CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT

(Attach 4" x 5" Black and White Photograph)

REGION_ RMR_ PARK/AREA NAME_ ZION N.P._ PARK NUMBER_ 1590

STRUCTURE NAME_ Emerald Pools Trail_ STRUCTURE NUMBER_ RT 1

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE_ Emerald Pools Trail_ PARK LOCATION CODE_ PG

NATIONAL REGISTER DATE_ /_/ MANAGEMENT CATEGORY_ (A) (B) (C) (D)

NPS LEGAL INTEREST_ FEE_ MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT_ No Mgmt. Agreement

Check all of the following categories for which NPS has treatment responsibility:

Stabilization (X) Cyclic Maintenance (X) Routine Maintenance (X) Approved Ultimate Treatment (X)

(ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION USE ONLY)

APPROVED ULTIMATE TREATMENT OR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CULTURAL COMPONENT DESIGNATION:

Preservation (PP) Restoration (RR) Reconstruction (CC)
Adaptive Preservation (AP) Adaptive Restoration (AR) Adaptive Reconstruction (AC)
Neglect (NG) Remove (RM) No Approved Treatment (NO)

Approval Document_ ( )Document Date_ / /

Estimated Treatment Costs_ Level of

Stabilization: $_____ Date_ / /

Approved Treatment: $_____ Date_ / /

Estimator: (Region) (DSC) (A&E)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: N.P.S. built nature walk and hiking trail of architectural and historical significance.

Date of Construction_ 07/15/1932_ Date of Alterations_ 19/67/68/69 1983/84

Architect/Designer_ Harry Langley_ Historical Theme(s)_ Transportation

History of Structure_ The Landscape Representative from Field Headquarters, Harry Langley, made a study of the trail location and Asst. Superintendent Thomas C. Parker and Superintendent P.P. Patraw agreed upon methods of construction. Inspections made during progress of construction and approval in writing made to Supt. Patraw. Construction by small tools only, no compressor or jack hammers were used. Length of 1932 construction was 0.8 mile; cost $654.80. Work began 06/10/1932; ended 07/15/1932.

Evaluation of Structure_ Historic Theme Contributing_ X_ Non-Contributing__

National Register Criteria_ A_ B_ C_ X_ D_ (Include integrity statement)

Constructed with native materials and associated with "NPS-Rustic" architectural style, the Emerald Pools Trail possesses structural integrity. Stone masons were employed to construct all stone work to bring it to a high standard of strength and appearance.


Representation in Other Surveys_ No.

If structure has been removed, how? _ Date_ / /

Report prepared by_ James Jurale_ Date_ 09/07/84
### Emerald Pools Trail

**LOCATION:** Section undetermined  
Township 41 S  
Range 10 W  
State Utah  
County Washington

**USE:**  
Original Use  Hiking/nature trail  
Intermediate Uses  Hiking/nature trail  
**PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE)**  
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**OWNERSHIP:**  
Present Owner: NPS  
Original Owner: NFS  
Intermediate Owner(s): NPS

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***PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION***

(DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.)

The Emerald Pools Trail starts from two locations, is approximately 2.2 miles long and may be taken as a loop or as a two-way trail. The original trail began at a foot bridge across the highway from the Utah Parks (Zion) Lodge and proceeded in a westerly direction to the Lower Emerald Pool. In 1932, construction of an .8 mile trail from the Grotto Camp Ground foot bridge provided a northern access to the existing trail and established a two-way route.

Only one switch-back was constructed on the northern portion of the trail. It was constructed just to the west of the Campground foot bridge as it was necessary to climb from the river level to the top of a ledge approximately 60' above the river. In order to save distance and grade, stone steps were constructed on a 15% grade. These steps, along with other rock work found on the trail, were constructed by stone masons to be of high standards and fine appearance. The average work crew was composed of 1 foreman and 7 laborers who used small tools only. No compressors or jack hammers were used.

In 1967, slides and debris were removed from the trail, drain ages repairs were accomplished, retaining walls were reconstructed and trail tread replaced where required. Improvements were carried out on the trail in 1969 to refurbish the stone slab and chisled steps. The Grotto bridge was replaced in 1983-84 and the lower trail paved for handicapped access.

Presently, a trail links the lower pool to the middle and upper pool. This trail leading up Heaps Canyon is rough but also contains representative examples of vintage Park Service stone work. The Lower Emerald Pools Trail and the Upper Emerald Pools Trail are naturalist-guided walks during the summer season.

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**SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:**
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