

85B-008 Cedarville Charcoal Kiln

Cedarville State Forest Road Cedarville

The kiln was built in the early 1940s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) of cinder blocks. The rectangular form and early twentieth-century construction date are not only unique for the East Coast but also unique in charcoal kiln construction throughout the entire United States. The CCC was established in 1933 by the United States Congress as part of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. The kiln was used to demonstrate the production of charcoal and was a viable use for timber harvested throughout the state forest. Two working kilns were once located on the current site.