

General Repair Shop
(HS-2001)

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Gardiner
Yellowstone National Park
150' Northeast of Gardiner Warehouse,
75' Southeast of park boundary
Gardiner Vicinity
Park County
Montana

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Location: Gardiner District, 150' northwest of the Gardiner Warehouse and 75' southeast of the Yellowstone National Park Boundary, Gardiner Vicinity, Park County, Montana.

Significance: Built in 1925 by the Yellowstone Park Company, this structure was used to service the company's busses and provided more space than the company's previous garage in Mammoth. It provides insight into the transportation and maintenance problems facing park concessionaires.

Description: The structure is one and two stories with concrete exterior walls and a brick interior. It contains 2,464,331 cubic feet of floor space and has floors of concrete. The building has a multi-paned steel sash and a flat roof. Above the main door is a colorful company logo.

History: In 1924, William Nichols, who was Assistant to the President of the Yellowstone Park Transportation Company, approached park landscape engineer Daniel R. Hull and discussed the possibility of moving the company repair shop and garages from Mammoth to Gardiner. Nichols cited the lack of space at Mammoth and the lower elevation at Gardiner as reasons for the proposed move. The company hoped that the lower elevation would allow them to service their busses in the winter, allowing year round operations. Construction began in 1924 and was completed in 1925.

The shop was remodeled in order to convert a portion to office space. It now serves as a vehicle repair facility and company office.

Sources: Lance R. Williams, "Classified Structure Field Inventory Report: General Repair Shop," National Park Service, 1976.

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