

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Sunset Park Trail Shelter

5. ORIGINAL USE

Public Trail Shelter

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1931

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

N-304 Golden Lakes

6. PRESENT USE

Same

8.	UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Sunset Park

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

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

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

Wood frame, one-story, one-room, rectangular trail shelter; saltbox (lean-to) gable roof extends over log post and beam front "veranda"; cedar shake roof rests on whole log purlins with whittled ends; whole log exterior-interior walls; corner saddle notching; no chinking; log sill foundation; 1" x 7" interior vertical wood platform; earth floor.

Prior to 1920, there were very few shelters for backcountry hikers and park rangers. Superintendent Toll (1919-20) stressed the need for a string of trail shelters to be placed ten to fifteen miles apart on 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 (1923-41). By 1924, there were seven known trail shelters in the park. One was located at Golden Lakes in Sunset Park (Thompson 1981). This pre-1924 shelter must have been demolished, however, for the Superintendent's monthly report of October, 1931, stated that a trail shelter had been constructed at Sunset Park the previous month.

This trail shelter is suffering from extensive log deterioration, especially on the lower base logs and at the corner notches. The environment is generally wet and muddy, making for damp conditions in and around the shelter most of the year. The deteriorating log sills have sunk below the ground level.

14. CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)

YES

NO

UNKNOWN

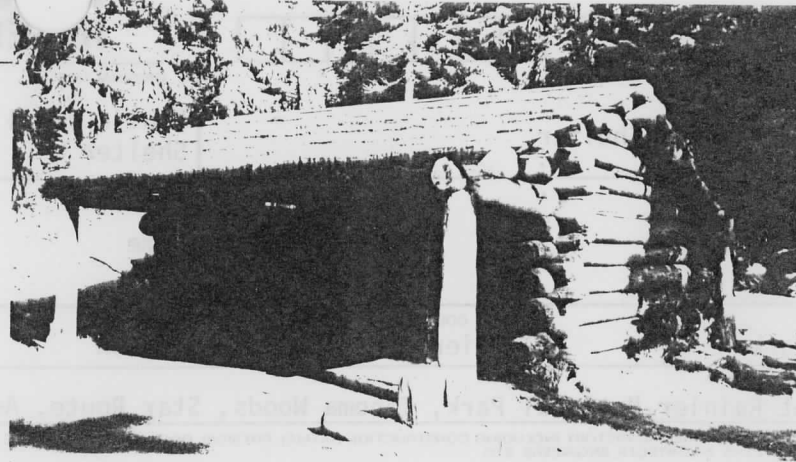
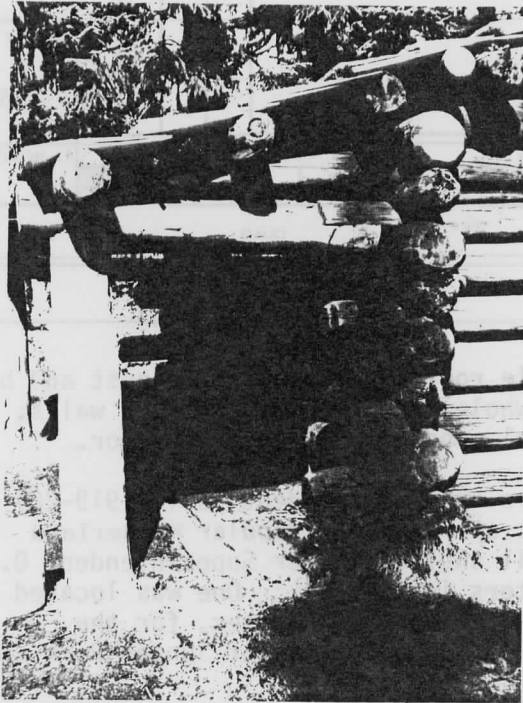
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The structure measures 17'6" x 20'4" (16'6" without porch). The front facade opening is 6' x 6.5'. The height of the front "veranda" is 5'8". A 4'4" x 17'6" interior wood platform spans the entire width of the shelter.

16. Significance

The structure is one of the oldest backcountry shelters in the park. It was one of the numerous trail shelters constructed on the popular Wonderland Trail, a policy begun under Superintendent Roger W. Toll (1919-20) and expanded during the superintendency of Major O. A. Tomlinson (1923-41).

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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 N-304, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park.
- Erwin N. Thompson, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington, Historic Resource Study (Denver: Historic Preservation Branch, Denver Service Center, National Park Service, 1981).
- Superintendent, Monthly Report, October, 1931, Archives, Mount Rainier National Park

22. INVENTORIED BY AFFILIATION DATE
 David Harvey MORA Cultural Resources Survey 9/21/82

1/29/91

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National Park Service

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WASHINGTON

Signature and Date Listed

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27. St. Andrews Creek Bridge	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
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38. White River Entrance		3/13/91
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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 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: 91000187

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:

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

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept 1A+C
REVIEWER Andrew C. 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

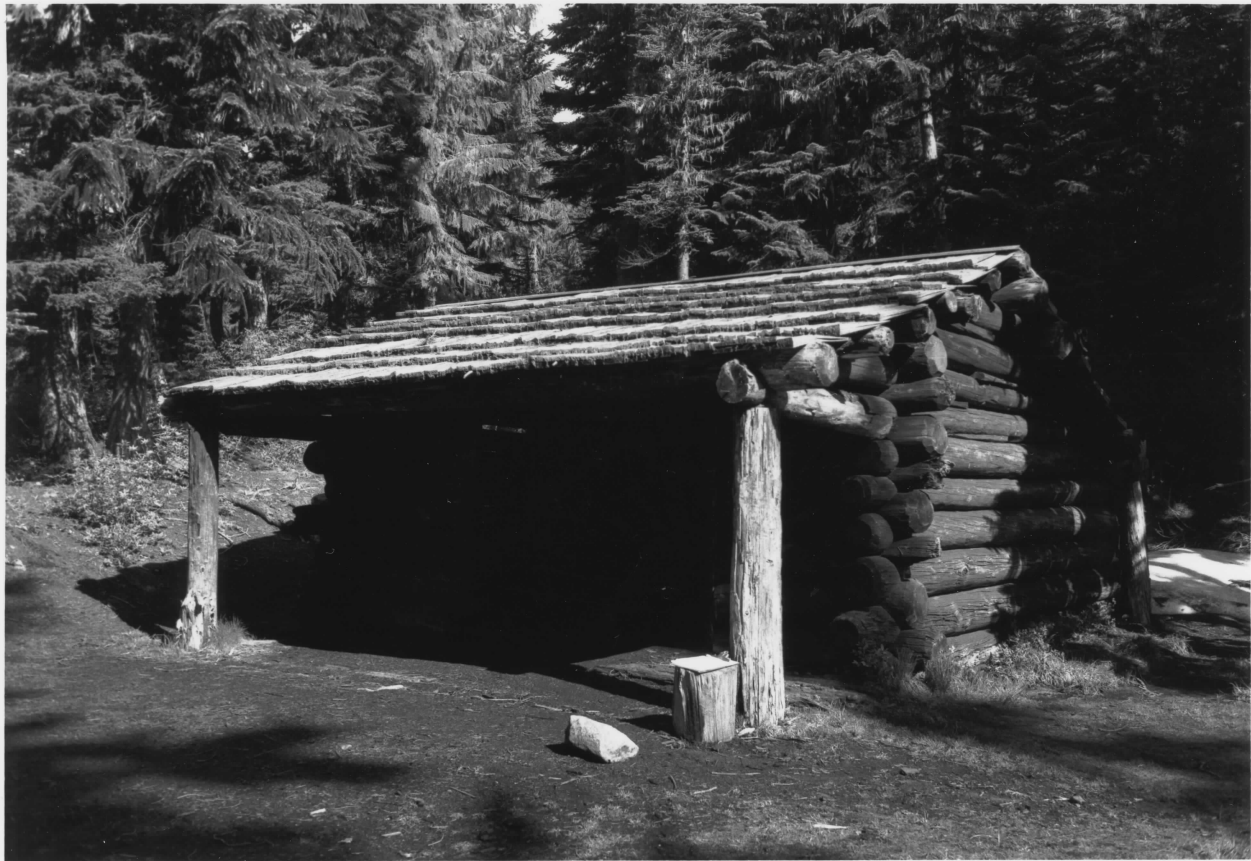
OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



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

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