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Designs which appear in this volume form a substantial nucleus of experience from which you can draw. They are meant to suggest structures and plans, show what others have done and list contributors which you may contact for further information. However, these designs must be used with caution as they are not standard

plans, or necessarily the latest designs of park structures. They are not complete park layouts for all situations and are not meant to replace local designing talent (and destroy initiative of park planners).

How well these designs meet your particular requirements is left entirely to your judgment.

The Park Practice Program, cooperatively undertaken by the National Conference on State Parks, National Recreation and Parks Association, and the National Park Service, US Department of the Interior, provides a means of exchanging proven ideas

and practices and new theories among park personnel. Material contributed by local, state and federal agencies, educational institutions, industry and other sources is reviewed and published in four categories:

DESIGN Drawings and photographs of park structures and facilities which have been built and proven successful.

GRIST Material issued in a bimonthly magazine aimed primarily at the field operating level and offering tested time-, effort-, and money-saving technical ideas and devices for more efficient park operation.

GUIDELINE Material in text form on a variety of subjects such as policy and planning, administration, protection, development, interpretation, maintenance and concessions.

TRENDS Articles representing the best available readings on new and important issues relating to parks, recreation and conservation published as a quarterly.

It is intended that these four complementing publications will furnish suggested ideas for all types of park and recreation area situations. An effort will be made to provide a com-

prehensive body of material with appropriate balance of subject matter to meet the needs of the Park Practice participants.