



Enduring Legacy: The Civilian Conservation Corps in Coles County, 1935–1941

Nationwide it is estimated that the Civilian Conservation Corps planted nearly 3 billion trees, built over 800 state parks, paved countless miles of roadways, conserved acres of farmland, and developed the modern principles of environmental conservation. In Coles County the work of the CCC enrollees left a legacy of natural, cultural, and historic resources. In the 75 years since the development of Fox Ridge State Park, the Moore Home, and Lincoln Log Cabin, these places have served to define the community, just as community members in the 1930s had hoped. With the 75th anniversary of



the dedication of Lincoln Log Cabin State Park, an exhibit examining the origins of the site and the activities of the two Civilian Conservation Corps camps located in Charleston, Illinois focuses on the themes of: collaboration and cooperation among the local community, the state of Illinois, and the federal programs of the CCC and the National Park Service; camp life for the enrollees; and the creation of three signature sites still in existence today.

The exhibit features artifacts collected exclusively from Coles County. Numerous photos of the enrollees in camp, their barracks, and the work in which they were engaged tell the story of the men and the community in creating these sites.

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