



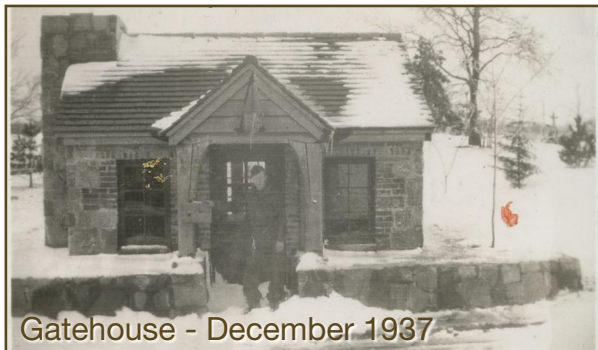
Pokagon State Park is home to one of the largest collections of remaining CCC structures in Indiana.

Company 556 worked on the following:

- County Road Bridge
- CCC Shelter
- Beach & Bath House
- Group Camp
- Parking lots, roads, & trails
- Campgrounds
- Saddle Barn
- Retaining walls
- Spring Shelter
- Tree planting
- Toboggan Run
- Erosion control
- Gatehouse
- Water lines

VISIT THE CCC POCKET MUSEUM

The historic gatehouse, just across from today's main gate, opened as a CCC Pocket Museum in 2016. Anytime the main gate is staffed, you can visit the exhibits inside.



Gatehouse - December 1937

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CCC CAMP



The Civilian Conservation Corps outside
barrack #1, Nutty Crest, circa 1935.

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HAPPENING IN HISTORY

The 1929 stock market crash was the catalyst for the Great Depression. Almost 18 million people were unemployed and 2 million Americans were homeless. Newly-elected President Franklin D. Roosevelt implemented emergency measures. Among them was the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC provided jobs to unemployed, single young men. Projects focused on reclaiming land, enhancing natural areas, and building parks.

COMPANY 556

Almost 64,000 Hoosiers were stationed at CCC camps throughout the state. Company 556 was stationed at Pokagon State Park from 1934 to 1942. Before work could begin, a camp of temporary buildings was constructed here to house and feed the CCC boys. The camp contained 12 buildings: several barracks, an administration building, recreation hall, mess hall, bath house, and latrine.



The camp housed about 180 men at any one time. When the Pokagon projects were all completed, the camp was disassembled and removed. Some of the barracks became married student housing for Angola's Tri-State University (now Trine University). They have long since been removed and no longer exist.

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS COMPANY 556 CAMP



Camp aerial view



Recreation Hall

NOTE: Mowed areas mark the placement and dimensions of the individual buildings and pathways. Signs will orient you and provide information about the buildings.

