



The foot trails around Shank's Creek and Old Levi Mill Lake were built by Company 421.

These trails hug the hillsides and wetlands, giving the hiker a feeling of being on the coastal plain and up in the South Carolina piedmont.



Company 421 constructed this spillway's 75-ft long raceway and short waterfall in 1935. Company 2413 added on the shorter raceway section and the 4-ft waterfall while they were at Poinsett. Both companies used coquina.

Other South Carolina State Parks built by the CCC:

Aiken, Barnwell, Cheraw, Chester, Colleton, Edisto Beach, Hunting Island, Lake Greenwood, Lee, Kings Mountain, Myrtle Beach, Oconee, Paris Mountain, Sesquicentennial and Table Rock

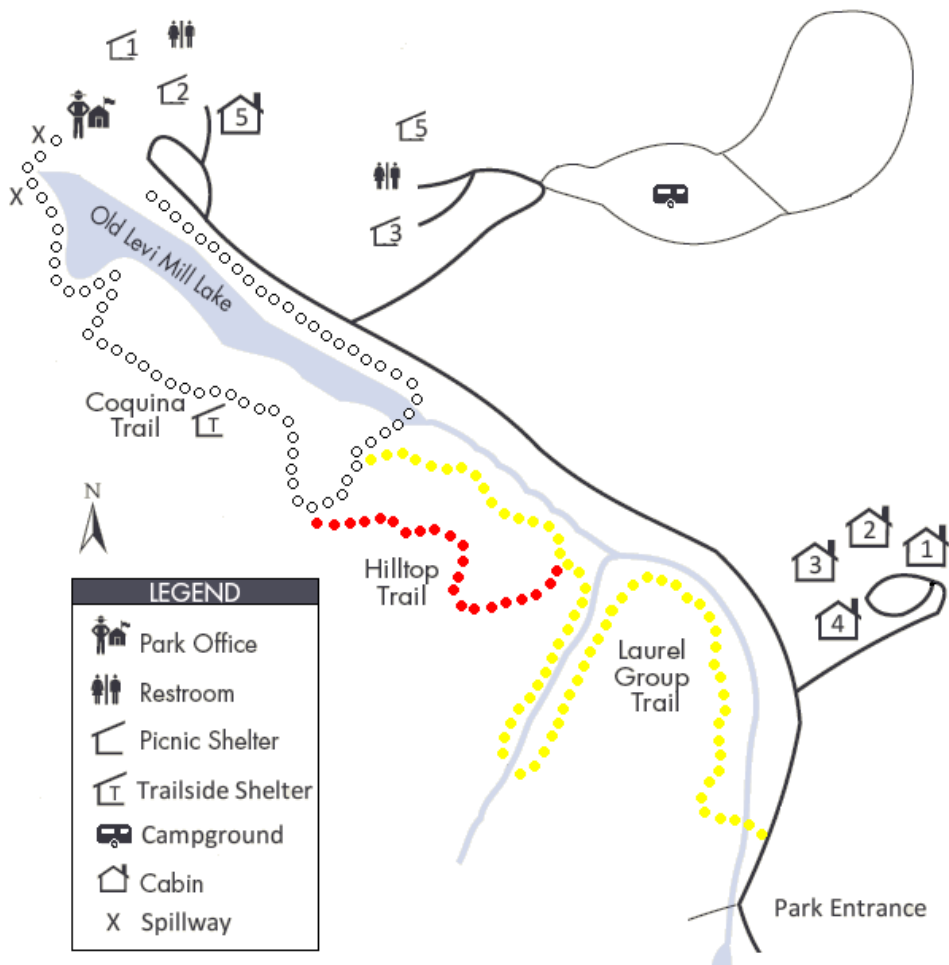
SOUTH CAROLINA'S POINSETT STATE PARK CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS HISTORY



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Park Hours: 9am - dark
Office Hours: 11am-12pm and 4pm-5pm



Select CCC Resources at Poinsett

Structure	Completed	Structure	Completed
cabins 1 & 2	Early summer 1936	shelter 3	Early summer 1935
cabins 3 & 4	Between July 1937 and March 1938	shelter 5	November 1935
cabin 5	Early summer 1938	entrance gates	Fall/Winter 1936-7
trailside shelter	August 21, 1937	campsites with coquina fireplaces	Between January 1937 and March 1938
small spillway	June 1935 & 1937 (see back)	coquina, hilltop and laurel group trails	September 1935
large spillway	June 1935	loggia at park office	Between 1936 and June 1936
shelter 1	unknown	roads	1935
shelter 2	Between October 1936 and February 1937		

The Civilian Conservation Corps is responsible for the construction of many state and national parks across the United States. This Tree Army was conceived by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as part of his New Deal to help the nation during the Great Depression. It provided honest employment to young men and World War I veterans. Many of these men also earned a high school diploma and a vast array of job skills while in the CCC. As the men worked and received pay, their families at home received a large portion of these wages from the federal government.

In August 1934, Sumter County purchased 1,000 acres and dedicated it to the public as a recreation area and game refuge. Sumter County donated this land to the state of South Carolina.

Three CCC Companies helped build Poinsett: Companies 421, 4475 and 2413. Company 421 consisted of young Caucasian men aged 18-25. They worked on the park from October 20, 1934 to August 16, 1935. This Company is also responsible for the name Poinsett State Park. The enrollees came up with a list of possible park names and voted. The name Poinsett won. Company 4475 consisted of young African American men aged 18-25. This Company worked on the park from August 1935 to November 1935. Company 2413 consisted of older men, Veterans of World War I. This Company worked on the park



Coquina was used for shelter #5's foundation and steps. This shelter was started by Company 421 and finished by Company 4475.

from February 5, 1936 to September 22, 1938.

A unique feature found throughout Poinsett's CCC construction is the use of coquina - a rock formed from ancient sand and seashells. The CCC acquired this coquina locally. They shaped the

rock into building blocks. Coquina was used in the park entrance gates, contact station, cabin foundations and steps, shelter foundations and steps, loggia walls and spillways.