MENDOCINO WOODLANDS STATE PARK

Civilian Conservation Corps Heritage Adventure

Please be considerate of any groups using the camps.

Camp 1

The RDA camp plans were laid out like city plans in miniature. Mendocino Woodlands is a classic example of this. Each of the three camps is further divided into camp units, like neighborhoods of a small town. The dining hall and recreation building (or combined dining/recreation hall in Camps 2 and 3) function as the town center.

Camp 1 Dining Hall

The Camp 1 dining hall is the largest of the three. It has two separate wings connected by a central kitchen.

Camp 1 Recreation Hall

The three camps were designed for different types of group use, with different levels of facilities. Camp 1 is the most like an adult retreat or conference center. It is the only one of the three that has a separate recreation hall. Some dance groups who use Camp 1 say that this hall has the best dance floor they've ever danced on. The Mendocino District of California State Parks restored the recreation hall in 2007-2008.

Camp 1 Cabins

The Camp 1 cabins are much fancier than those at Camps 2 and 3. Built into the slope, they feature board-and-batten siding, stone fireplaces, small balconies, and many decorative features. There are both single and duplex cabins.

Lake (Marsh/Beaver Pond)

The Mendocino Lumber company built a small pond here in the early 1900s. It had started to silt in by 1936, when the WPA enlarged it for swimming and boating use. It is now being allowed to silt in again, and will eventually turn back into a meadow. The environmental education programs now use it for wetlands study.

