

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Glacier National Park Pit Toilets

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: N/A

not for publication: n/a
vicinity: Glacier National Park (GLAC)

city/town: West Glacier

state: Montana code: MT county: Flathead code: 29 zip code: 59936

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 meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide 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 or other official

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Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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)

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal	Number of Resources within Property	
Category of Property: N/A	Contributing	Noncontributing
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A	_____	<u>17</u>
Name of related multiple property listing: Glacier National Park Multiple Property Listing	_____	_____
	_____	_____
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	_____	<u>17</u>

building(s)
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Total

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions: Government\pit toilets	Current Function: Same
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7. Description

Architectural Classification: Other: rustic; modern	Materials: foundation: wood pier; concrete walls: board-and-batten; vertical shiplap; horizontal shiplap roof: shake other: N/A
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Narrative Description

The following pit toilets are associated with Glacier National Park ranger stations, patrol cabins, and lookouts listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. The toilets were not discussed in the original nominations and are, with one exception, located outside site boundaries as currently defined. Kishenehn Ranger Station pit toilet #366 is located in the middle of the district yet was not "counted" as contributing or noncontributing - as per NPS *National Register Bulletin 16A* (p. 17). Building numbers assigned are those presently listed in park maintenance files; these may not be accurate.

Apgar Lookout Pit Toilet #582

This small building is located approximately 90' southwest of the lookout, behind the modern communications/storage building. Eight-inch horizontal shiplap covers the exterior walls and wood shingles cover the shallow shed roof. The outhouse is maintained by the horse concessioner and is in good condition. Although there is no record of the building's construction, it appears to date to the modern period. Due to a camera malfunction at the time of survey, there is no photograph of this building.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: N/A

Areas of Significance: N/A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Period(s) of Significance: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Significant Dates: N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: NPS

Narrative Statement of Significance

The pit toilets are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, due to unanswered questions regarding dates of construction and to their small size and insignificant use.

9. Major Bibliographic References

USDI NPS, "Real Property Files," on file at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Denver, Colorado.

Previous documentation 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:

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property: N/A

UTM References:

N/A

Verbal Boundary Description

N/A

Boundary Justification

N/A

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7. Narrative Description, continued

Belly River Ranger Station Pit Toilet #491

Maintenance files from the 1950s describe the Belly River outhouse as sided with vertical board and batten. The outhouse currently on site, located approximately 75' north northeast of the ranger station, is sided with horizontal shiplap siding on two elevations and vertical board and batten on two elevations. In contrast to most park outhouses, it features a relatively large multi-light double-hung window in the rear elevation. The door is constructed of vertical boards and features vintage hinges and a branch "latch." The outhouse may date to 1942, the construction date of record. It is located just outside the boundaries of the Belly River Ranger Station Historic District.

Bowman Lake Patrol Cabin Pit Toilet #356

This wood-frame outhouse is located at the north edge of the junction of trails leading to the ranger station (west) or to the patrol cabin/boathouse (north). Seven-inch shiplap covers the exterior walls and wood shingles cover the shed roof. The wide eaves are enclosed in a characteristic modern design. The building is in good condition and does not appear to have been constructed as early as 1929 -- the construction date of record for Bowman Lake pit toilet #599. A photograph is not available at this time but will be included in the final Multiple Property Submission.

Fielding Patrol Cabin Pit Toilet #391

This small wood-frame shed-roof outhouse is located approximately 60' east of the Fielding Patrol Cabin, within the protective cover of the forest that surrounds the open cabin site. Three-inch shiplap siding, laid horizontally, covers the exterior walls and wood shingles cover the roof. Small multi-light screened "windows" have been placed high in the northeast, northwest, and southwest walls. A "cupola" vent straddles the ridgeline. This building is in only fair condition and construction materials suggest that it may date to 1936 - the construction date of record for Fielding pit toilet #391. A square depression topped with wood planks and sheet metal, located approximately 30' west of the outhouse, indicates the outhouse's previous location.

Huckleberry Lookout Pit Toilet #588

This small wood frame outhouse is located approximately 60' downslope (north northwest) of the lookout, where it commands an outstanding view. Seven-inch shiplap planks, laid horizontally, cover the exterior walls and wood shingles cover the shed roof. The roof features wide eaves, finished with fascia but no soffit. The door, offset within the front (northwest) elevation, is constructed of vertical 7" planks and features a branch handle and wide exposed hinges. Vents located high in the side elevations are boarded over. This outhouse is constructed of the same materials as the adjacent lookout and may date to the 1930s, the construction date of record for Huckleberry Lookout pit toilet #588.

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Kintla Lake Campground Pit Toilet #656

This wood frame outhouse is sided with 10" boards and 2" battens and roofed with wood shingles. Wire mesh encircles the lower 3' of the exterior walls. The heavy 4" x 4" purlins are exposed and extend approximately 18" beyond the front elevation, supporting the extended gable end. The door is constructed of vertical boards secured with an interior cross brace. NPS real property files indicate that Kintla Lake Campground pit toilet #656 was constructed in 1934 by CCC crews. This unnumbered outhouse conforms in design and materials to CCC-constructed buildings found elsewhere in the park and may be original.

Kintla Lake Patrol Cabin (Upper) Pit Toilet #614

The original patrol cabin pit toilet (#614; constructed 1931) has been replaced with a modern free-standing toilet, sitting approximately two feet above the ground depression and encased with a wood frame. A two-step platform forms provides a mud-free footrest. The toilet is currently located approximately 60' southwest of the cabin -- within arm reach of abundant thimbleberries -- but is designed to be moved as needed.

Kintla Lake Ranger Station Pit Toilet #616

This modern outhouse is located approximately 75' south southeast of the patrol cabin, just outside the historic district boundaries. Seven-inch lapped siding covers the exterior walls and wood shingles cover the shed roof. The roof features wide enclosed eaves -- a more modern design feature. The door is constructed of vertical 3" planks.

Kishenehn Ranger Station Pit Toilets #366 & #367

Toilet #367, reported to have been constructed in 1922, could not be located. However, the site is littered with burn-and-fill scars, suggesting that the toilet was frequently moved. Pit toilet #366 is a surprisingly substantial unpeeled-log building with chopper cut log ends and an extended front gable roof reminiscent of those found on backcountry patrol cabins. The building's simple notching, excellent physical condition, and unique cabin-parody design suggest that it is a relatively recent addition to the historic district. The toilet itself is modern, described by survey crews as a "standard backcountry commode, aluminum stand with lid and plenty of mosquitos." The building is shown on the original site map and is included within the district as a noncontributing building (also see addenda to the "Kishenehn Ranger Station Historic District Nomination," part of this Multiple Property Submission).

Loneman Lookout Pit Toilet #624

This wood-frame pit toilet is located 75' due south of the lookout, within a protective tree cover. Six-inch shiplap planks cover the exterior walls and wood shakes cover the shed roof. The door, constructed of vertical planks, is offset within the south elevation. Screened vents are located on the east and west elevations and a mesh screen covers the bottom 18 inches of the walls. This building is in fair condition and may date to the historic period. A square depression, infilled but retaining the original foundation boards, may indicate a previous location of the outhouse. A second pit toilet, an early version of the free-standing units, is constructed of badly warped 10" planks. The seat has collapsed.

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Lower Nyack Patrol Cabin Pit Toilet (no number)

Although not included in the real property files, this building appears to be historic. Located southeast of the patrol cabin in heavy vegetation, it is constructed of 7" vertical planks. The gable roof (more typical on older park outhouses) is topped with moss-covered wood shingles. A handmade wood-slab latch secures the vertical plank door, which faces southeast toward the creek.

Mt. Brown Pit Toilet #577

This lookout is no longer in active use. Pit toilet #577 was not located.

Numa Ridge Lookout Pit Toilet #612

The wood-frame Numa Ridge Lookout Pit Toilet, located approximately 60' south southeast (down slope) of the lookout, is sided with horizontal shiplap planks and roofed with corrugated fiberglass. The door has been ripped off the hinges. No photographs were taken of the building.

Nyack Ranger Station Pit Toilet #373

This outhouse is not included in NPS real property files yet appears to be historic. It is located 75' west northwest of the fire cache within the protective cover of the forest that surrounds the open station site - just outside the district boundaries as currently defined. Eight-inch shiplap planks, vertical, cover the exterior walls. The door, also constructed of 8" planks, features long historic hinges and a handmade wood latch. Decorative holes have been cut with a jigsaw from the upper edge of boards within the gable ends, creating vents. Wood shakes, covered with moss, cover the gable roof (a roof design found more frequently on historic outhouses).

Pass Creek Cabin Pit Toilet #502

Pit toilet #502, reportedly constructed ca. 1938, has been removed and replaced with a modern free-standing toilet, sitting approximately two feet above the ground depression and encased in a wood frame. Heavy vegetation forms a privacy screen. The toilet is currently located approximately 60' west of the Pass Creek Cabin, but is designed to be moved as needed.

Polebridge Ranger Station Pit Toilet #356

Pit toilet #356, constructed in 1929, was replaced ca. 1980 with a large modern outhouse providing men's and women's facilities.

Quartz Lake Patrol Cabin Pit Toilet #590

Historic pit toilet #590 has been removed and replaced with a modern free-standing toilet, sitting approximately two feet above the ground depression and encased with a wood frame. Flat stones, carefully fitted, provide a mud free footrest. The toilet is currently located approximately 20' southwest of the cabin, but is designed to be moved as needed.

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Scalplock Mountain Lookout Pit Toilet #629

This recently constructed outhouse is located approximately 35' north northwest of the Scalplock Mountain Lookout, at the edge of the open park where it commands a spectacular view. Seven-inch shiplap covers the exterior walls and wood shingles cover the shed roof. The wide eaves are enclosed in a characteristic modern design.



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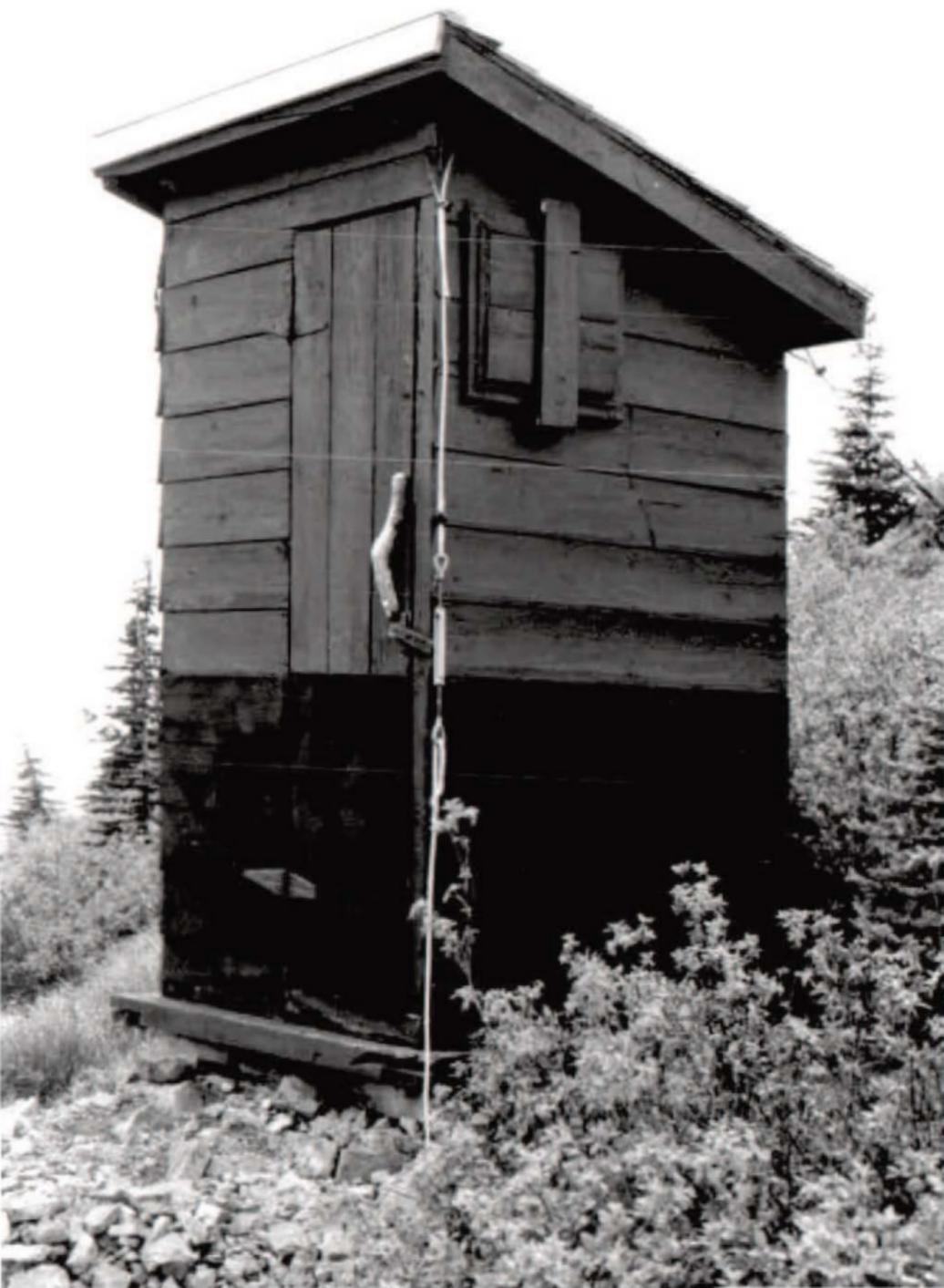
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