United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16).

Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printers in 12 pitch. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property
   historic name  Agnes Vaille Shelter
   other names/site number  Memorial Shelter; HS-204

2. Location
   street & number  N/A
   city, town  Estes Park
   state  CO
   code  CO
   county  Larimer
   code  069
   zip code  80517

3. Classification

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<th>Ownership of Property</th>
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<th>No. of Resources within Property</th>
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Name of related multiple property listing: Rocky Mountain NP Historic Resources

No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0
4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 □ meets □ does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature of certifying official] [Date]

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property □ meets □ does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature of commenting or other official] [Date]

State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

□ entered in the National Register □ determined eligible for the National Register. □ determined not eligible for the National Register.

□ removed from the National Register

□ other, (explain:)

[Signature of the Keeper] [Date]

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE/
Outdoor Recreation

Current Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE/
Outdoor Recreation
7. Description

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This is a small, stone walled building, used presently as a shelter for climbers and hikers on Longs Peak. The exterior is of coursed fieldstone and mortar. The stone came from the site. The roof is conical and also of native, coursed stone. There is one door opening, but the door has been removed. There are two 4-light fixed windows and one smaller, filled in opening. The interior is one room. The interior has a stone floor and walls with no ceiling, just the interiors of the stone roof pieces.

The Agnes Vaille Shelter is located near the Summit of Long’s Peak, less than 100 yards south of the Keyhole. The Keyhole is a critical landmark for hikers approaching the summit from the northeast across the Boulder Field. The shelter is above timberline at over 13,400 feet elevation. As a result of its location above timberline and being made of local stone, the shelter blends into its surroundings very well. It overlooks the Boulder Field, Mount Lady Washington, Chasm Lake and the other approaches on the east side of Long’s Peak. From the shelter’s vantage point hikers look down on the eastern escarpment of the central and northern Colorado Rockies and the eastern plains of Colorado. If the sky is clear portions of Wyoming, western Nebraska and western Kansas can be seen on the horizon farther east. Looking west from the shelter is a rocky, sharply defined ridge line. On the far (west) side of the ridge the central ranges of the Colorado Rockies come into view including vistas of much of the Continental Divide in Colorado as well as North and Middle Parks.

See continuation sheet
8. Statement of Significance
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: ___ nationally   ___ statewide   X locally

Applicable National Register Criteria
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)   ___ A   ___ B   X   C   ___ D

Areas of Significance
(enter categories from instructions)   Period of Significance   Significant Dates

Rustic Architecture

1927-1941

Cultural Affiliation

Significant Person   Architect/Builder

NPS Design Staff

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

This building, built in 1927 by the National Park Service, replaced an earlier concession building that was farther down the mountain as a shelter for hikers trapped on Longs Peak by weather or fatigue. The building offers a non-traditional example of the National Park Service Rustic design philosophy as it was practiced at Rocky Mountain National Park during the early twentieth century. The shelter, built of native stone, exemplifies the Rustic ideal of blending with the surroundings in that the building sits on a rock slope near an area known as the Boulder Field (AKA Boulderfield). The stone shelter blends so well into its native surroundings that many hikers and climbers fail to see it from as little as 100 yards away.

The shelter was built in response to many climbing fatalities on Longs Peak and named for Agnes Vaille, the first woman to make a winter ascent of Longs Peak, even though she died of exposure on her way down from the summit. The disastrous climb took place on January 12, 1925, and two years later the shelter was built by NPS crews.

The present exterior is essentially in its original condition and exhibits a key characteristic of the Rustic architecture school, the designed blending with the native surroundings, as described in the context. It is also considered significant as an unusual example of the use of native materials in Rustic designs at Rocky Mountain National Park for its stone construction.

___ See continuation sheet
9. Major Bibliographical References

Park Building Files, Rocky Mountain National Park,
Estes Park Trail, 16 January 1925.
C.W. Buchholtz, Rocky Mountain National Park, A History, (Boulder: Colorado
Associated University Press, 1983).

Previous documentations 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:
___ Rocky Mountain NP

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property ___ less than one (1) acre

UTM References
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Verbal Boundary Description
The property boundary is defined as a circle 80 feet in diameter centered on UTM
point 13/447190/4456660.
___ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification
The boundary as described encompasses the significant resource and a small area
of its natural setting. It does not include a large buffer zone or unnecessary
lands.
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Exterior to S
Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey as part of the Department of the Interior program for the development of the Missouri River Basin Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA and Bureau of Reclamation Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods Aerial photographs taken 1953. Field check 1957. Revised 1961 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Colorado coordinate system, north zone 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 13, shown in blue Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations Land lines omitted in Ts. 3 and 4 N. R. 74 W., and in part of T. 3 N. R. 73 W. because of insufficient data Land lines unsurveyed in part of T. 4 N. R. 73 W. Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1976. Map edited 1978 This information not field checked