

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Indian Bar Trail Shelter

5. ORIGINAL USE

Trail Shelter

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1940

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Indian Bar O-054 (HX-303)

6. PRESENT USE

Same

8.	UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
SCALE		1:24	1:62.5
OTHER		QUAD NAME	

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Indian Bar

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

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

Log and stone masonry frame, one-story, one-room, rectangular trail shelter; medium pitched "saltbox" gable shake roof over 1.5" x 7" tongue-and-groove cedar sheathing on log beams; stone chimney on gable ridge; whittled log rafters and purlins; log beam supports on gable ends; stone masonry walls with log post and beam framed front facade opening; stone masonry on earth foundation; two interior ridge beams bolted together, ceiling joists, stone masonry fireplace, 8 suspended wood and metal bunk beds, earth floor.

In 1931, trail shelters for use by rangers on patrol and available for hikers were constructed by District Rangers at Lake George, Sunset Park, Mystic Lake and Indian Bar. However, there are no evident remains of the shelter at Indian Bar. In 1940, the Civilian Conservation Corps built this shelter at Indian Bar, one of the two stone trail shelters in the park. It was constructed from plans drawn up by the NPS Branch of Plans and Design in San Francisco, under the supervision of Edwin A. Nickel.

The shelter measures 23' x 25'8", with a floor size of 220 square feet. Average height from floor to ridge is 9'4", highest point is 12'6". Front facade opening is 7' x 10'. The stone masonry fireplace, with a 3.5' x 4' opening, is no longer used. The stone masonry frame is in very good condition. However, excessive log rot is evident on the ~~front post and beams, and on the exposed purlin and rafter ends. Interior logs show little signs of deterioration due~~

14. CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?  
(SPECIFY THREAT)

YES

NO

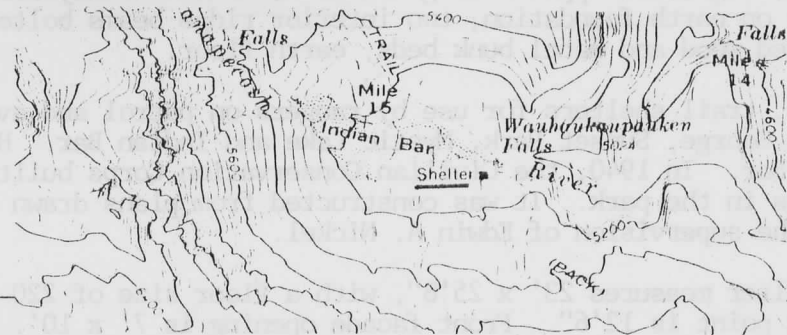
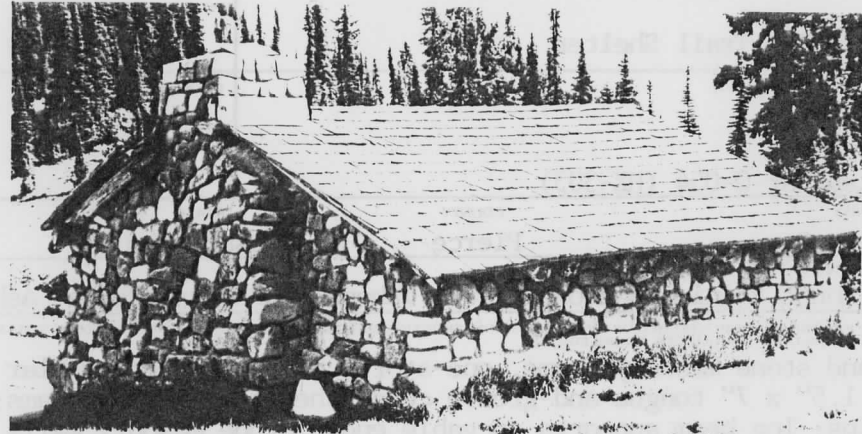
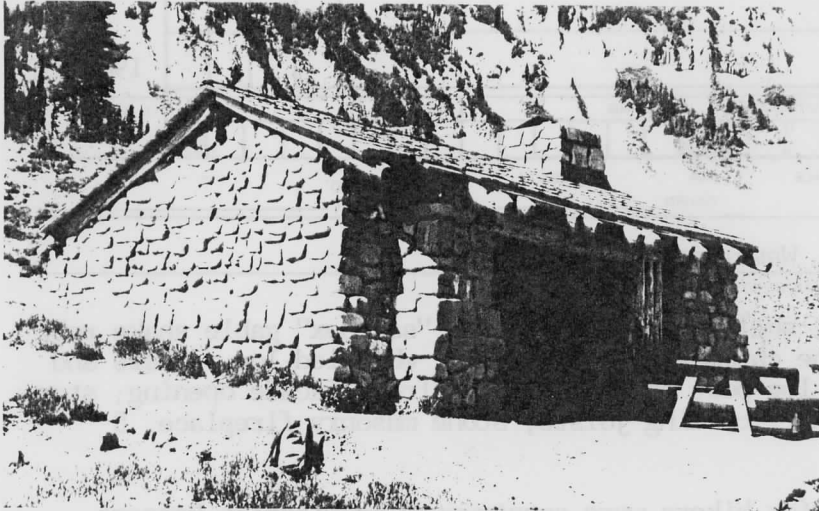
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16. SIGNIFICANCE

One of the numerous park structures built by Civilian Conservation Corps, this facility is one of the two stone trail shelters remaining in Mount Rainier. Both this structure and the stone shelter at Summerland were constructed from plans drawn up by the NPS Branch of Plans and Design, under the supervision of Edwin A. Nickel. Indian Bar Trail Shelter was constructed during the administration of Superintendent O.A. Tomlinson, when a string of patrol cabins and trail shelters were built along the famous Wonderland Trail to accommodate backcountry rangers on patrol, and provide shelter for the hiking public.

17 PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

to lack of exposure. The inside of the shelter though tends to be damp. As for the roof, numerous shakes need to be replaced.



18 LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

YES  NO  NAME

19 PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

YES, LIMITED  YES, UNLIMITED  
 NO  UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS

NR  NHL  HABS  HAER-1  HAER  NPS  STATE  
 COUNTY  LOCAL  OTHER

21 REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File O-054, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park, sketch plan and photo, 1962.

Original Drawing, "Stone Shelter Cabin," NPS Branch of Plans and Design, rec. by Edwin A. Nickel, 10/1/34 (MORA DRG. NO. ).

Erwin N. Thompson, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington: Historic Resource Study, (Denver: Historic Preservation Branch, Denver Service Center, National Park Service, 1981).

22 INVENTORIED BY

David Harvey

AFFILIATION

MORA Cultural Resources Survey

DATE

9/30/82



1/29/91

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Mt. Rainier National Park MPS Lewis and Pierce Counties, WASHINGTON

Substantive Review

Signature and Date Listed

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|   | 3/13/91                  |
| 1. Ohanapecosh Comfort Station No. 0-302          | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 2. Ohanapecosh Comfort Station No. 0-303          | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 3. Three Lakes Patrol Cabin                       | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 4. Camp Muir                                      | 3/13/91                  |
| ✓ 5. Clinok Pass Entrance Arch                    | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 6. Christine Falls Bridge                         | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 7. Edith Creek Chlorination House                 | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 8. Gobbler's Knob Fire Lookout                    | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 9. Huckleberry Creek Patrol Cabin                 | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 10. Indian Bar Trail Shelter                      | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 11. Indian Henry's Patrol Cabin                   | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 12. Ipsut Creek Patrol Cabin                      | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 13. Lake George Patrol Cabin                      | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 14. Longmire Campground Comfort Station No. L-302 | 3/13/91                  |
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| 17. Longmire Historic District                    | 3/13/91                  |
| 18. Mowich Lake Patrol Cabin                      | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 19. Mt. Fremont Fire Lookout                      | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 20. Narada Falls Bridge                           | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |
| 21. Narada Falls Comfort Station                  | X Autaweltz qhee 3/13/91 |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Indian Bar Trail Shelter

MULTIPLE NAME: Mt. Rainier National Park MPS

STATE & COUNTY: WASHINGTON, Pierce

DATE RECEIVED: 1/29/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/12/91  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/28/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/15/91  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91000179

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL NPS

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 3/13/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Indian Bar Trail Shelter is significant as representative of the thematic group of patrol cabins and trail shelters in Mount Rainier National Park.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / A+C  
REVIEWER Antoinette A. Case  
DISCIPLINE History  
DATE 3/13/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

\_\_\_summary paragraph  
\_\_\_completeness  
\_\_\_clarity  
\_\_\_applicable criteria  
\_\_\_justification of areas checked  
\_\_\_relating significance to the resource  
\_\_\_context  
\_\_\_relationship of integrity to significance  
\_\_\_justification of exception  
\_\_\_other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





Indian Bar Trail Shelter

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Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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