a concrete apron. A chain link fence encircles the pool area. The pool was renovated in 1976.

Resource No. 103 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Filtration plant Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing building Count: 1 The filtration plant is housed in a one-story, side-gabled building with a concrete foundation (Figure 4; Photo 44). Built by WPA workers, it measures approximately 45 feet, 10 inches by 14 feet, 2 inches. The 3-bay by 1bay building features fletch chestnut wood siding, windows with 9-pane wooden sash, and a centered double entry with herringbone wooden doors. Asphalt shingles cover the roof.

Resource No. 104 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Tennis and game courts Construction Date: ca. 1975 Status: Non-contributing site Count: 1 Tennis and game courts are located immediately east of the swimming pool area (Photo 45). The courts were constructed in ca. 1975. Because it is not associated with the New Deal era, this is a non-contributing site. The park originally contained tennis courts dating to the New Deal era but it is not known where they were located (Gioulis 2008:186).

Resource No. 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113 Resource Type: Recreational resource Resource Name: Cabins Construction Date: ca. 1936 Status: Contributing buildings Count: 9

Built by the WPA, the rustic-style, ca. 1936 cabins at Holly River are typically one-story, side-gabled buildings with multiple-pane wooden window sash. The cabins have either a central interior chimney or an exterior chimney centered on a gable end wall. All chimneys are constructed of rubble stone. The foundations also are built of rubble stone, and a stone walk and steps lead to full-width entry porches with square wood corner columns. The walls are most often built of chestnut logs with concrete chinking, red stain, and either "V" or saddle corner notching. The cabins originally had wooden shake roofs, but these have been replaced with asphalt shingles. Each cabin retains original hammered decorative iron strapwork on the entrance doors. Cabin numbers 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7 are two person cabins while the others are four person cabins.

Cabin no. 1 is a one-story building with a side-gabled roof (Photo 46). The 3-bay by 1-bay building measures approximately 17 feet, 4 inches wide by 20 feet deep. An exposed rubble stone chimney is centered on one gable end wall. The horizontal log walls have cement chinking and saddle corner notching. The windows have 8-pane wooden sash. A porch with round chestnut posts, a wooden deck, a rubble stone foundation deck, and stone steps spans the primary façade.

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Cabin no. 2 is a one-story building with a side-gabled roof (Photo 47). The 3-bay by 2-bay building measures approximately 31 feet, 4 inches by 18 feet, 8 inches. An interior rubble stone chimney is centered on the roof. The walls are clad with wood shingles. The windows have 8-pane wooden sash. A shed-roofed entry porch has square wood corner columns, a stone deck, and stone steps.

Cabin No. 3 is a one-story building with a side-gabled roof (Photo 48). The 3-bay by 1-bay building measures approximately 17 feet, 6 inches by 20 feet, 4 inches. An exposed rubble stone chimney is centered on one gable end wall. The horizontal log walls have cement chinking and "V" notching at the corners. The windows have 8-pane wooden sash. A porch with slender square posts, a wood deck on a rubble stone deck, and stone steps spans the primary façade.

Cabin No. 4 is a one-story building with a side-gabled roof (Photo 49). The 3-bay by 2-bay building measures approximately 31 feet, 8 inches by 18 feet, 4 inches. An interior rubble stone chimney is centered on the roof. The walls are composed of vertical chestnut logs with concrete chinking. The logs are stained red and have semicircular logs as corner boards. The windows have 8-pane wooden sash. A shed-roofed entry porch has round chestnut log corner columns, a stone deck, and stone steps.

Cabin No. 5 is a one-story building with a side-gabled roof (Photo 50). The 3-bay by 1-bay building measures approximately 18 feet by 21 feet. An exposed rubble stone chimney is centered on one gable end wall. The walls are clad with wooden shingles. The windows have 8-pane wooden sash. A porch with square posts, wooden railings, a rubble stone deck, and stone steps spans the primary façade.

Cabin No. 6 is a one-story building with a side-gabled roof. The 3-bay by 1-bay building measures approximately 20 feet, 9 inches by 17 feet, 9 inches. An exposed rubble stone chimney is centered on one gable end wall. The walls are composed of vertical chestnut logs with concrete chinking. The logs are stained red and have semicircular logs as corner boards. The windows have 8-pane wooden sash. A shed-roofed porch with square posts, wooden railings, a stone deck, and stone steps spans the primary façade.

Cabin No. 7 is a one-story building with a side-gabled roof. The 3-bay by 2-bay building measures approximately 18 feet by 20 feet, 8 inches. An exposed rubble stone chimney is centered on one gable end wall. The walls feature a rubble stone veneer. The windows have 8-pane wooden sash. A shed-roofed porch with rubble stone square columns, a rubble stone deck, and stone steps spans the primary façade.

Cabin No. 8 is a one-story building with a side-gabled roof. The 3-bay by 2-bay building measures approximately 18 feet, 4 inches by 31 feet. An interior rubble stone chimney is centered on the roof. The walls are composed of horizontal chestnut logs with concrete chinking and "V" corner notching. The windows have 8-pane wooden sash. A shed-roofed porch with square wooden corner columns spans the primary façade and is accessed by a stone walk and steps.

Cabin No. 9 is a one-story building with a side-gabled roof (Photo 51). The 3-bay by 2-bay building measures approximately 18 feet, 4 inches by 31 feet. An interior rubble stone chimney is centered on the roof. The walls feature a rubble stone veneer with horizontal chestnut logs in the gable ends. The windows have both 8-pane and 6-over-6 wooden sash. A shed-roofed porch with rubble stone corner columns spans the primary façade. It is accessed via stone steps and a stone walk. *Resource No.* 114

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*Resource Name*: Cabin No. 10 *Construction Date*: ca. 1995 *Status*: Non-contributing building *Count*: 1
Constructed ca. 1995, this is the largest cabin in the park and also is handicapped accessible. Because it was constructed outside the period of significance for the historic district, this is a non-contributing resource.

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Resource No. 115 Resource Type: Mechanical resource Resource Name: John Rider Liming Machine Building Construction Date: ca. 1980 Status: Non-contributing building Count: 1 Constructed ca. 1980, this is a one-story, utilitarian bui

Constructed ca. 1980, this is a one-story, utilitarian building with a raised foundation (Photo 52). The foundation walls are covered with vertical board siding. A raised boardwalk access the north gabled-end wall, which has a centered entry with a flush wood door. Corrugated metal covers the front-gabled roof. According to a dedication sign on the building, the liming machine was constructed to neutralize the effects of acid rain on aquatic life. The facility is dedicated to the memory of John Rider, a commissioner for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, conservationist, and member of the Mountaineer Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Cooperative partners in the project were the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources, Parks and Recreation, Living Lakes, Inc., and Mountaineer Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Because it was constructed outside the period of significance for the historic district, this is a non-contributing resource.

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### Narrative Statement of Significance (continued)

Holly River State Park is located alongside US Route 20 in northeastern Webster County. The park encompasses 8,242 acres, with the highest elevation at 3,000 feet and the lowest at 1,600 feet. The Laurel Fork of the Holly River runs in a generally east-west direction through the center of the park.

Webster County's rugged topography and remote location inhibited extensive settlement in the vicinity during the nineteenth century. The sparse population largely consisted of subsistence farmers. The northeastern portion of Webster County was subjected to widespread timbering during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. As described in the New Deal Resources in West Virginia State Parks and Forest Multiple Property Listing (Sweeten 2010), numerous areas in West Virginia, as well as throughout the United States, suffered similar environmental degradation. The onset of the Great Depression after the stock market crash of 1929 created an economic crisis of unprecedented scale.

The origins of New Deal resources at Holly River State Park lay in the federal relief programs implemented by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as part of the New Deal during the 1930s. In conceptualizing the New Deal, Roosevelt emphasized work relief and natural resource conservation among his top priorities. Creating publicly accessible recreational venues also figured prominently among his goals. The New Deal coupled work relief programs with addressing public needs by focusing on infrastructure projects (Sweeten 2010).

By 1935, economic conditions in the Holly River area had become unsustainable, and the area that Holly River State Park now occupies was targeted for "resettlement." During mid-1935, federal employees from the Emergency Relief Administration began to secure options to purchase degraded farm and timber lands and commenced land surveys. In late 1935, plans for creating a new national park on this land were announced. Under the direction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Security Administration, 13 farm families were relocated and their private lands were purchased by the federal government. The department's subsequent Kanawha Head Project focused on land improvements, including soil erosion control, stream reclamation, game restocking, reforestation, and creation of a recreational area (Gioulis 2008:185-186).

### Development of the Holly River Area by the Works Progress Administration

To create a new park in the Holly River area, the federal government initially authorized options for up to 10,000 acres, with some of the land stretching into Braxton, Randolph, and Upshur counties. Holly River State Park ultimately came to encompass just over 8,100 acres and is wholly located within Webster County; the last land acquisition took place during the 1980s (Gioulis 2008:185).

The WPA assumed responsibility for developing the new park. Established in May 1935 and headed by Roosevelt's appointee Harry L. Hopkins, the WPA ranked among the work relief programs created by Roosevelt's New Deal. The agency employed over 8 million workers nationally between 1935 and 1943. In general, the WPA built and improved city and county infrastructure, including roads, sewer systems, bridges, and public buildings such as schools and government offices (Sweeten 2010).

WPA laborers began work at Holly River in January 1936. Road construction was their first project. They built the primary road, County Route 10, into the park as well as the road to the cabin area. The winter of 1935-1936 was one of the coldest winters on record and many of the laborers distinctly remembered it for years afterward. One WPA worker recalled their coffee freezing solid in jars and cups. Construction work took place between 1936 and 1938. At the peak of operations, 250 WPA workers participated in projects within the park's boundaries. Construction projects usually were divided into tasks by type of labor. For example, one group of

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workers would lay down the stone walkways, while another group cut trees and cleared land (Gioulis 2008:185-187).

A hallmark of the WPA program in West Virginia's state parks and forests was employment of local men. Lee Casto, a local resident and a stone mason, oversaw completion of all the stonework in the park. His coworkers included Elza Simmons, who split the stone, and Odos Simmons, one of several stone dressers. Lee and John Casto and James McKissic, as well as others, were responsible for laying up most of the chimneys, interior and exterior fireplaces, and the stone work on the cabins and on the Old Pavilion picnic shelter. Local residents Lonnie Pugh and John Cutlip worked as blacksmiths and most likely were responsible for the hammered iron hardware on the rental cabins, as well as other iron work in the park (Gioulis 2008:187).

The WPA completed much of its work at Holly River by mid-1937, but no cabin rentals were recorded until the following summer. At this time, the park opened to visitors for camping, swimming, hiking, and other activities. Although initially designated a national park, Holly River's management was turned over to the West Virginia Conservation Commission in 1938. The following year, the Federal government leased the park to West Virginia and, in 1954, transferred the park to state ownership for one dollar. The first Superintendent of Holly River State Park was Lee Marcus Holmboe, who was appointed in 1938 and served through 1941. The park operated without a Superintendent until 1977, when Steven P. Bolar was appointed (Gioulis 2008:185-186).

### Later Development at Holly River State Park

During the early 1950s, new trails and restroom facilities were added to the park. A decade later, projects included construction of the trout rearing pond and a new water system and the addition of a 19-site campground. A wooden fire tower in the park was demolished in 1963. Also around this time, the rental cabins were refurbished; this was likely when the original cabin furniture and lighting, if present, were replaced. Park staff built a garage at the Superintendent's Residence in ca. 1970. A 68-site campground was completed in 1972, followed by tennis courts in 1975, and renovation of the swimming pool in 1976. Five years later, a new maintenance garage was constructed near the trout rearing pond, and a liming device was installed on Laurel Fork to facilitate trout reclamation. The 1990s saw the construction of several additional trails and picnic shelters, as well as the relocation and restoration of the Windy Gap one-room schoolhouse. The Holly River State Park Foundation, a non-profit group formed to promote the park, was responsible for much of the work completed in the 1990s.

#### Significance and Integrity

The Holly River historic district is associated with all four of the historic contexts described in the New Deal Resources in West Virginia State Parks and Forests Multiple Property Listing. Holly River is significant for its association with State Park and Forest Development in West Virginia, 1933-1942. This association also relates to the areas of significance of Conservation and Entertainment/Recreation. Land acquisition for Holly River began in 1935, making it one of many publicly accessible parks established in West Virginia using New Deal programs. In addition to providing recreational opportunities, the park system initiated conservation and environmental restoration efforts on lands previously deemed marginal and worthless. Awareness of the need to conserve natural resources to foster economic development and environmental health played an important role in the maturing environmental movement of the twentieth century.

Holly River State Park was associated with New Deal Federal Relief Programs in West Virginia State Parks and Forests from 1933 to 1942. This significance also relates to the areas of significance of Politics/Government and Social/History. The WPA undertook construction projects at Holly River. The WPA provided job training and

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employment opportunities to local workers, as well as a net positive economic impact on nearby communities. As a result, the program was an important component of the Roosevelt administration's efforts to ameliorate the effects of the Great Depression. The WPA provided job training and employment opportunities to its enrollees, as well as a net positive economic impact on nearby communities. As a result, the government program was an important component of the Roosevelt administration's efforts to ameliorate the effects of the Great Depression. The social effects of the WPA lingered for decades thereafter. The enrollees who had participated in the program gained job training and educational benefits that were useful throughout their lives. The economic benefits provided to nearby communities aided in social cohesion and created opportunities that permitted local residents to stay near their homes. The parks and forests improved by New Deal programs also became tourist destinations that have continued to draw visitors through the present day.

Holly River retains numerous examples of rustic architecture, making it significant for its association with Rustic Style Architecture in West Virginia State Parks and Forests, 1933-1942. This association also relates to the area of significance of Architecture. All of the major architectural features at Holly River, including the rental cabins, Old Pavilion picnic shelter, footbridges, office and restaurant building, and superintendent's residence are fine examples of rustic design. The use of natural, locally available materials, particularly stone and wood, is a defining characteristic of the style. Labor-intensive construction methods and fine craftsmanship also are evident. As illustrated by the drawings of the storage building, ice house, and filtration plant, the WPA worked closely with the West Virginia Conservation Commission in designing the buildings at Holly River (Figures 2-4).

Also with regard to the architecture area of significance, the original layout, spatial relationships, and circulation patterns at Holly River are associated with the Landscape Design and Landscape Management in West Virginia State Parks and Forests, 1933-1942. Both rustic architecture and landscape design called for harmonizing with nature and use of locally available materials. This approach allowed the man-made forms to blend with their overall setting. An example of this landscape design esthetic is shown in the map showing development at Holly River (Figure 1). Recreational, rental cabin, and picnic areas were placed in concentrated zones, while the remainder of the park was set aside for reforestation. Walking and hiking trails throughout the park provided visitors an opportunity to enjoy the park's scenic and natural qualities. Furthermore, since the 1930s, the park's woodlands and landscape have been managed according to the forestry and conservation principles that evolved from the CCC's work.

Holly River State Park conveys its historical associations and significance due to its high level of integrity. The park's New Deal historic resources retain integrity of design, location, setting, feeling, workmanship, materials, and association.

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### **Verbal Boundary Description**

The historic district boundary begins on the east side of State Route 20 and proceeds in a generally easterly direction for a distance of about 8,400 feet, paralleling Webster County Route 3, then turns north/northwest for approximately 1,500 feet then extends northeast for approximately 3,750 feet before turning southeast for a distance of around 2,400 feet. The boundary then shifts to a more southerly directly for about 1,500 feet, shifts again to the southwest for another 1,500 feet to the north side of Webster County Route 3, then turns back to the southeast and continues approximately 4,000 feet. The boundary turns to the northeast for approximately 1,250 feet, shifts to a northerly direction for 2,00 feet and crosses Webster County Route 3, and turns sharply back to the southeast and continues for roughly 2,650 feet. It turns again to the northeast for around 3,000 feet, cuts sharply back to the northwest for 2,000 feet, and then goes northeast for 1,650 feet. The boundary turns again to the southeast and proceeds roughly 1,400 feet, turns northeast to extend 1,500 feet, then proceeds in a generally southeasterly direction for approximately 4,250 feet, crossing Webster County Route 3 along the way. It then commences on a generally northeasterly direction for approximately 5,200 feet, more or less paralleling Webster County Route 3, until it turns to the northwest and across the road and continues for 2,600 feet. The boundary goes back to the southwest for about 1,750 feet then extends northwest for another 900 feet. The boundary turns southwest again for about 1,800 feet then goes north/northwest for 5,000 feet, shifts southwest for around 1,000 feet, back to northwest for 500 feet, and then sharply turns northeast for 1,250 feet to cross Webster County Route 10-2, returns to the northwest for about 650 feet, and then proceeds northeast for a distance of approximately 2,250 feet. The boundary turns again to the southeast for 9,500 feet, crossing Webster County Route 10-2 along the way, and turns northeast for 2,500 feet to meet Webster County Route 10-2 again. The boundary follows the road for a distance of about 1,250 feet, jogs northeast for about 750 feet, turns northwest again for around 1,650 feet, shifts southwest and crosses the road for around 900 feet, and next proceeds northwest for approximately 13,250 feet, crossing the Right Fork of the Little Kanawha River along the way. The boundary turns to in a southwesterly direction for about 2,500 feet, crossing the river again along the way, then extends northwest for about 10,800 feet and cross Rockcamp Run as it does so. A short distance southeast of Spruce Fork street, the boundary turns southwest and goes about 1,000 feet to cross the stream then shifts to a more southerly/southwesterly direction for about 2,150 feet. The boundary turns in a generally southeasterly direction for 2,250 feet before turning back to the southwest for around 1,500 feet to reach Webster County Route 2. The boundary next generally parallels Webster County Route 2 for approximately 5,650 feet, then turns west/northwest for about 2,250 feet, turns back to the southwest for 1,500 feet, back to the southeast for 1,500 feet as it crosses State Route 20, to the southwest again for 750 feet, and back to the southeast for around 1,000 feet, crossing Laurel Fork along the way. The boundary jogs once more to the southwest for around 650 feet and then returns to the northwest, crossing Laurel Fork again, for about 2,150 feet to reach the southeast side of State Route 20. It parallels the road northeast for about 1,750 feet, and crosses the road to go northwest for around 1,000 feet. The boundary next turns to a southerly direction for 5,250 feet and shifts southeast for approximately 850 feet to reach State Route 20, and follows the road approximately 250 feet back to the point of beginning.

#### **Boundary Justification**

The historic district boundary encompasses the areas of the state park that were established, designed, and landscaped during the New Deal period. Both its historic architectural resources and the park's managed

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landscape have maintained their original functions since that time. The park is an excellent, representative example of New Deal-era architectural and landscape design as well as landscape planning and management.

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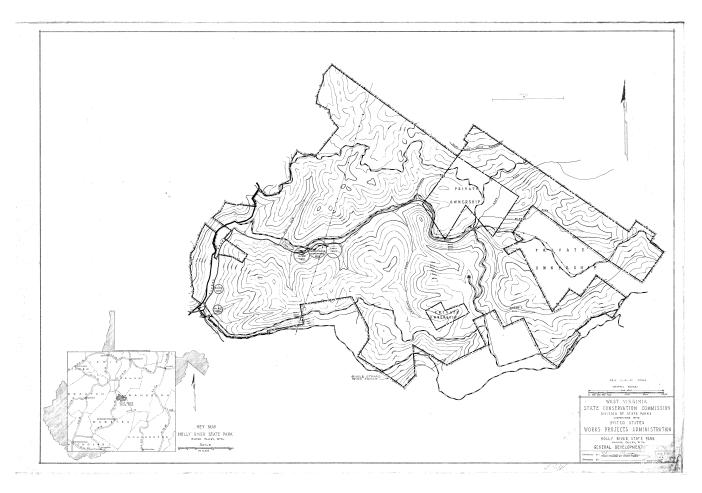


Figure 1. Holly River State Park General Development Map, November 23, 1940 (West Virginia State Conservation Commission – Division of State Parks and United States Works Projects Administration, 1940).

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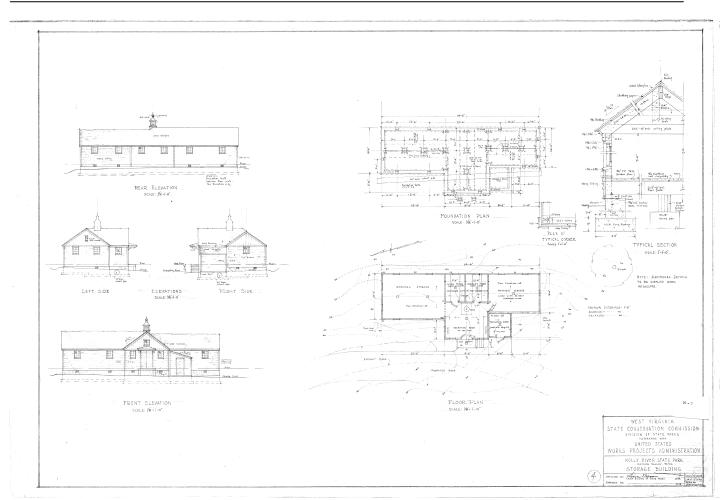


Figure 2. Holly River State Park Storage Building, November 30, 1940 (West Virginia State Conservation Commission – Division of State Parks and United States Works Projects Administration, 1940).

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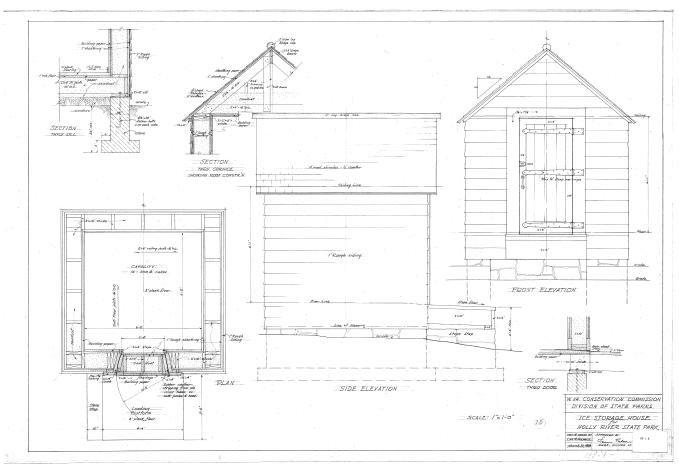


Figure 3. Ice Storage House for Holly River State Park, March 31, 1939 (West Virginia State Conservation Commission – Division of State Parks, 1939).

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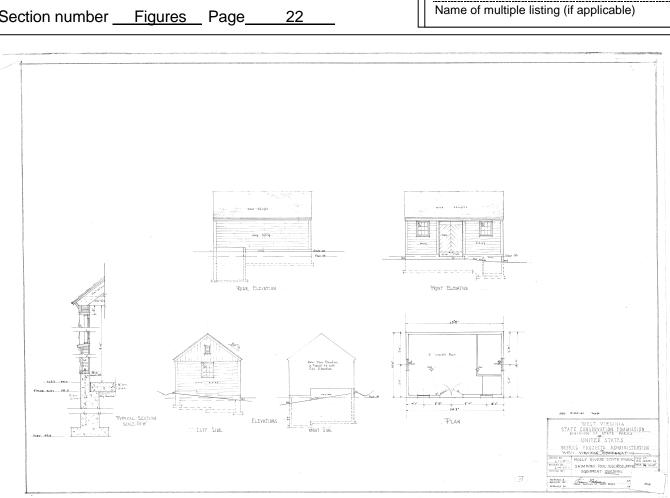


Figure 4. Holly River State Park Swimming Pool Recirculating Equipment Building [filtration plant], May 20, 1940 (West Virginia State Conservation Commission - Division of State Parks and United States Works Projects Administration, 1940).

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Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District **City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten Date Photographed: June 2010 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Representative view along Webster County Route 3, camera facing southeast 2 of 52

Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley **County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten Date Photographed: June 2010 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Representative view along Webster County Route 10, camera facing northeast 3 of 52

Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley **County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten Date Photographed: June 2010 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Representative view along Webster County Route 10, camera facing southwest 4 of 52

Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley **County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten Date Photographed: June 2010 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Road to campground alongside Laurel Fork, camera facing south/southwest

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Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley County: Webster State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten Date Photographed: June 2010 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Representative landscape elements along Laurel Fork, camera facing east 7 of 52	
Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley County: Webster State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten Date Photographed: June 2010 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Representative view of spatial relationships and siting of rental cabins, camera facing south 8 of 52	
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Stone piers along West Virginia 20 at park entry, camera facing southeast 10 of 52

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Representative view of Potato Knob Trail, camera facing northwest 15 of 52

Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District **City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten Date Photographed: June 2010 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Representative view of Nature's Rock Garden trail, camera facing east 16 of 52 Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley **County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten **Date Photographed: June 2010** Description of Photograph(s) and number: Representative view of Laurel Fork Trail, camera facing southeast 17 of 52 Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley **County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten **Date Photographed: June 2010** Description of Photograph(s) and number: Boardwalk at Upper Falls off Potato Knob Trail, camera facing northwest 18 of 52 Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley **County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Michael Gioulis, Historic Preservation Consultant Date Photographed: May 2008 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Footbridge between Cabins 7 and 8, camera facing south/southwest 19 of 52 Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley **County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Michael Gioulis, Historic Preservation Consultant

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Vehicular bridge north of park office/restaurant, camera facing north/northeast 20 of 52

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Description of Photograph(s) and number:

Registration building along County Route 10, camera facing southwest 25 of 52

Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District **City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten Date Photographed: June 2010 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Representative view of 19-site campground and ca. 1965 bathhouse, camera facing northeast 26 of 52 Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley **County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten **Date Photographed: June 2010** Description of Photograph(s) and number: Ball field adjacent to 19-site campground, camera facing southwest 27 of 52 Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District **City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten **Date Photographed: June 2010** Description of Photograph(s) and number: Ca. 1955 restroom building, camera facing southwest 28 of 52 Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District **City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten Date Photographed: June 2010 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Carpenter pavilion, camera facing north/northeast 29 of 52 Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley **County: Webster** State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten Date Photographed: June 2010

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Balli pavilion, camera facing southwest 30 of 52

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Cut stone fireplace in Old Pavilion picnic shelter, camera facing southeast 35 of 52

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Ca. 1981 maintenance building near trout rearing pond, camera facing southwest 40 of 52

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Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley County: Webster State: West Virginia Photographer: Lena Sweeten Date Photographed: June 2010 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Swimming pool and bathhouse, camera facing northwest 43 of 52

Name of Property: New Deal Resources in Holly River State Park Historic District City or Vicinity: Hacker Valley County: Webster State: West Virginia Photographer: Michael Gioulis, Historic Preservation Consultant Date Photographed: June 2008 Description of Photograph(s) and number: Filtration plant, camera facing northeast 44 of 52

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Tennis and game courts, camera facing northeast 45 of 52

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