

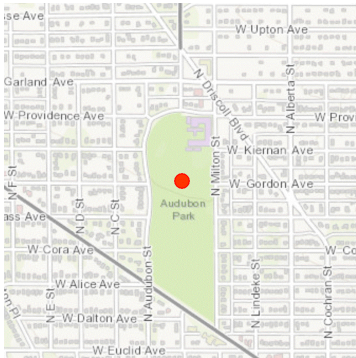


Historic Property Report

Historic Name: Audubon Park Fireplace

Property ID: 706321

Location



Address: Audubon Park, 3320 N Audubon St, Spokane, Washington

GeographicAreas: Spokane, Spokane County, T25R42E02, SPOKANE NW Quadrangle

Information

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1936	<input type="checkbox"/>

Number of stories: N/A

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory
Recreation and Culture	Recreation and Culture - Outdoor Recreation

Historic Context: Architecture

Architect/Engineer:

Category	Name or Company
Builder	Spokane Park Board

Photos



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Inventory Details - 7/11/2016

Common name: Audubon Park Camp Fire Girls Fireplace
Date recorded: 7/11/2016
Field Recorder: Stephen Emerson
Field Site number: SRS-1
SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Foundation	Stone
Cladding	Stone - Cobble Stone
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Structural System	Masonry - Stone
Plan	Rectangle

Surveyor Opinion

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Yes
Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): Yes
Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local): Yes

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Significance narrative: Audubon Park was established in 1907, situated on land donated by John A. Finch and Frank P. Hogan. Finch also donated land for the adjacent Finch Elementary School. The Spokane Arboretum is also named after Finch. He was a successful businessman and investor, and a partner of A.B. Campbell, for whom the Campbell House at the MAC is named. Hogan was a real estate investor and also a philanthropist. He donated much of the acreage of Manito Park. Audubon was among a group of parks established by the City's founding fathers, parks that preceded the Olmsted Brothers recommendations. The 1908 Olmsted Brothers report describes the park as fairly rustic, with the surrounding residential neighborhood not fully developed. The park lacked a circuit drive. Luckily the recommendation to replace many of the ponderosa pines with deciduous trees was not heeded, for the tall trees are a distinctive element of the park landscape. A local group of Camp Fire Girls raised the money for the construction of the fireplace, which was built by the Spokane Park Board. The fireplace was dedicated around June 20, 1936. By 1999, the structure was suffering from neglect. Many of the stones were missing or loose, and the edifice had been tagged with graffiti. A restoration was undertaken using funds provided by the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department and the Northwest Neighborhoods Council. The small bench was installed nearby as well. The fireplace retains excellent integrity of its historic appearance and original construction materials. It is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, under Criterion C, as an example of cobblestone stone masonry, and possibly under Criterion A, for its association with Audubon Park, one of the city's earliest parks.

Physical description: This rock structure is a 12-foot high fireplace consisting of a large chimney stack and a horse-shoe shaped base that flanks the round-arched firebox. The entire exterior surface is clad with oval and round cobblestones carefully placed so that very little of the mortar that binds them together is visible. The core is probably a mix of concrete and aggregate. All of the stones used in the veneer are uniform in shape and size, and consist nearly entirely of granite cobbles. The only departure from this pattern is in areas that were repaired during a 1999 restoration. More of the mortar is visible in these areas as well. Most of the repair work was applied to the perimeter of the firebox and to the shoulders of the chimney. A stone plaque is placed about 3 feet directly above the firebox, with the incised words: Camp Fire Girls – 1936 – Audubon District. Another plaque, made of brass, is placed immediately above the firebox, with the bas-relief words: Audubon Park Fireplace – Restored and Rededicated July 8, 1999. A small, detached, concrete bench is situated just to the left of the firebox.

Bibliography: Emerson, Stephen. A Historic Property Inventory of Rock Structures in Spokane County, Washington. Archisto Enterprises, 2016.