

Rabideau Civilian Conservation Corps Camp,
Tool House (Building No. 19)
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: The Tool House was constructed in 1938 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: Only a concrete remnant from the Tool House's loading dock remains extant. It is approximately 5' square and 3.5' high. Several vertical timbers are embedded in the concrete.

History: The Tool House was a rectangular-plan frame building constructed when the service yard was expanded in 1938. It housed the tools and equipment used by the CCC for their work projects; the University of Illinois later stored surveying equipment in the building. The Tool House superstructure was demolished in 1986.

Sources: An undated photograph of the Tool House prior to its demolition, in the file on the Rabideau Camp at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Cass Lake, Minnesota; and a site plan of the camp, dated August 1947, 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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