

Civilian Conservation Corps

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History



One of the rock walls built by the CCC at Lake Walcott State Park

History:

- In the 1930's President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). It was a "New Deal" relief program for unemployed youth.
- In 1933 the Civilian Conservation Corps set up a camp at what is now Lake Walcott State Park.
- This camp was responsible for many of the rock walls and the rock lining of the canals which are still seen at the park today.
- The camp was closed in 1941 and dismantled by the army. The area was turned into a popular fishing, swimming and picnicking area which continues today.

Visit your local Library and check out books on the CCC and other New Deal programs.

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Significance in Idaho

- The west was suffering through the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. Idaho acted quickly and was able to secure camps through the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- The Civilian Conservation Corps put millions of young men to work. These young men worked to change the landscape of Idaho.
- The CCC had many jobs including firefighting, landscaping, forestation, irrigation and that is just to name a few.



Stairs created by the CCC at Lake Walcott State Park

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Fun Facts!

- Idaho had 86,000 enrollees.
- Idaho had the largest number of CCC camps in relation to its population in the United States.
- To be selected, enrollees had to be unmarried, between the ages of 17 and 25, willing to assign their earning to their family, and be fit enough to serve.

EXPLORE MORE

- Check out this site:
www.lib.uidaho.edu/digital/cccidaho/about.html
- Visit your local Library and check out books on the CCC and other New Deal programs.
- Check out your local history museum to see if they have pictures and possible artifacts.

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