

Northeast Entrance Station  
(Northeast Entrance Checking Station) (HS-254)  
Yellowstone National Park  
Northeast Entrance  
Silver Gate Vicinity  
Park County  
Montana

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Location: Northeast Entrance, Yellowstone National Park, Silver Gate Vicinity, Park County, Montana.

Significance: The Northeast Entrance Station, built in 1935 by George Larkin and designed by the National Park Service Branch of Plans and Design, is a classic rustic log structure. It set the precedent for many future park entrance stations across the country and was featured in the 1938 N.P.S. publication Parks and Recreation Structures.

Description: The structure consists of three rooms; a central room and two smaller rooms flanked to the north and south. The rooms are connected by a gable roof and the two lanes of the park's Northeast Entrance Road pass on either side of the central room beneath the roof. The building is constructed of logs and has a concrete base with a rubble masonry veneer. The roof is covered with wooden shingles and the gable ends are covered with vertical siding.

The interior walls are exposed logs. There is a brick chimney in the west wall. There are fee collection windows in both the north and south walls. The south wing houses search and rescue equipment as well as fuel for an oil stove in the central room. The north wing contains the electrical switch box.

History: The Northeast Entrance Station was built in 1935 by George Larkin. It was designed by the National Park Service Division of Plans and Design and its construction reflects the increase of visitors arriving by automobile. The structure was designed both to welcome visitors and to help them to realize that they were entering a protected area. From the Dutch windows, rangers could both collect fees and give information to visitors.

After the initial construction, small concrete barriers were constructed to keep vehicles from hitting the structure. Also, a flagpole was erected and a National Park Service logo put on the side of the building.

The increase in large recreational vehicles passing through the entrance caused additional problems. These vehicles were too large to clear the low roof that connected the structures. The park solved this problem by creating additional lanes and a parking area where large vehicles could stop. This allowed the vehicles to bypass the station while still paying the fees on foot.

The Northeast Entrance Station was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1985. It is still in use today.

Sources: Laura Soulliere Harrison, "National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form: Northeast Entrance Station," National Park Service, 1985.

Historian: Michael J. Smith, HABS Historian, 1996.

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