

CCC Worker Statues

To honor and commemorate the hard work and accomplishments of the Civilian Conservation Corps, established on March 31, 1933, by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a CCC Worker Statue was created to be placed across the nation, primarily in sites where they worked. Most of these sites are in national or state parks. The ones listed below have been funded primarily by chapters of the existing National Association of the Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni. Others have been funded by individual members or their family members as a memorial to that individual. Some states are fortunate to have more than one of the statues, but as of May 2013 there were 12 states, and the District of Columbia, that did not have a CCC Worker Statue honoring the men who worked in their state.

Any individual or organization that would be interested in obtaining and placing a CCC Worker Statue in one of those states (listed below) may contact the NNDPA office at P. O. Box 602, Santa Fe, NM 87504, email newdeal@cybermesa.com, or call the office at (505) 473-3985 (cell phone is (505) 690-5845). At this time a statue and bronze plaque cost approximately \$22,600, which includes delivery to the site. Or you can contact Melissa Heidenga at CCC Legacy directly at P. O. Box 341, Edinburgh, VA 22824. Email ddenterprisesofgrayling@gmail.com Phone 616-532-4262

States Without CCC Worker Statues (as of October 2014)

Alaska
Connecticut
Delaware
Hawaii
Mississippi
Nebraska
Nevada
Oklahoma
Rhode Island
Vermont
District of Columbia

Locations of Existing CCC Worker Statues

Details of statue locations and dedications can be reviewed on the CCC Legacy website http://www.ccclegacy.org/CCC_Statue_List.html

1. North Higgins State Park Roscommon, MI
2. NACCCA Headquarters St. Louis, MO (Jefferson Barracks)
3. NJ School of Conservation Branchville, NJ
4. Highlands Hammock State Park Sebring, FL
5. Watoga State Park Marlinton, WV
6. Leonard Harrison State Park Tioga County, PA
7. Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park Pine Mountain, GA
8. Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area Peninsula, OH
9. Cascade Park New Castle, PA

10. State Museum Augusta, ME
11. Forest Preserve District Willow Springs, IL
12. Oconee State Park Mountain Rest, SC
13. Bear Brook State Park Allenstown, NH
14. Tahquamenon Logging Museum Newberry, MI
15. Devil's Den State Park Cedarville, AR
16. Oregon State Forestry Park Salem, OR
17. Letchworth State Park Castile, NY
18. Freetown State Forest Assonet, MA
19. Roosevelt Park Edison, NJ
20. Fond du Lac Historical Society Fond du Lac, WI
21. White Rock Lake Park Dallas, TX
22. Singletary State Park Kelly, NC
23. Devil's Lake State Park Baraboo, WI
24. Promised Land State Park Greentown, PA
25. Pisgah Ranger District Pisgah National Forest, NC
26. Florida Caverns State Park Marianna, FL
27. Red Rocks Amphitheater Denver, CO
28. Deception Pass State Park Oak Harbor, WA
29. Marion County Park Marion, KS
30. Rapides Station 1-49 Kisatchie National Forest, LA
31. Crawford State Park Farlington, KS
32. Site of CCC Camp F-9 Haugan, MT
33. Cabwaylingo State Park Dunlow, WV
34. John James Audubon State Park Henderson, KY
35. Central Idaho Historical Museum McCall, ID
36. Byrd Visitor Center Plaza Big Meadows, VA
37. Flags of Honor Park Willmar, MN
38. Giant City State Park Makanda, IL
39. Ft. Abraham Lincoln State Park Mandan, ND
40. Laurel Hills State Park Somerset, PA
41. Gooseberry Falls State Park Two Harbors, MN
42. Warren County Visitors Bureau Warren, PA
43. O'Leno State Park High Springs, FL
44. George Washington National Forest Edinburg, VA
45. California Conservation Corps Headquarters Sacramento, CA
46. Petit Jean State Park Morrilton, AR
47. Elephant Butte State Park Elephant Butte, NM
48. Colossal Cave Park Vail, AZ
49. New Mexico State Capitol Grounds Santa Fe, NM
50. Phoenix South Mountain Park Phoenix, AZ
51. Hill City Visitor Center/CCC Museum Hill City, SD
52. Hartwick Pines State Park Logging Museum Grayling, MI
53. Guernsey State Park Guernsey, WY
54. Versailles State Park Versailles, IN
55. Lacey-Keosauqua State Park Keosauqua, IA

56. Damascus Damascus, AR
57. Pennsylvania Lumber Heritage Museum Galeton, PA
58. Gambrill State Park Frederick, MD
59. Hyner View State Park Clinton County, PA
60. Pickett CCC Memorial State Park Jamestown, TN
61. Roaring River State Park Cassville, MO
62. Cheaha State ParkDelta, AL
63. Ouabache State Park Bluffton, IN
64. Trees for Tomorrow, Eagle River, WI
65. Fox River Park, Burlington, WI
66. Zion Nat. Monument, UT
67. Bandelier, NM

Funding of the first 10 statues

STATUE NO. 1 North Higgins State Park, Roscommon, MI, June 3, 1995. Total cost \$35,000. Contributions by many loyal CCC veterans. Representing Chapters 29, 58, 129, 144, 161 & 163. Cost included manufacture of the mold to be used for other statues. Corporations contributed a portion.

STATUE NO. 2 located at NACCCA headquarters, St. Louis, MO April 14, 1996. Cost was \$20,000 paid by donations and NACCCA funds approved by membership.

STATUE NO. 3 School of Conservation, Branchville, NJ, November 4, 1996. Paid by private funds of Henry Billitz, CCC veteran, living in St. Augustine, FL. Henry served in CCC Company No. 1266, S-71, in 1941. This company and one other, CCC Company 218, S-51, were the base for creation of the School of Conservation, Division of Montclair University. John J. Kirk, Director of SOC stated on dedication: "These men participated in the worlds most famous conservation program. America will never be able to repay them. All that is great and good about conservation we owe to the CCC."

STATUE NO. 4 Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring FL., dedicated August 2, 1997. The fourth CCC worker statue was donated by Henry Billitz in honor of his brother, Emil Billitz who suffered complete paralysis as the result of a truck accident while serving in the CCC. Through hard work and therapy he regained the use of his upper body. The statue is also dedicated to the 2,876 men who lost their lives while working for the CCC between 1933 and 1942. Henry Billitz also donated another CCC Worker Statue at New Jersey School of Conservation, Branchville, NJ.

STATUE NO. 5 Located in Watoga State Park Marlinton, West Virginia dedicated June 5, 1999 and paid by private funds, Denver Dial, Director.

STATUE NO. 6 Located in Leonard Harrison State Park, Tioga County, Pa.. dedicated on August 14, 1999. Paid by Richard H. Murtland of Plano, TX., son of Richard G. Murtland, a former CCC member who served in Darling Run Camp, 1937 to 1939.

STATUE NO. 7 Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, GA., dedicated September 18, 1999. Paid by private funds contributed by CCC members who served in area camps and some state funds. This statue was dedicated by U.S. Senator Max

Cleland of Georgia, whose father Hugh, a CCC veteran, was present for the dedication. In his outstanding speech, Senator Cleland referred to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's famous "Rendezvous with Destiny" speech given in 1936. "Some generations," Roosevelt said, "much is given; some generations much is required. This generation has a rendezvous with destiny." The Senator continued, "And you met that destiny. You met it in wonderful, classic, heroic form. And that's why those of us who come in after you sit in awe of your generation and your contribution, of what you did with so little and gave back so much—particularly in the CCC. That's why we have a historical marker here today in this FDR Park."

STATUE NO. 8 Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area (CVNRA), NPS, Peninsula, OH, dedicated September 8, 2000. Paid by R. Bruce Budinger, son-in-law of former CCC member Charles Varro, who served in CO 318 (F-1) Allegheny National Forest, Marienville, Pa from 1939 to 1941. The statue is installed at the Happy Days Visitor Center, built by the CCC in 1939. The CVNRA was dedicated in December 1974.

STATUE NO. 9 Dedicated September 23, 2000, in Cascade Park, New Castle, Pa. Funding from the State of Pennsylvania, City of New Castle and private sources, including Wal-Mart. The project was coordinated by Angelo Nocera, President of NACCCA Chapter 125, and other members of the Chapter.

STATUE NO. 10 Dedicated April 24, 2001, in Capitol Public Plaza, Augusta, Maine. The project was coordinated by Phil Gouzie, President of NACCCA Chapter 111, with the assistance of State Representative Robert W. Duplessie of Maine.

NNDPA Requests Your Help with Congress to Obtain CCC Statues for States Without Them

The NNDPA is requesting everyone's help in getting Congressional funding for CCC Worker Statues in states that lack them. Especially if you are in a state without a statue (refer to the list of states above), please contact your senators and representative and urge them to help the effort to get a statue in every state. Even if you live in a state that already has one or more statues, it would be helpful to get this project on the radar of as many lawmakers as possible.

For more information about this, contact NNDPA Executive Director Kathy Flynn at newdeal@cybermesa.com or call 505-473-3985 (office) or 505-690-5845 (cell).

Mini CCC Workers Statues are now also available

NACCCA Chapter 129 OF Grayling, Michigan has since 1995 championed the effort to bring recognition to CCC built landmarks by encouraging the placement of the six foot CCC Worker statues. Now they are making available a new fundraising program for NACCCA which includes the sale of a tabletop commemorative statue that is only nine (9) inches tall including its base. It does not feature the same "worker figure" having been crafted in the likeness of John L. Selesky. This young figure is carrying a shovel (not leaning on it) and costs \$100. The statues can be personalized with a brass plaque and may be ordered from John L. Selesky at P.O. Box 507, Rose City, Michigan 48654. Telephone/fax: 989-695-2308.