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## South Carolina State Parks

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December 7, 1941 -- 80 years ago today.....Have you ever noticed that the rock wall on the right side of the entrance to Lake Greenwood State Park is unfinished? Here's the story....  
The CCC workers at Lake Greenwood began construction on the entrance wall to the park in the fall of 1941 but were interrupted following the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7. As word of the attack reached the park, the men of the CCC (working there) stopped their work. The country had entered World War II, and the CCC boys building the rock wall at Lake Greenwood were deployed to fight. They traded their axes and shovels for rifles and ammunition.  
The CCC never returned to finish their work at the park, and until this day, the rock entrance wall remains unfinished -- a symbolic reminder of what happened that day. <https://fal.cn/3ksUN> See less



**Linda Richters Szymkiewicz** I saw this while there two years ago. What a great reminder.

at 1:05:31 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Drew Smith** Interesting part of our history.

at 1:11:21 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Marguerite Long** Interesting!

at 1:14:46 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Mary I. Shriner** Is there a plaque there telling the story? If not , there should be

at 1:18:39 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Grace Downey** Beth Downey

at 1:20:14 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Shane Alfieri** Jennifer Wilder

at 1:21:56 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Jordan Lane**



at 1:27:25 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Vanessa Lee** Mary I. Shriner there is a wayside sign telling the story right past the entrance wall overlooking the stones in the woods.

at 1:27:48 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Terra Wilson Chastie** Wesley Chastie

at 1:27:58 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Samantha McGowan Whittaker** Suzanne McGowan Sperring

at 1:29:48 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Mary I. Shriner** Vanessa Lee great, thanks

at 1:30:10 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Nancy Nielsen** Very interesting historical fact I never knew this until today thanks for sharing

at 1:30:30 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**David Simpson** Very interesting. Sharing

at 1:30:35 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Penelope N Art Southerland** Clearly "as you were...." Is important to HEROES!!!!

at 1:31:54 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Neal Cowe** December 7, 1941 was a Sunday the Civilians Conservation Corp had one day a week off Sunday. On Monday morning December 8, 1941 most of the country signed up for military service. Back then you signed up for the duration, if not you were conscripted.

at 1:32:03 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Gary Mitchell Sabbatino** Interesting

at 1:32:21 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Erin Elizabeth** What an amazingly sad story, I will have to make a trip there to witness the wall in person. Thanks for sharing this unique moment in history.

at 1:33:22 on 12/08/2021 UTC

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**Shannon Kelly Bernardez** Heather Simmons Jones Thought you and Trace might enjoy this



story if you don't know it already.  
at 1:33:24 on 12/08/2021 UTC

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**Faye Drake Mcalister** My Dad was in the CCC, but helped build Paris Mtn and Oconee State Parks. Was a great organization us  
at 1:35:08 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Maggie Ruth Cochrane** God bless that generation of fighters and protectors and patriots. Thank each of you and God bless you. If not for your dedication, we would not be the country we are today! usususususususus  
God bless America!  
at 1:36:24 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Gert Wells** Thank you for sharing  
at 1:36:30 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Ruby Lee Browning** What a touching memory! Thank you for your services & sacrifices. My granddad was enlisted in the CCC.  
at 1:36:44 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Marie Maynard** Saw this everytime we went camping there. One of the rangers told us the history of the wall.  
at 1:37:48 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Becky Campbell** Meredith Hudgins Little bit of local history.  
at 1:40:50 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Lawson Sellers** Jordyn Sellers this is neat!  
at 1:44:25 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Ellen Harbin** Fascinating and Priceless S.C. History...God Bless....Thank you for sharing  
at 1:48:43 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Missy White** How did those men do in the war? Did they all make it home?  
at 1:51:49 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Wade Waters** Wellabdam  
at 1:52:07 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Alex Morgan** Michaela Morgan  
at 1:53:24 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**David N Alicia Tallent** Missy White that's what I was wondering. I was hoping to find the answer in amongst the comments.  
at 1:54:35 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Danny Bright** What is the CCC ?  
at 1:57:35 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Katie Ulam** Kathy Ulam  
at 1:58:45 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Deno Contos** Thank God for a forwarded thinking leader, hard to find today.  
at 1:59:14 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Chris Murray** Becky Campbell we love lake greenwood. We told Landry and Kendra the story.

at 2:00:29 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Patricia O. DeTreville** Amazing. Ty for sharing  
at 2:00:54 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Belle Boone** I was immensely touched when I visited this park and read about the history. An amazing tribute by simply leaving the wall alone.  
at 2:05:39 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Wanda Wood** Thank you for sharing this information, had missed the plaque when visiting this park explaining why wall was not completed.  
at 2:07:05 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Jonathan Kyle Pearson** Todd Pearson  
at 2:12:46 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Dylan Howard** Aurelio Martinez  
at 2:13:00 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Mary Robertson-Hendricks** My dad was in CCC at Walhalla State Park when he was early 20's. When my brothers and I were children he would take us on fishing trips to Lake Greenwood. I had never heard that story. Thanks for sharing.  
at 2:15:37 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Amanda Brown** TJ Brown  
at 2:17:33 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Mark Trout** Vanessa Lee don't tell anyone, they will get offended and want it torn down. I mean, they've just got to America, they should rule it, right?  
at 2:19:19 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Jarred-Amber Spencer** Philip Spencer  
at 2:19:45 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Josh Rogers** Eric Smith  
at 2:21:24 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Robbie Gawrys** Thomas Phillips  
at 2:24:51 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Ron Smith** Wow! I have seen it. But had no idea of the connection. Thanks G. Merry Christmas  
at 2:25:52 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Brian Smith** Did not know. Thanks for sharing.  
at 2:32:06 on 12/08/2021 UTC

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**Bill Turner** Awesome reminder of how the world stopped that day...  
at 2:37:27 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Ronnie Dawkins** The woods behind it have the unused stone laying scattered about. Make sure and visit the state park visitors center. It has a great exhibit on the CCC.  
at 2:39:12 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Elizabeth Miller Battle** What a testament!  
at 2:39:25 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Hannah Farr Vinson** David Vinson  
at 2:42:31 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Jayne Wilson** Thanks for sharing this. Very interesting.

at 2:44:33 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**David Keever** That's a story I did not know.

at 2:52:37 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**David Keever** I hope no one wants this history taken away

at 2:54:41 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Robin Haner Neel** Derrick Neel

at 2:57:25 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Anthony K. Byars** Thanks for sharing

at 2:57:51 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Nat Daless** Wow that is really interesting!

at 3:02:54 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Tubo Owens** Danny Bright cc camp is all I know they built lodge at foster park

at 3:02:58 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Carol Coleman** Mark Trout, way to ruin a wonderful post.

at 3:03:39 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Allen Farr** Saw it many times, never knew ,thanks for sharing

at 3:06:28 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Alice Selle** Christina Dawn Tanner Schmittle Kevin Selle

at 3:33:38 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Haskell Parler** That's very interesting. On our property there are still ditches that were dug by the CCC back in the late 1930s.

at 3:41:16 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**David Covington** Faye Drake Mcalister just curious how did he help build state parks?

at 3:49:11 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**David Covington** What does ccc stand for?

at 3:51:41 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Faye Drake Mcalister** David Covington just know they lived on site and built rock walls and really don't know all the details of all they actually did, but when Paris Mtn park was remodeled (the rock building) he was asked to come and cut the ribbon for their celebration. I was very proud for him.us

at 3:53:26 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Calvin Leneve** There's also the same granite stones across the road don't know about them

at 4:15:13 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Ashley Black Finger** I live 5 minutes from the lake Greenwood state park.

at 4:15:31 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Donna Richbourg Rhodes** What does CCC stand for?

at 4:18:36 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Mitch Stone** Never knew this

at 4:22:47 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Brenda Thurman** Thank you for this information!  
at 4:23:11 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Jennifer Turner Fleetwood** Ernestine Hall Turner Brian Fleetwood  
at 4:34:05 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Nace Few** Thank you very much. That's a great story...  
at 4:39:04 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Barbara Gassman** J Alan Falls Interesting. Did you know this tidbit?  
at 5:15:16 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Maddie Gordon** Sharon Artrip reminds me of Uncle CB, Poppy, and Joe  
at 5:30:20 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Kathy Ulam** Katie Ulam Wow! Very interesting  
at 5:46:00 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Ron Fortunato** My Dad left home to join the Navy, and help defend the USA from the attack, from Japan.  
at 6:30:31 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Noelle Pruitt Logue** Todd Logue  
at 10:05:12 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Michelle Rickard Vaughn** Steve Rickard  
at 10:20:43 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Cindy Stanley Middleswarth** Karen Hanke, Chris Hanke never knew this history! Great lesson for the boys.  
at 11:31:30 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Vicki Rockville** That's really interesting  
at 12:05:44 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Marty Johnson** Civilian Conservation Corp.  
at 12:38:31 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Kerry Fry** Thanks for sharing. In our travels to many State parks we see the beautiful architecture done by the CCC. It's so well done and has stood the test of time.  
at 13:38:07 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** David Covington Civilian Conservation Corps:  
<https://southcarolinaparks.com/education-and-history/ccc-history>



at 13:39:26 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Faye Drake Mcalister** Mary Robertson-Hendricks my Dad was there too..maybe they served together. Maybe prior to 1936 because that was the year he got married and he was eighteen years old♥

at 13:48:57 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Deacon Steve Burdick** This was the attitude of America's "Greatest Generation" ! They understood and stepped up and beat back totalitarianism on multiple fronts! The world owes them a great debt!

at 13:49:49 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Terry J Crolley** Is this work right up the road part of it too? Seems odd this is kinda out there all by itself, and clearly it's very old since a tree is now grown in the middle of where a road would be.



at 13:53:14 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Jeanette Alderman** Grew up camping and fishing there. I remember my Daddy telling us about the wall.

at 14:33:07 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Janice Griggs** Mary S Fox, did you know this?

at 14:39:44 on 12/08/2021 UTC

**Jimmy Davis** Intresting



at 15:08:27 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Michael DiYorio** Dakota Little Hawk Simerly

at 17:08:14 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Carolyn Langley** Thank you for sharing the story. So many of us did not know this story, glad you told it. There were lots of jobs the CCC did.

at 17:15:24 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Kenneth Frady** Think it would be a good idea to finish to honor and remember those men.

at 17:23:14 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**BrèAnna Leigh** Katie Inscho

at 17:44:06 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Garrett Furr** The true hero's

at 18:02:25 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Janet Shifflett** So good to know; thank you!

at 18:10:06 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Indar Ted Singh** Good to know thank you.

at 19:29:53 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**James Dallas Turk** A good reminder of things gone by. Isn't that what our statues and monuments were built for.

at 19:34:46 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Loretta Treusch** Thanks for sharing this very touching

at 21:06:48 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Faye Carter** A good story!

at 21:17:49 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Jean Lou Withnell** I've long appreciated that the CCC gave the US a corps of young men who were disciplined and ready to fight. Given our isolationist policy and widespread unemployment, we would have been far worse off without this head start.

at 21:35:28 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Matthew Childress** We should get some volunteers out to fix this.

at 21:39:29 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**Thomas Phillips** Max Hyde

at 23:24:50 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**J Alan Falls** Barbara Gassman No I didn't.

at 23:40:03 on 12/08/2021 UTC



**William 'Bill' Vaughan** Lee Youngblood Greene Jr.

at 0:38:09 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Anna Samra** My Father and many others built the wooden fences you see along the Blue Ridge Parkway during that same period and, then, off to war they went...

at 0:39:06 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Patricia Dale** Wow

at 0:40:01 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Barbara Gassman** J Alan Falls we'll have to be sure to look for the plaque when we go.  
at 1:03:01 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Russell Simonaro** Very interesting story. Hope the wall remains there  
at 2:17:15 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Robert Aldridge** How many other CCC projects met similar ends?  
at 2:40:06 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Douglas Ketcham** CCC?  
at 2:45:36 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Claudia Greene Stokes** I live in Greenwood and have seen the wall! A stark reminder!  
at 2:49:52 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Frankie Elgin** It would be a great tribute to the men that went to war to finish it and dedicate it to them.  
at 3:43:44 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Mark Nix** Someone will try to find a reason to take it down js  
at 4:19:31 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Devera Henderson** I never knew this until today  
at 7:08:26 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Dorethea Hoffman** RIP SOLDIERS!!!!  
at 8:12:26 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Gib Tollison** Ryan Traynham Mitchell Traynham  
at 12:34:46 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Jim-Linda Abel** Thank you for sharing this history.  
at 19:42:37 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Daniel Riddle** BBB us  
at 20:31:33 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**CaSandra Stonecypher Davis** Thank you for sharing  
at 23:15:21 on 12/09/2021 UTC



**Roger Mitchell** I have to look every time I go by !  
at 0:32:12 on 12/10/2021 UTC



**Max Hyde** Thomas Phillips Fascinating. Thank you for letting me know, Thomas.  
at 2:36:37 on 12/10/2021 UTC



**Jane Chapman Wright** Jim Chapman  
at 18:22:58 on 12/10/2021 UTC



**Morris Franklin** Amazing story! Marcella Johnson Franklin  
at 21:03:04 on 12/10/2021 UTC



**Phil Labonte** Jerry Loescher very cool  
at 21:53:30 on 12/10/2021 UTC



**Larry Hilgeman** I hope they keep it untouched.  
at 23:14:59 on 12/10/2021 UTC



**Darlene Briggs** I don't think I've ever been told that but I don't remember if I was so thanks for sharing. I'll make sure I pay attention to that when I go there  
at 23:55:24 on 12/10/2021 UTC



**Nancy L. Hoffmann** God bless those who served our country.  
at 2:43:58 on 12/11/2021 UTC



**Cookies Bar** Let's hope it gets to stay. 🙏  
at 2:48:07 on 12/11/2021 UTC



**Ned Bal** Trump 2024  
at 2:50:29 on 12/11/2021 UTC



**Lorenzo Coglianese** My father served in the CCC then went into the Navy served on the USS Texas and the USS Cowpens  
at 3:33:27 on 12/11/2021 UTC



**Joshua Bailey** I still have my great grandfather's CCC foot locker  
at 12:28:53 on 12/11/2021 UTC



**Sandy Plappert** Thanks for sharing.  
at 13:11:17 on 12/11/2021 UTC



**Nancy Canter Meushaw** Yes, a very interesting Story  
❤️🙏  
at 16:41:34 on 12/11/2021 UTC



**Joseph French** The moment the whole world changed  
at 18:21:24 on 12/11/2021 UTC



**Pam Bethea** Thanks for sharing  
at 23:59:17 on 12/11/2021 UTC



**Patricia Mchale-French** My Dad was proud of his 3C and then World War II..  
at 13:27:56 on 12/12/2021 UTC



**Robert Graham** Thanks for sharing  
at 16:16:39 on 12/12/2021 UTC



**Chuck Donaldson** I strongly believe the physical training of the CCC contributed mightily to our success in WWII.  
at 16:53:31 on 12/12/2021 UTC



**Ryan Shirah** This is neat.  
<https://scparkstore.com/products/civilian-conservation-corps-trucker-hat-adi01471>



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at 12:31:44 on 12/19/2021 UTC