

Rabideau Civilian Conservation Corps Camp,  
Flagpole  
County Road 39  
Blackduck Vicinity  
Beltrami County  
Minnesota

HABS No. MN-147-P

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: One-half mile west of Beltrami County Highway 39, six miles south of Blackduck, Beltrami County, Minnesota.

Significance: The Flagpole was apparently constructed as part of the Rabideau Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, which operated on the Chippewa National Forest until 1941. The camp was later used by the University of Illinois as a summer field school from 1946 to 1972.

Description: The tall wooden Flagpole, painted white, is located at the edge of a line of cedar trees just south of the Hospital (Building No. 17, HABS No. MN-147-O), at the camp's main entrance.

History: It is believed the Flagpole was constructed by the CCC, although it can only be positively identified at this location on a site plan by the University of Illinois dated 1947. The oldest known site plan for the camp, prepared by the CCC about 1936, shows a flagpole just west of the Pump House (Building No. 14, HABS No. MN-147-M). It is possible that the present Flagpole is, in fact, this older structure. The new site offers much greater space for activities and gatherings than the original location.

Sources: The oldest known site plan of the camp while still occupied by the CCC, entitled "Rabideau Camp F-50" (ca. 1936); and a site plan of the camp entitled "Camp Rabideau," dated August 1947, both located at the University Archives, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in the Civil Engineering Subject File Record Series 11/5/1. See also HABS No. MN-147.

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