

Rabideau Civilian Conservation Corps Camp,  
Picnic Shelter (Building No. 29)  
County Road 39  
Blackduck Vicinity  
Beltrami County  
Minnesota

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

Significance: Originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps at another site in Minnesota, the Picnic Shelter was moved to the Rabideau Camp by the U.S. Forest Service in 1986. It is architecturally significant as an example of the finely crafted, labor-intensive log construction built throughout Minnesota's state parks and national forests during the Depression Era.

Description: Built in the Rustic Style, the Picnic Shelter is an open-plan, log-framed structure enclosed only by a low-pitched, wood-shingled, gable roof. Rectangular in plan, its overall dimensions are 20' x 36'. The building's "long" sides (north and south) feature three bays defined by four full-length vertical logs with brackets. Low log railings barricade the end bays, although the immediate verticals are short stubs instead of full-length logs. These sides also have low railings and a center-bay entrance. Four massive log trusses support the roof. The shelter rests on a concrete slab.

History: The Picnic Shelter was originally constructed by the CCC on Seelye Point on Lake Cutfoot Sioux in Itasca County, Minnesota. It was disassembled and moved to its present location in 1986. A number of logs were replaced or repaired at that time and a new concrete slab installed.

Sources: An article concerning the relocation of the shelter in the Blackduck American dated July 16, 1986. See also HABS No. MN-147.

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