Picnic Shelter, Voorhees State Park, New Jersey

The supporting posts and brackets of this shelter seem perfectly scaled to the mass, and recall something of the sturdy and workmanlike joinery of the early American barn, a fitting source of precedent and inspiration for a building in our natural parks. The horizontality produced by the three-member railing offsets the considerable pitch of a roof that otherwise might cause the structure to appear too high. The simple gable treatment and the broad approach steps are important contributions to the satisfying effect here created.