

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Sunset Park Patrol Cabin

5. ORIGINAL USE
Backcountry
Ranger Patrol
Cabin

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

N-105 Golden Lakes

6. PRESENT USE

Same

10. DATE
1922

4. CITY/VICINITY

Sunset Park

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, Washington 98304

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

Log frame, one-story (and loft), one-room, rectangular structure; steeply pitched cedar shake gable roof extends over open front porch of log post and beam construction; wood stove metal pipe on rear gable slope; whole log purlins with whittled ends; whole log exterior-interior walls; saddle corner notching; fixed windows; wood chinking; log sills and stone foundation; interior logs varnished; tongue and groove wood floor.

Prior to 1920 there were very few shelters for backcountry rangers and hikers. In 1919-20 Superintendent Roger W. Toll stressed the need for backcountry shelters, to be placed ten to fifteen miles apart along the popular Wonderland Trail. Toll's system evolved into the construction of both patrol cabins and trail shelters under Superintendent O. A. Tomlinson's administration (1923-1941).

The Superintendent's annual report for fiscal year 1922 reported the construction by the National Park Service of patrol cabins at St. Andrew's Creek, Mowich Lake, and Sunset Park (Golden Lakes). Aspects of their log frame, rectangular design, with steeply pitched cedar shaken gable roofs, corner saddle notching, and post and beam frame front porches, were incorporated into the construction of future patrol cabins in the park.

14. CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)

YES

NO

UNKNOWN

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Sunset Park patrol cabin, located at Golden Lakes on the Wonderland Trail, measures 15'8" x 18' (including the front porch). The open front porch is 5' x 15'8", extending along the entire front facade with roughly hewn whole log columns and 1" x 7" decking. The highest clearance on the porch is 6'7". Inside the cabin, the distance from floor to ridge beam is 13'9".

16. Significance

Sunset Park patrol cabin is one of the oldest backcountry ranger stations in the park. Aspects of its log frame, rectangular design, with steeply pitched cedar shaken gable roof, saddle corner notching, and post and beam frame

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Mt. Rainier National Park MPS

WASHINGTON

Signature and Date Listed

22. Nisqually Entrance Historic District		3/13/91
23. North Mowich Trail Shelter	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
24. Paradise Historic District		3/13/91
25. Shriner Peak Fire Lookout	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
26. South Puyallup River Bridge	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
27. St. Andrews Creek Bridge	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
28. St. Andrews Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
29. Summerland Trail Shelter	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
30. Sunrise Comfort Station	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
31. Sunrise Historic District		3/13/91
32. Sunset Park Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
33. Sunset Park Trail Shelter		3/13/91
34. Tahoma Vista Comfort Station	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
35. Tipsoo Lake Comfort Station	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
36. Tolmie Peak Fire Station Lookout	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
37. White River Bridge	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
38. White River Entrance		3/13/91
39. White River Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
40. White River Mess Hall and Dormitory	x Autawelt Blue	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: Sunset Park Patrol Cabin

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: 91000186

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

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:

Sunset Park Patrol Cabin 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 J. Lee
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 3/13/91

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

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



Sunset Park Patrol Cabin

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500707