United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Roes Creek Campground Camptender's Cabin
other name/site number: Rising Sun Campground Camptender's Cabin/#164

2. Location

street & number: N/A

vicinity: North of Going-to-the-Sun Road at St. Mary Lake; Glacier National Park (GLAC)

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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 X meets _ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _ nationally _ statewide X
locally. ( _ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

National Park Service

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property _ meets _ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official or other official

Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

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 see continuation sheet

☐ removed from the National Register see continuation sheet

☐ other (explain)

Signature of the Keeper

Entered in the National Register

Date of Action
Rising Sun Campground Camptender’s Cabin

Name of Property: Glacier County, Montana

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal
Category of Property: Building
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A
Name of related multiple property listing: Glacier National Park Multiple
Property Listing

Number of Resources within Property

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions: Government; Domestic/institutional housing
Current Function: Same

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Rustic

Materials:
- foundation: concrete
- walls: log; board-and-batten
- roof: wood shingle
- other: porch

Narrative Description

The camptender’s cabin is located at the junction of the Rising Sun Auto Camp and Campground access roads amidst sparse native vegetation, including Douglas fir and scrub pine. The land south of the building is undeveloped and open; the building is thus easily visible to passing motorists on the Going-to-the-Sun Road and serves as the "gateway" to the campground.

This single-story rectangular building is constructed of logs with chopper-cut ends. Deep saddle notches join the logs, obviating the need for excessive chinking. The building rests on a concrete foundation and is covered by a log-frame gable roof surfaced with green-painted wood shingles. Log purlins and rafters are exposed and the roof extends to partially protect a porch inset at the southwest corner. Porch features include log supports and railings. Decorative board-and-batten covers the gabled ends. Each gable end also contains a louvered-wood attic vent. A central stone chimney extending from the gable ridge no longer functions. The primary entrance, protected by the porch and offset within the southeast elevation, features a modern, unglazed, hollow-core door. The older rear door, centered within the northeast elevation, is paneled wood with a four-light window. Windows are six-over-one, wood-frame, double-hung and paired with wood-framed window screens. The windows are set in pairs in the southeast and southwest elevations. The building is painted brown with light trim and is in only fair condition, with deterioration in the log ends. Some wall logs have rotted to such a degree that they have been sheathed in metal.

Interior access was restricted at the time of survey. The following description includes only those features visible through the windows. The interior appears little changed since the 1930s. The residence contains a bedroom, kitchen, bath, and entry/storage room. The original 1”X4” painted fir floors remain exposed in all but the kitchen where they have been covered with linoleum. The original wall-mounted cupboards, paneled interior doors, and five inch window and door surrounds remain.
8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Applicable National Register Criteria: A; C

Areas of Significance: Government; Entertainment/Recreation; Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Period(s) of Significance: 1935-1945

Significant Person(s): N/A

Significant Dates: 1938

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: National Park Service Branch of Plans and Design/Civilian Conservation Corp

Narrative Statement of Significance

This small cabin is locally significant for its association with a significant trend in park visitation patterns: the increase of middle-class automobile tourists and federal (versus concessioner) development of infrastructure appropriate to this new clientele. The building, with its rough-cut log ends, covered porch, and stone chimney, also exemplifies NPS rustic architecture. It is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places with significance in history and architecture (criteria A and C). The period of significance extends from the date at which the Branch of Plans and Design produced the blueprint until the end of the historic period as defined by the National Register (1945). The cabin is a component of the Minor Developed Areas property type, as defined in the Glacier National Park Multiple Property Listing.

The increase in auto camping at Glacier National Park during the 1920s and 1930s encouraged the NPS to spend more money and effort toward the improvement of park campgrounds. Early camping sites, haphazardly developed, were superseded by newly designed major campgrounds at sites such a Sprague Creek, Many Glacier, Two Medicine, Roes Creek (Rising Sun) and Avalanche. Plans were laid to provide substantial support services for users of each of these facilities, including service stations, soda fountains, and campstores. Park personnel reported that this development was a response to "the expansion of the 'Automobile Tourist Patron'... . The National Park Service is keeping abreast of the times by providing the proper facilities for taking care of this rapidly increasing newer type of Tourist Trade" (anonymous 1933:1).

In addition to basic services, an increased NPS presence was also warranted: campgrounds were assigned seasonal "camptenders" who performed custodial duties and provided assistance to visitors. At several campgrounds, small residences for the camptenders were constructed during the 1930s. Most were built of lumber with exposed log framing, matching the camp's comfort stations; the building at the new Roes Creek Campground (now Rising Sun Campground), however, was a traditional "log cabin." Plans for the cabin were completed in May, 1935, although the building itself was apparently not finished until September 29, 1937. Work was performed by members of Glacier's CCC camp #GNP-11, located a few hundred yards from the building site. Cost of the building was approximately $1,380.

The interior contributes to the building's significance.
9. Major Bibliographic References


"Glacier National Park Camptender’s Cabin--Roes Creek." (blueprint), Maintenance Office, Glacier National Park.


10. Geographical Data

Acresage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:

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Verbal Boundary Description

The junction of the roads to the auto camp and the campground form the western and southern boundaries to this property. North and east boundaries are arbitrarily defined as a line 40’ north and east of the center of the building, incorporating the scrub pine that surrounds the building.

Boundary Justification

These arbitrary boundaries do not encompass the area of historic association -- the Roes Creek campground -- and may be expanded once the campground is evaluated.

11. Form Prepared By

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7. Narrative Description, cont.

Modifications to the building appear to have been limited to the replacement of the original door and the temporary attempts to control log deterioration; neither change significantly affects the building’s association with rustic architecture or with 1930s park-development trends. The historic setting at the entrance to the campground remains unimpaired by modern development.

Photographs.

The following information applies to all photographs listed below:

1) Photographer: Nancy Niedernhofer
2) Date of Photographs: September 1992
3) Location of Negatives: National Park Service, RMR-RC, Denver, CO

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Additional Documentation

The following site plans can be found at the Denver Service Center’s Technical Information Center, Denver, Colorado.
Rising Sun Auto Camp Historic District

UTM References:
A 12/314655/5396680  F 12/314605/5396315
B 12/314785/5396740  G 12/314625/5396550
C 12/314775/5396625
D 12/314700/5396500
E 12/314715/5396390

Silver Dollar Beach

P A R K  L A K E  The Narrows

Wild Goose Island

Falls

Boat Ramp

Golden Stairs

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