

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	GRN.I
Historic Name:	Granville State Forest - Halfway Brook Campground
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Granville
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	Civilian Conservation Corps
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Camp; Other Recreational
Significance:	Architecture; Engineering; Politics Government; Recreation
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	



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FORM A - AREA

Assessor's Sheets USGS Quad Area Letter Form Numbers in Area

Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

	West Granville	I	921-923
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Town Granville

Place (*neighborhood or village*)

Name of Area

Granville State Forest - Halfway Brook

Present Use

State forest

Construction Dates or Period 1933 - 35

Overall Condition

Good

Major Intrusions and Alterations

CCC camp site converted to campground.

Dam spillway has been reinforced.

Acreage Approximately 5 acres

Recorded by Shary Page Berg

Organization Mass DEM

Date (*month/day/year*) 6/30/95

Photograph

(3" x 3" or 3" x 5", only black and white)

Indicate on the back of each photo the street addresses for buildings that are shown. Staple them onto this form or onto a continuation sheet.

roll film numbers

	None
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Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route number, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.

See attached

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION see continuation sheet

Describe architectural, structural and landscape features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.

921 Granville State Forest, located just south of Route 57 near West Granville, consists of 2,397 acres of forested land. West Hartland Road, which runs north/south through the center of the forest, provides the primary access. CCC-built roads, trails and water holes can be found throughout the forest but CCC resources are concentrated in two areas, Hubbard Brook and Halfway Pond. The Halfway Pond area, site of the former CCC camp, today consists of a campground with adjacent pond. CCC resources include the 1/2 acre pond (1) with earthen dam (2), the bridge (3) over West Hartland Road at Halfway Brook which still displays some CCC stonework and reportedly the CCC spring house (4) although this was not found during the field survey. Campground facilities such as comfort stations and park furnishings are of recent construction although the campground (5) was established in the 1930s. Despite the absence of CCC buildings and the loss of subtle landscape features, the area retains the rustic character of the original design. 922 923

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE see continuation sheet

Explain historical development of the area. Discuss how this area relates to the historical development of the community.

Granville State Forest was established in the early 1920s when the state acquired cut over land from Tiffany and Pickett Lumber Company. Subsequent acquisitions brought total state holdings in the area to 4,682 acres by 1933 (some of this is now part of Tolland State Forest). In 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a federal program to provide employment opportunities for young men and to improve the forest and recreational resources of the country. CCC Camp SP - 4, Company 114 was established at Granville the same year. Unlike many camps, which were under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, Camp SP - 4 was placed under the auspices of the National Park Service because of the potential for recreational use at Granville. However, as at other CCC camps, road building and forestry were the first priorities, with several miles of heavy duty road built and many miles of truck trail cut and brushed.

The CCC camp was located just north of Halfway Brook near the center of the forest. A sketch (copy attached, original at forest headquarters) by Lester Sattle (also shown as Harold Sattler), who was forest supervisor from approximately 1927 to 1962, shows the layout of the camp. On the west side of West Hartland Road were the garages and blacksmith shop. A stone gate marked the entrance to the camp on the east side of the road. Immediately inside the gate was the CCC headquarters with stone chimney. South

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

Civilian Conservation Corps records, DEM Region 5 files.
Massachusetts Department of Conservation, Annual Reports, 1922 - 1940.

Recommended as a National Register District. If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Granville	Form No:
Property Name: Granville SF-Halfway Brk	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE CONTINUED

of that was the 1/2 acre pond dammed by the CCC. To the north of the entrance were the spring house and holder. Further east was the recreation hall (with stone chimney at the east end) which faced an open field. Next were the barracks, mess hall, power house and supply room. The first aid building, tennis courts and toilets were located at the far eastern end of the camp.

When Camp SP - 4 was abandoned in fall of 1935, the camp area was converted to the Halfway Brook picnic area and eventually to a campground. Several of the rustic bridges built by the CCC were destroyed by flooding the following year and not replaced. Other CCC crews, including Camp SP - 24 from Robinson State Park, did some forestry work at Granville after the resident camp was closed. The present headquarters building was erected in 1959.

Sketch of
Granville
CCC Camp
by Lester Sattle

(original at
forest headquarters)



Garages &
blacksmith
shop

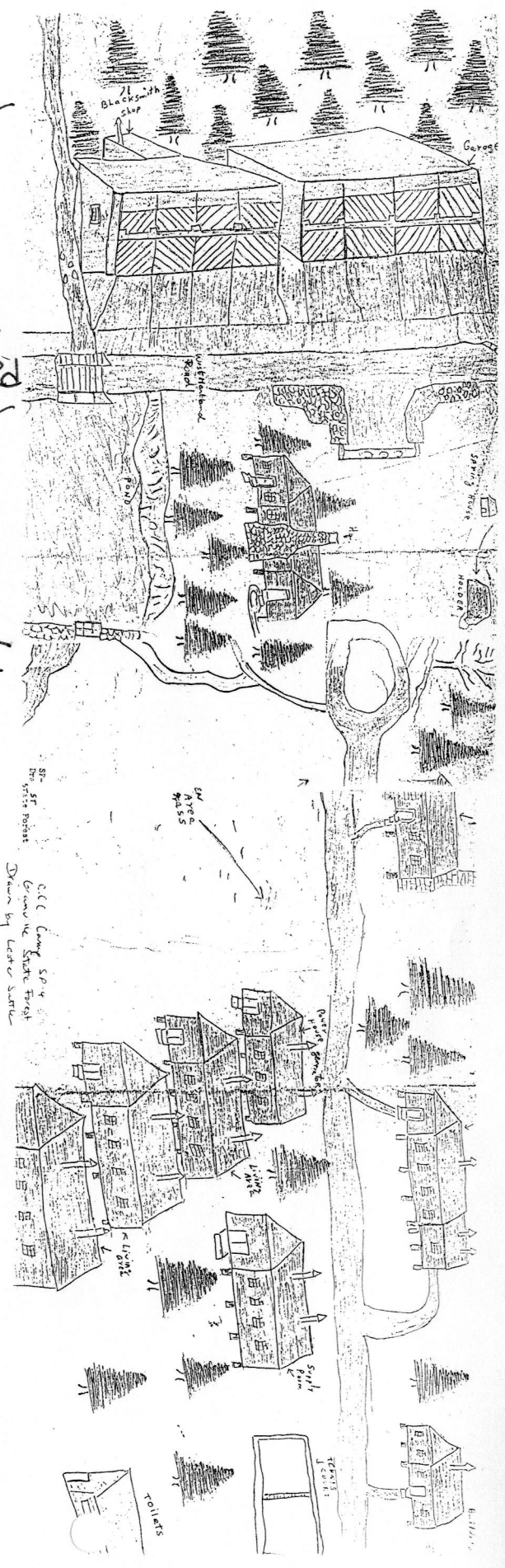
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HQ &
Pond

Rec hall
&
field

Barracks,
Supply,
mess hall

First aid
tennis
toilets



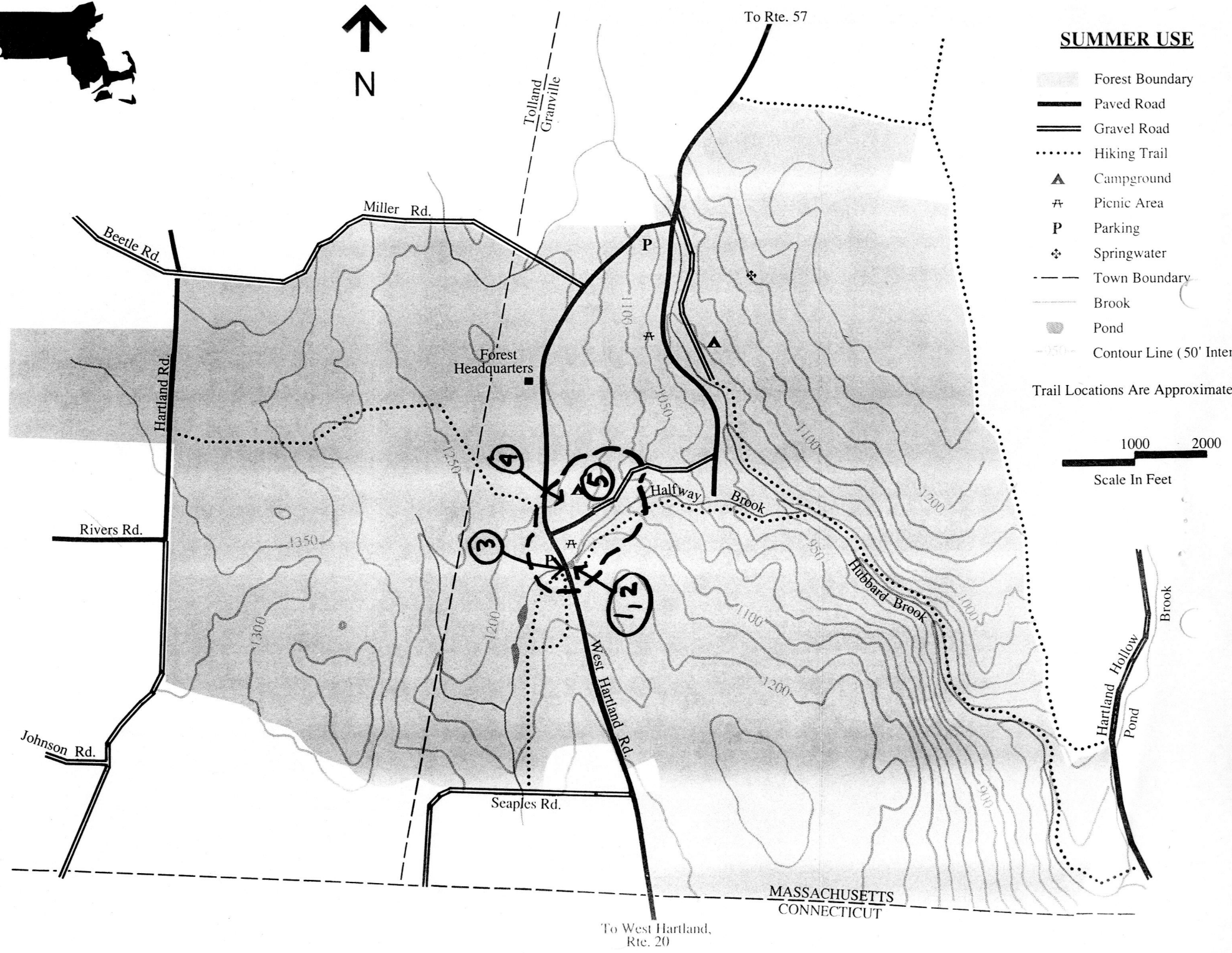
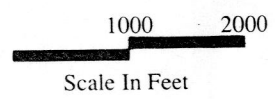
Granville State Forest - 1995 - Halfway Brook



SUMMER USE

- Forest Boundary
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Hiking Trail
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Parking
- Springwater
- Town Boundary
- Brook
- Pond
- Contour Line (50' Inter)

Trail Locations Are Approximate



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To West Hartland,
Rte. 20

To Rte. 57