



67-008 Civilian Conservation Corps Lodge

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

302 Log Lodge Road, Beltsville

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In 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to put unemployed men to work planting trees and building bridges and dams. Four CCC camps were located in the Beltsville Agricultural area. In 1934-37, the CCC workforce erected this log lodge as a recreation center to be used by camp personnel. The building is set on a solid foundation of uncoursed stone; the structure has a side-gable roof with an extended west-facing slope and diamond-paned windows. The lodge is significant for its architecture and method of construction in the county; CCC log structures are common in state and national parks in the west but are unusual in the eastern United States. The building now serves as a visitors' center.