

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and area of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900A). Use typewriter, word processor or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Enchanted Valley Chalet

other name/site number

2. Location

street & number 13 miles upriver from Graves Creek Trailhead: Quinault Sub-district

☐ not for publication

city or town Olympic National Park Headquarters, Port Angeles

☐ vicinity

state Washington

code WA

county Jefferson

code 031

zip code 98362

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State of Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

☐

entered in the National Register.
____ See continuation sheet.

☐

determined eligible for the National Register.
____ See continuation Sheet.

☐

determined not eligible for the National Register.

☐

removed from the National Register.

☐

other, (explain:)

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ private
- ☐ public-local
- ☐ public-State
- ☒ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
- ☐ district
- ☐ site
- ☐ structure
- ☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter N/A if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic Resources of Olympic National Park

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Hotel

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Camp (Ranger Station); Institutional Housing

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Rustic Vernacular

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Wood Log

roof Wood Shake (cedar)

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Summary: The Enchanted Valley Chalet is located approximately 13 miles into the backcountry of the remote and wild Olympic Mountain range. It was built by the Olympic Recreation Company from 1930-1931, which sought to develop the recreational potential of the interior Olympics. Tom E. Criswell and his son Glenn built the large, rustic, 2-1/2 story, dovetail-notched log structure, with assistance by others who packed in materials by horseback over the long trail, including bricks, mortar, and other equipment. The site for the chalet, an open grassy meadow, was chosen to facilitate the construction of the large building. For the next decade the chalet was a much advertised and favored destination point or stopping place for numerous individuals and groups out hiking and horseback riding in the wilderness of the Olympics. In 1943 the chalet was closed to the public and used briefly as an Aircraft Warning Station during World War II. In 1951 the National Park Service purchased the holdings of the Olympic Recreation Company. In 1953 the chalet reopened for public use, but limited maintenance and vandalism expedited the building's deterioration. During the summers of 1983 and 1984, the NPS, in cooperation with the Olympians hiking club of Hoquiam and Aberdeen, assisted in rehabilitating the structure to a useable and functional condition. It stands in excellent condition today in an open grassy meadow and has integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

- ☐ **Previous documentation on file (NPS):**
- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Criterion A: Commerce
Entertainment/Recreation

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance

1930 - 1943

Significant Dates

1930-1931

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Glenn and Tom E. Criswell

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☒ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of Repository:

Enchanted Valley Chalet
Name of Property

Jefferson County, WA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Approximately 4 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.) UTM 1 reflects center of building.

	zone	easting	northing		zone	easting	northing
1	10	470783	5280058	5	10	470840	5279837
2	10	470734	5279960	6	10	470901	5279944
3	10	470729	5279804	7	10	470893	5279980
4	10	470747	5279769				

 x See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is formed by an irregular polygon defined by UTM points, which encompasses the building and surrounding open meadow and a narrow fringe of forest which defines the edge of this open meadow.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the structure itself and the surrounding open meadow, traditionally used as an area for grazing the horses that carried hikers and their supplies to the chalet. Additionally, the open meadow creates an important part of the visual context of the two-story log building.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **7.5 minute USGS map** indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name

street & number

telephone

city or town

state

zip code

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