

Permit Guidelines for GPS- Based Activities
New River Gorge National River
Gauley River National Recreation Area
Bluestone Scenic River

1. New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area and Bluestone National Scenic River encourage GPS- based activities that involve virtual caches within the park in accordance with guidelines established by www.earthcache.org. Virtual caches posted on Earthcache will not be subject to the same permitting process required of physical caches as long as the activity occurs in areas where visitors can normally go and does not involve the development of new social trails. Park reserves the right to require a Special Use Permit for GPS- based activities involving virtual caches to avoid undesirable resource and visitor impacts if they become apparent.
2. GPS- based activities involving placement of physical caches require a Special Use Permit to be applied for and approved prior to placement in the park, and each physical cache will require a separate permit with a maximum of two permits per individual/organization. If approved, the permit will be valid for 12 months, from March 1 through February 28, and may be reauthorized for a second twelve- month term provided all terms of the original permit have been met. After the issuance of a permit for two consecutive twelve- month periods, there will be a waiting period of twelve months before permittee can reapply for another GPS- based activity permit involving a physical cache.
3. To obtain a Special Use Permit for GPS- based activities involving a physical cache, requester will complete an Application for Special Use Permit (link to GPS- based activity specific permit application) and provide the park with the following information for the proposed cache location: a 7.5 minute quadrangle map showing the location of the requested cache site; GPS coordinates for the cache site, utilizing base map datum NAD- 27 or WGS- 84); a description of the cache container; educational content of cache; photos of cache location; photo of cache container to be used; and an explanation of why the requested site would benefit from a physical cache. The park has the right to assign general desired locations for physical caches and to review educational content for accuracy.
4. At this time, no park fees or cost recovery charges associated with obtaining a permit will be imposed as the cache content must meet the parks' criteria for providing an appropriate educational message that complements the park's mission and is relative to the park location of the cache. Permittee will not impose a fee or charge for individuals to participate in the search and visit of caches in the park.
5. Permittee will be responsible for the content of the cache, quarterly inspections of the cache, soundness of the container, and upkeep of web information regarding the cache site. Park reserves right to randomly inspect cache and remove materials that are not in compliance with the permit conditions (repeated violation of cache content will result in revocation of permit and immediate removal of cache).
6. Permittee will not change location of cache during term of permit without prior written approval from park.
7. Park has right to revoke any permit if determination is made the cache creates safety concerns, damages or jeopardizes the integrity of park resources, gives rise to user conflict issues or adversely impacts park operations. If park determines authorized cache is creating undesirable resource and visitor impacts and relocation of cache is deemed necessary, park will either remove cache or the existing permit can be amended to reflect new park- approved location.

8. Failure to comply with park guidelines will result in revocation of issued GPS- based activity permits and could prevent the issuance of any future GPS- based activity permits to the non- compliant group or individual.
9. If permit for authorized cache is revoked or not reauthorized, cache will be removed from park property within five days and cache publication will be immediately removed from all website(s). Unauthorized GPS- based activity physical caches will be removed and treated as abandoned property, and the responsible person may be cited. Failure to obtain the required permit or permit violations could result in fines up to \$5,000.00 and/or six months in jail.
10. Initially, there will be no more than ten permitted GPS- based activity physical caches within the park at any one time. Dependent upon yearly reviews of cumulative program impacts, the park may determine to permit additional physical caches, reduce the number of permitted physical caches, or maintain the current maximum of ten permitted physical caches.

GPS- based Activity Posting Guidelines

1. Permittee will include the following statement on all GPS- based activity website(s) where a park cache is listed: *"The fundamental purpose of the National Park Service (NPS) is to 'conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. (16 U.S.C. 1)'. Placing a cache on NPS lands without a permit is a violation of NPS regulations. These regulations are intended to protect the fragile environment and the natural, cultural and historical resources found in parks. You are ultimately responsible for the cache, so please make sure you know and understand the rules."*
2. Permittee will provide the park with addresses of all websites on which the cache will be posted. Permittee will post the park permit requirements and cache searching guidelines on all website(s) containing online descriptions of authorized cache locations.
3. Permittee will accurately rate difficulty of finding cache and the inherent dangers of backcountry travel and navigation when caches are located in remote and/or rugged areas of the park. Permittee will communicate any known hazards to searchers and any equipment needed for search.

Cache Content

1. Content of cache will be of educational or interpretive value and will be related to the location of the cache i.e. a cache located near Thurmond would contain educational material relating to Thurmond.
2. Contents of each cache will be approved by the park prior to its placement to ensure it complements the park's education mission. Inappropriate or misleading information will be rejected and permit application will be denied.
3. Prohibited for placement in cache are: tobacco, ammunition, weapons, drugs (medications), alcohol, food, items with vulgar or pornographic content, personal/hygiene products, chemicals or scented/perfumed items/substances, explosives/fireworks, and advertising materials.
4. The National Park Service permit sticker (provided by the park) must be adhered to the lid of the cache container in such a manner that it is visible through the lid. The park regulations for searching/visiting caches must be located inside the lid (sticker provided by the park) so that an individual who opens the cache will be able to read the regulations. See attached photos for example.

Cache Placement

1. Cache locations will be pre- approved by the park.
2. Cache placement shall involve no digging or disturbing of rocks, soil or vegetation.
3. Cache placement in areas of high visitor use (Kaymoor, Fern Creek, Nuttallburg, Beauty Mountain, Fayette Station, Cunard, Thurmond, Grandview, Stone Cliff, etc) is restricted to established trails and other areas designated for public access.
4. Locations that could lead to the creation of new “social” trails will not be approved. Cache sites in remote areas of the park need to be located in previously disturbed areas that are able to withstand additional use, such as mine benches and logging roads.
5. Cache sites that require searchers to illegally cross railway lines are prohibited.
6. Cache sites along the river must be placed above the high water line and outside the floodplain.
7. Caches shall not be buried or placed in locations that are dangerous or unsafe to access such as on cliffs, in trees, within mine portals, underground, underwater or within park structures.
8. Cache placement is prohibited in any area that could have an adverse impact upon any endangered, threatened, or species of concern or could have an adverse impact upon any natural, historical or cultural resources.
9. Park hours and closures will be observed during placement of cache.
10. Maximum cache container size is 1.5 liters and should not be readily discernable by the general public. Containers must be clear, non- breakable and waterproof with some form of latch or lid that seals to prevent content exposure to moisture. Permit identifier (permit sticker provided by the park) will be attached to the lid and be visible through the container lid and contain park approved guidelines for searching/visiting caches.
11. Cache shall not be placed in park areas being considered for prescribed burns.
12. Clues for locating cache must be appropriate and family/kid friendly.

Guidelines for Searching for and Visiting GPS- Based Activity Physical Caches

1. No digging or disturbing of rocks, soil or vegetation.

Prohibited for placement in cache are: tobacco, ammunition, weapons, drugs (medications), alcohol, food, items with vulgar or pornographic content, personal/hygiene products, chemicals or scented/perfumed items/substances, explosives/fireworks, and advertising materials.
2. Park hours and closures will be observed during cache searches.
3. Metal detectors may not be utilized in cache searches.
4. GPS- based activities are subject to all park rules and regulations. It is your responsibility to know the park rules and regulations.

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Gauley River National Recreation Area
Bluestone National Scenic River
P. O. Box 246, Glen Jean, WV 25846
304-465-0508; 304-465-6517
Application for Special Use Permit



Permit Tracking # _____ -- Site Use/GPS Based Activity (Physical Cache)

Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** Allow **AT LEAST** 4 business days for processing (2 business days for First Amendment requests). A non-refundable processing fee should accompany this application unless the requested use is an exercise of a First Amendment right. You will be notified of the disposition of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. Your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States of America as also insured.

Applicant Name:	Organization Name:
Social Security #:	Tax ID #
Street/Address:	Street/Address:
City/State/Zip Code:	City/State/Zip Code:
Telephone #:	Telephone #:
Cell phone #:	Cell phone #:
Fax #:	Fax#:
E-mail:	E-mail:

Description of Proposed Activity (attach diagram, attach additional pages if necessary):

Requested Location: _____

Date(s): _____

Event set up will begin: (date and time)	Event will begin: (date and time)	Event will end: (date and time)	Removal will be done: (date and time)

Maximum Number of Participants _____ (Please provide best estimate)

Maximum Number of Vehicles _____ (attach parking plan)

Support Equipment (list all equipment; attach additional pages if necessary)

List support personnel (contractors, etc. including addresses and telephones attach additional pages if necessary) _____

Individual in charge of event on site (include address, telephone and cell phone numbers):

- Is this an exercise of First Amendment Rights? Y N
- Are you familiar with/ have you visited the requested area? Y N
- Have you obtained a permit from the National Park Service in the past? Y N
(If yes, provide a list of permit dates and locations on a separate page.)
- Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release before the event? Y N
- Will you distribute printed material? Y N
- Is there any reason to believe there will be attempts to disrupt, protest or prevent your event? (If yes, please explain on a separate page.) Y N
- Do you intend to solicit donations or offer items for sale? Y N
(These activities may require an additional permit.)

The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Signature _____ Date _____

Information provided will be used to determine whether a permit will be issued. Completed application must be accompanied by an application fee in the form of a cashiers check or money order in the amount of \$0.00 made payable to **National Park Service**. Credit card payments may be accepted at some parks. Application and administrative charges are non-refundable. *This completed application should be mailed to the Program Specialist for Commercial/Special park Uses at the Park address found on the first page of this application.*

Note that this is an application only, and does not serve as permission to conduct any use of the park. If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable terms and conditions will be sent to the person designated on the application. The permit must be signed by the responsible person and returned to the park prior to the event for final approval by the Park Superintendent.

NOTICES

Privacy Act Statement: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) provides that you be furnished with the following information in connection with information required by this application. This information is being collected to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. Applicants are required to provide their social security or taxpayer identification number or activities subject to collection of fees by the National Park Service (31 U.S.C. 7701) Information from the application may be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. All applicable parts of the form must be completed. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 30 minutes per response including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspects of this form to the National Park Service, Special Park Uses Program Manager, 1849 C Street NW (2460), Washington, D.C. 20240.

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Addendum to Application for Special Use Permit – GPS-Based Activity (Physical Cache)

Permit # - - Site Use/GPS-Based Activity (Physical Cache)

The following information must be provided in order for the park to consider your request. **If this is a multi-cache request, then this form must be completed for each cache location being requested.**

Name of Cache as it will appear online: _____

Cache owner's name as it will appear online: _____

List all websites where cache will be listed: _____

GPS Coordinates for cache (utilize NAD-27 or WGS-84 Base Map Datum: N _____ W _____

Description of container used for cache (also attach photo): _____

Proposed contents of cache (describe how contents will complement the park's education mission and related park location): _____

Provide all text and information to be posted online (attach additional pages as necessary): _____

Attach photos of the location where cache is to be placed (overview of the general area and close-ups of the exact location)

Attach a map (7.5 minute quadrangle map) of the location where cache is to be located.

Please read attached Permit Guidelines for GPS-Based Activity.

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Compliance Checklist for Special Use Permit Application

Applicant/Organization: _____ Date: _____

Proposed Activities: _____ Permit #: _____ - _____

Answering “Yes” to one of the following may be a red flag for NEPA or other compliance.

Natural Resources	Yes	No
Do you have to dig holes, install posts or disturb the ground surface in any way?	_____	_____
Do you have to cut vegetation?	_____	_____
Will any part of your activity, including spectators or media, occur outside designated roads, trails or recreational sites?	_____	_____
Do you need to take vehicles onto any roads that are gated or otherwise not currently open to motor vehicles?	_____	_____
Do you need to use any vehicles or equipment larger than a pick-up truck?	_____	_____
Cultural Resources		
Do you have to dig holes, install posts or disturb the ground surface in any way?	_____	_____
Do you need to go inside any building that isn't presently open to the public?	_____	_____
Socioeconomic		
Are you requesting other visitors be excluded from the area while you're using it?	_____	_____
Do you have to close a lane, stop traffic, even momentarily, or other control traffic?	_____	_____
Will there be media coverage of any sort?	_____	_____
Do you have to put up any signs, temporary paper or otherwise?	_____	_____
Do you have any contracted services, such as catering?	_____	_____
Will your group or your contractor be selling anything?	_____	_____

Remarks:

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SAMPLE

Permit #10-Sample – Site Use/GPS-Based Activity (Physical Cache)

Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** Allow **AT LEAST** 10 business days for processing (2 business days for First Amendment requests).

A non-refundable processing fee should accompany this application unless the requested use is an exercise of a First Amendment right. You will be notified of the disposition of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. Your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States as also insured.

Applicant Name: J. Q. Public	Organization Name: National ????
Social Security #:	Tax ID # 54-???????
Street/Address:	Street/Address: Main Street
City/State/Zip Code:	City/State/Zip Code: Anywhere, WV
Telephone #:	Telephone #: 304-
Cell phone #:	Cell phone #: 304-
Fax #:	Fax#: 304-
E-mail:	E-mail: jqpublic@anywhere.com

Description of Proposed Activity (attach diagram, attach additional pages if necessary):

Establish a GPS-based physical cache near the Glen Jean Bank

Requested Location(s): Near the Glen Jean Bank (see attached maps and coordinates)

Date(s): For one year

Event set up will begin: (date and time)	Event will begin: (date and time)	Event will end: (date and time)	Removal will be done: (date and time)

Maximum Number of Participants N/A (please provide best estimate)

Maximum Number of Vehicles N/A (attach parking plan)

Support Equipment (list all equipment; attach additional pages if necessary) _____

Place container, sheet paper with Glen Jean Bank history information, log book, and several pieces of swag (to include travel bugs, junior ranger badges, and geo-coins)

List support personnel (contractors, etc. including addresses and telephones; attach additional pages if necessary) N/A

Individual in charge of event on site (include address, telephone and cell phone numbers): John Q. Public, National ?????

- Is this an exercise of First Amendment Rights? Y N
- Are you familiar with/have you visited the requested area? Y N
- Have you obtained a permit from the National Park Service in the past? Y N
(If yes, provide a list of permit dates and locations on a separate page.)
- Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release before the event? Y N
- Will you distribute printed material? Y N
- Is there any reason to believe there will be attempts to disrupt, protest or prevent your event? (If yes, please explain on a separate page.) Y N
- Do you intend to solicit donations or offer items for sale? Y N
(These activities may require an additional permit.)

The applicant, by his or her signature, certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Signature _____ Signed _____ Date _____ Dated _____

Information provided will be used to determine whether a permit will be issued. Completed application must be accompanied by an application fee in the form of a cashiers check or money order in the amount of \$00.00 (waived) made payable to **National Park Service**. Credit card payments may be accepted at some parks. Application and administrative charges are non-refundable. *This completed application should be mailed to Program Specialist, Commercial and Special Park Uses at the Park address found on the first page of this application.*

Note that this is an application only and does not serve as permission to conduct any use of the park. If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable terms and conditions will be sent to the person designated on the application. The permit must be signed by the responsible person and returned to the park prior to the event for final approval by the Park Superintendent.

The above application form is provided with the understanding that parks will insert appropriate park names and addresses and the amount of the application/administrative cost recovery charge as desired.

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The following information must be provided in order for the park to consider your request. **If this is a multi-cache request, then this form must be completed for each cache location being requested.**

Name of Cache as it will appear online: Historic Money

Cache owner's name as it will appear online: JQPublic

List all websites where cache will be listed: geocaching.com; (list others if applicable)

GPS Coordinates for cache: N37 55' 40.19" W81 9' 18.61"

Description of container used for cache (also attach photo): Small clear plastic locking sandwich container (see

Attached photo)

Proposed contents of cache (describe how contents will complement the park's education mission and related park location): Included is a sheet that documents the history of the Glen Jean Bank as well as its

nomination form for the National Historic Registry

Provide all text and information to be posted online (attach additional pages as necessary): See attached
pages

Attach photos of the location where cache is to be placed (overview of the general area and close-ups of the exact location)

Attach a map (7.5 minute quadrangle map) of the location where cache is to be located.

Please read attached Permit Guidelines for GPS-Based Activity.

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Compliance Checklist for Special Use Permit Application

Applicant/Organization: J. Q. Public

Date: 2/18/2010

Proposed Activities: Establish a GPS physical cache near Glen Jean Bank

Permit #: 10-Sample

Answering "Yes" to one of the following may be a red flag for NEPA or other compliance.

Natural Resources	Yes	No
Do you have to dig holes, install posts or disturb the ground surface in any way?	_____	_____X_____
Do you have to cut vegetation?	_____	_____X_____
Will any part of your activity, including spectators or media, occur outside designated roads, trails or recreational sites?	_____	_____X_____
Do you need to take vehicles onto any roads that are gated or otherwise not currently open to motor vehicles?	_____	_____X_____
Do you need to use any vehicles or equipment larger than a pick-up truck?	_____	_____X_____
 Cultural Resources		
Do you have to dig holes, install posts or disturb the ground surface in any way?	_____	_____X_____
Do you need to go inside any building that isn't presently open to the public?	_____	_____X_____
 Socioeconomic		
Are you requesting other visitors be excluded from the area while you're using it?	_____	_____X_____
Do you have to close a lane, stop traffic, even momentarily, or other control traffic?	_____	_____X_____
Will there be media coverage of any sort?	_____	_____X_____
Do you have to put up any signs, temporary paper or otherwise?	_____	_____X_____
Do you have any contracted services, such as catering?	_____	_____X_____
Will your group or your contractor be selling anything?	_____	_____X_____

Remarks:

Text and information to be posted on geocaching.com:

This cache is a quick park and grab in downtown Glen Jean. Easy to get to and fairly easy to find. This cache is located in a very heavy traffic area. There are lots of other people in the area most of the day, so be extra cautious. Take your time and you should have no problems. Make sure that you don't fall into the stream! Remember to BYOP!

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Difficulty – 1 star

Terrain – 1 star

Attributes – Recommended for kids, takes less than an hour, and is available at all times, including winter season. Could encounter thorns and snakes. Is wheelchair and stroller accessible. Available are public parking and public restrooms (during business hours).

Location – N37 55' 40.19" W81 9' 18.61"

Additional Hints – None

Spoilers -- None

Pictures of Geocache Location



Picture of location from 30 feet back



Picture of log where cache will be placed under



Example of Cache Container Lid showing New River Gorge Permit number and expiration date.



Example of inside of Cache Container Lid showing "Guidelines for Searching for Geocaches".

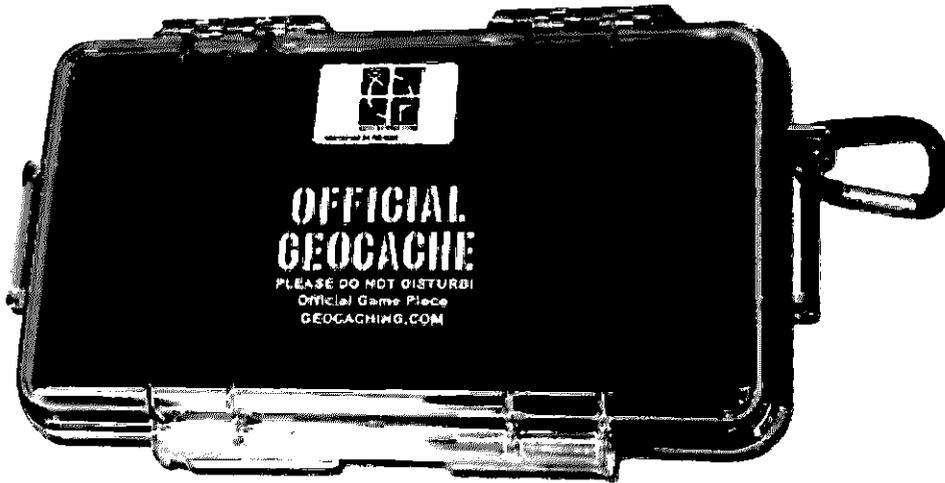
Examples of acceptable cache containers



Examples of acceptable cache containers

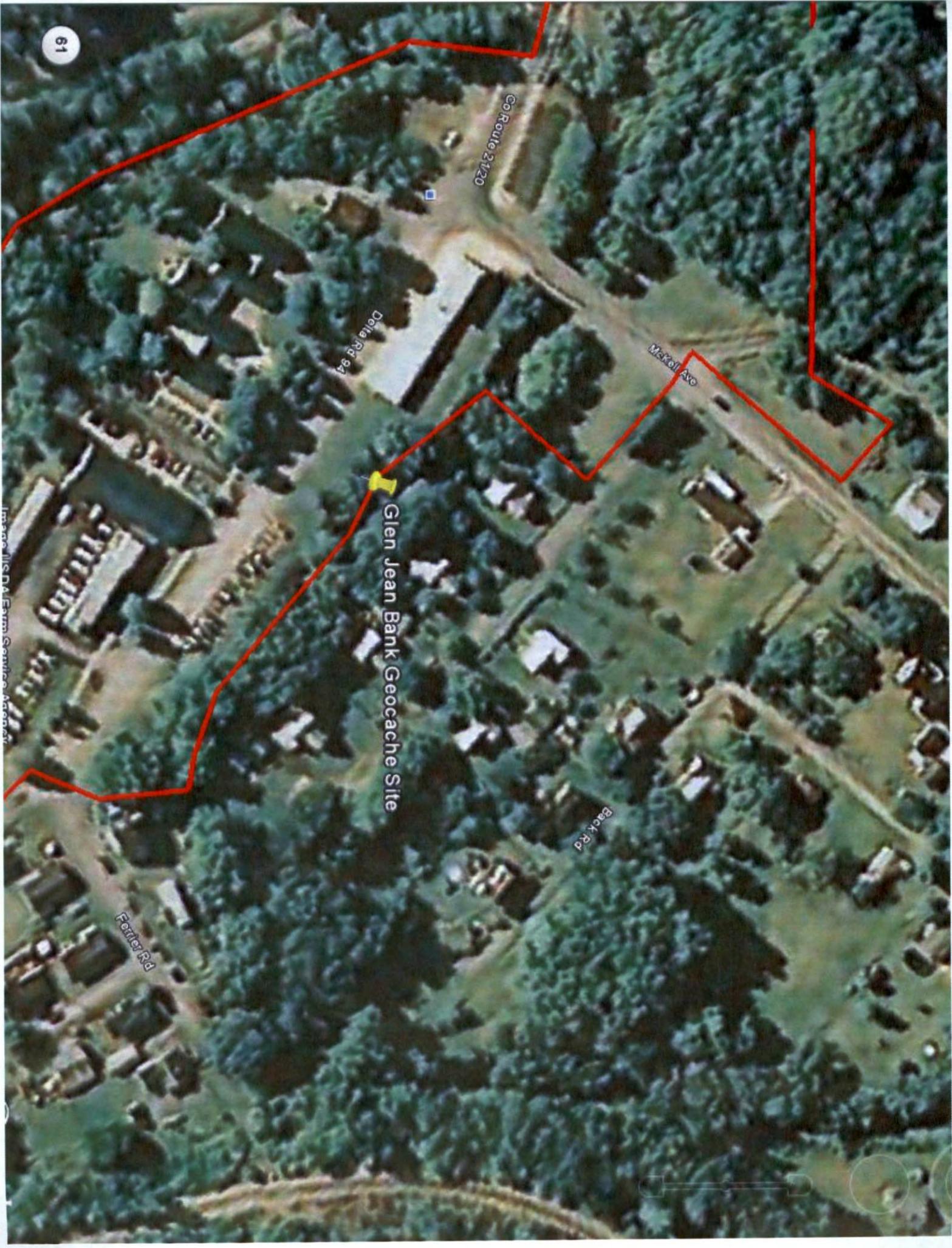


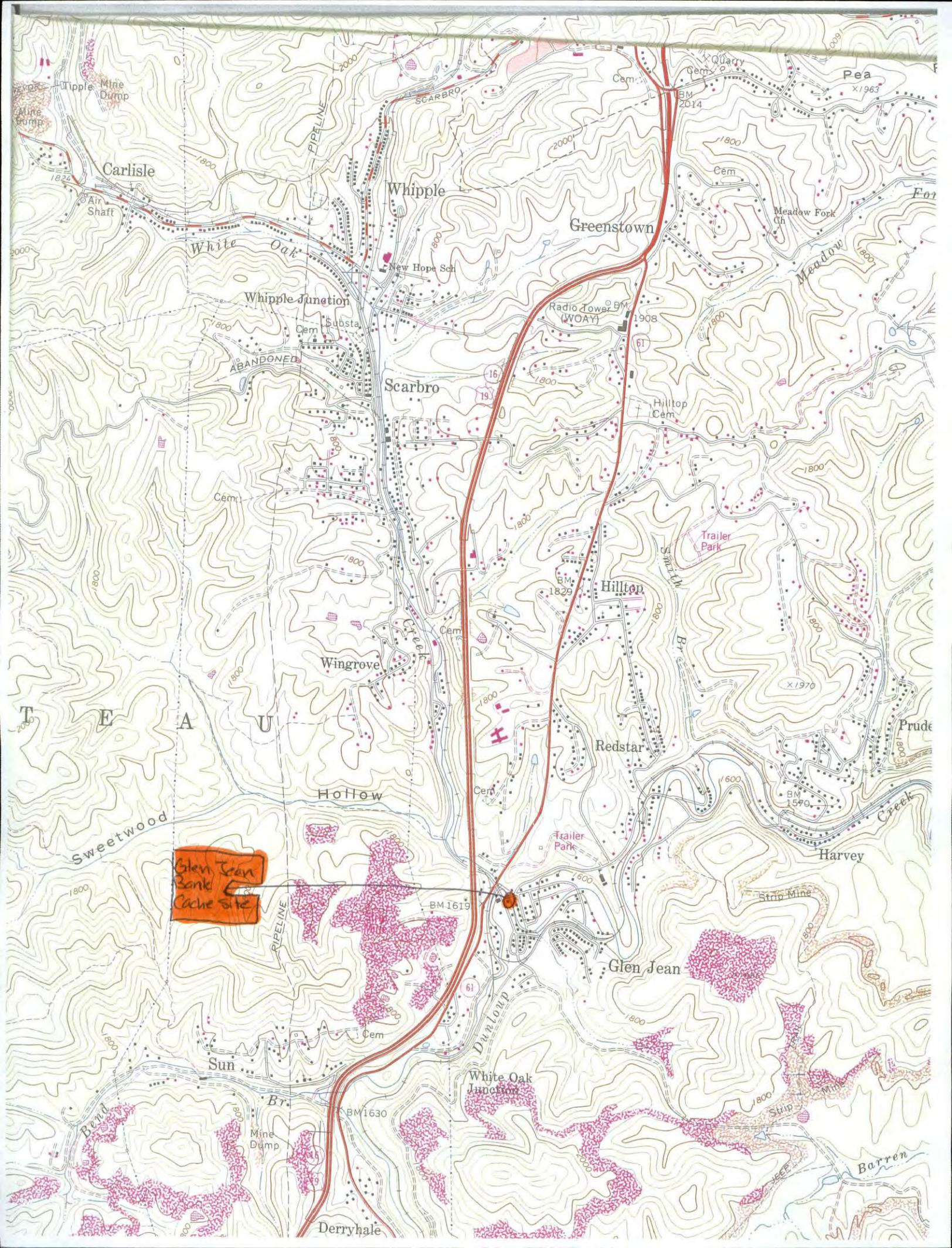
Examples of acceptable cache containers



Cache Container to be used for the Glen Jean Bank Geocache







Glen Jean Bank Cache Site

T E A U

Carlisle

Whipple

Greenstown

Scarbro

Wingrove

Redstar

Glen Jean

Sun

White Oak Junction

Derryhale

Barren

Mine Dump

Air Shaft

Whipple Junction

New Hope Sch

Radio Tower 9M (WOAY)

Hilltop Cem

Hilltop

Hollow

Harvey

Strip Mine

Mine Dump

Meadow Fork Ch

Meadow

Fort

Prude

Strip

Keep

White Oak

PIPELINE

Dunloup

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Bank of Glen Jean

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Coordinates: 37°55′42″N 81°9′19″W﻿ / ﻿37.92833°N 81.15500°W﻿ / 37.92833; -81.15500

The **Bank of Glen Jean** is located in the unincorporated community of Glen Jean, West Virginia. The bank was the financial center of a railroading, mining and financial conglomerate belonging to William McKell, son of Thomas G. and Jean McKell, the town's namesake. Built in 1909, the bank operated until 1939. It is now a visitor contact center for New River Gorge National River.^{[2][3]}

The bank is built in stone masonry, using local sandstone found above the Sewell coal seam. Exterior walls are 28 inches thick. The floors and roof are of steel construction. A panel above the door reads "BNank 1909." A 1917 addition constructed for McKell's coal and railroad operations uses wood floors and roof. The sign above its entrance states "McKell."^[3] The bank resembles a smaller version of the 1907 Fayette County National Bank in Fayetteville.^[4]

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Bank of Glen Jean

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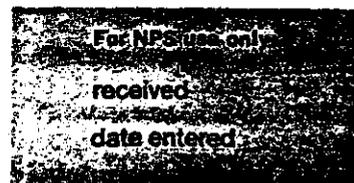


Location:	Main St., Glen Jean, West Virginia
Coordinates:	37°55′42″N 81°9′19″W﻿ / ﻿37.92833°N 81.15500°W﻿ / 37.92833; -81.15500
Built/Founded:	1909
Governing body:	Private
Added to NRHP:	February 10, 1983 ^[1]
NRHP Reference#:	83003236

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See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Bank of Glen Jean

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Glen Jean N/A vicinity of

state West Virginia code 54 county Fayette code 019

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name James C. Blankenship, III, William R. Simms, Randall L. Ballard

street & number P.O. Drawer 243

city, town Glen Jean N/A vicinity of state West Virginia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Fayette County Courthouse

street & number Court Street

city, town Fayetteville state West Virginia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Historical photographs of the Bank of Glen Jean from the beginning of the 20th century indicates that the original building appearance has survived since it was constructed in 1909. The inscription of its construction date appears over the main entrance to the bank. An addition was built on to the original structure by William McKell in 1917 on the rear portion of the bank fronting the main street of Glen Jean.

The 1909 bank, and its 1917 addition, were constructed of stone in the style or pattern of random broken ashlar with raised beaded joints. The stone is of lower guyandot sandstone quarried in the immediate Glen Jean area. The guyandot sandstone is the strata of rock exposed above the Sewell seam of coal; which was the richest seam in Fayette County and areas surrounding Glen Jean. The foundation stone was hand cut and also quarried locally. The large hand hewn stone that constitutes the plinth or water table, average four feet in length and were apparently quarried and cut on the site.

The exterior walls of the bank are uniformly 28 inches thick. The thirteen windows on the front of the original bank building and the ones in the 1917 addition are double hung and are two lights with a transom over each. Stone lintels constitute the inside facings of all windows.

The front of the building was cut on 45 degree corners with the unusual angle of the front archway main door being also in 45 degree angles facing main street. Cheek walls surround the archway entrance. A keystone supports the main door archway and the handcut marker-stone that bears the simple description of the structure, "Bank 1909". The intrados in the arch are regular, the extrados being irregular and being tied to the random ashlar pattern. The roof can be characterized as a top over roof. The overhang is galvanized iron with string course cornice.

The interior floors of the bank are ceramic mosaic tile, 1" trimmed hexagon shaped along the outside edges in the lobby and front office. $\frac{1}{2}$ " black and white ceramic mosaic tile with a 10" marble base accompanies the tile in the same area. The 12 foot ceilings are plaster on masonry with 42" oak wains-coating bordering the walls in the lobby.

The vaults in the bank are largely intact. Access to five vaults is gained through an ornate double door opening on a walk through vault.

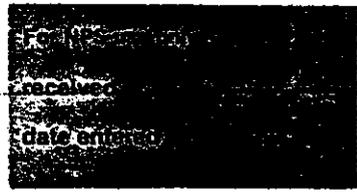
The structural system in the 1909 section is of steel; in the 1917 section, wood.

The construction of the bank and its addition is an example of the type of construction popular at the turn of the century with Italian stone masons who were originally lured to Fayette County for railroad bridge construction and the retaining walls necessitated by the steep slopes of the New River Gorge and the hollows the railroads traversed.

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The interior of the building deteriorated greatly from the bank's closing in the 1930's until acquired by the present owners. Remodeling in the upstairs of the bank for offices has not harmed the integrity or appearance of the building. The structure is sound, there being no evidence of settling or structural deterioration. Sited on approximately one-half acre itself and surrounded by six acres the present owners have acquired, the Bank of Glen Jean is an architectural reminder of the "glory days" of Glen Jean.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1909 ; 1917 Builder/Architect Not Known

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Bank of Glen Jean, at Glen Jean, Fayette County, West Virginia is significant as the most prominent work of architecture in its community and for its association with William McKell, one of the most outstanding of that group of now legendary men, the West Virginia "coal barons".

Explanatory Notes

1. The small community of Glen Jean, nestled in the rugged hills of the southern West Virginia coal fields, was founded in the early 1870's. Beginning in the late 1880's and continuing until the advent of the Great Depression, Glen Jean prospered as a "boom town", being the heart and center of the McKell coal "empire". Constructed during the midst of this "boom", the Bank of Glen Jean became the symbol of Glen Jean's prosperity and, with its massive stone facade; was easily the most architecturally imposing building in the town. As the "boom" years faded and Glen Jean settled back into a rather sleepy village in the mountain country of Fayette County, the imposing structure of the Bank of Glen Jean has taken on even greater significance as the one remaining symbol of a past era of prosperity and as the foremost architectural landmark of the community.

2. The Bank of Glen Jean was constructed in 1909 to serve as the center of the financial empire of William McKell, opening its doors on August 11, 1909. As that empire grew, so did the bank; a large addition, architecturally compatible with the main 1909 unit, was erected in 1917 and bears the name "McKell" in a lintel over the door.

At the time of his construction of the Bank of Glen Jean in 1909, William McKell (1871-1939) was one of West Virginia's most prosperous coal magnates. In addition to owning the entirety of Glen Jean, McKell owned vast amounts of land, coal properties, and railroads.

Glen Jean had become the center of the great McKell financial empire in the late 1880's with the arrival of Thomas G. McKell, who had acquired a 12,000-acre tract in 1873 at what was then White Oaks, Fayette County. The elder McKell continued to acquire lands and coal mines for over a decade before finally moving to Fayette County. He changed the name of the little village to Glen Jean (in honor of his wife) and quickly proceeded to build a sizable town that included an opera house, hotels, and department stores and played a major role in the development of the nearby town of Thurmond as well. His only son William took

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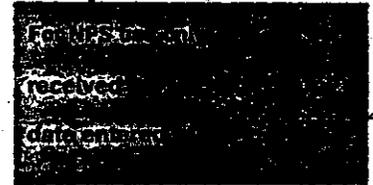
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up residence at Glen Jean in 1893 and upon Thomas McKell's death in 1904 became the owner of the vast McKell enterprises, including the newly formed (1900) McKell Coal and Coke Company.

William McKell was an individual about whom, due to his unusual, or eccentric, behavior, many stories abound. Controlling much of Fayette County political life, he was strictly paternalistic toward his workers. He won the first successful legal suit ever brought against the United Mine Workers Union for damages due to a strike. He personally organized sporting events among his workers and even invented a new variation of baseball, called "letemhitit", that became wide-spread in the southern coal fields. Upon his death in 1939, McKell left a fortune of 13 million dollars. It would have been more except that when the Bank of Glen Jean closed on January 10, 1939, McKell paid all the depositors from his own assets. At the time the bank closed McKell, near death, was still the bank president. C.P. Calloway was vice president and Charles Wilburn served as the last cashier. A bachelor, McKell's financial concerns were scattered at his death, much of the Glen Jean property passing to the New River Company.

The Bank of Glen Jean is the single remaining structure that is representative of a once flourishing West Virginia financial domain, and this Fayette County community's most outstanding architectural landmark.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.20 acres

Quadrangle name Oak Hill, West Virginia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000'

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The Bank of Glen Jean sits on one rectangular town lot, measuring 190 feet by 85 feet, consisting of 0.20 of an acre, on the north-west corner of the intersection of Main Street and Beury Mountain Road in the village of Glen Jean, Fayette County, West Virginia.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title James C. Blankenship III and Michael J. Pauley, Historian

organization Historic Preservation Unit date December 15, 1982

Dept. of Culture and History

street & number Cultural Center telephone 304/ 348-0240

Capitol Complex

city or town Charleston state West Virginia

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register, and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Commissioner, W.Va. Dept. of Culture and History date December 21, 1982

For NPS Use Only

I hereby certify that this property is eligible for the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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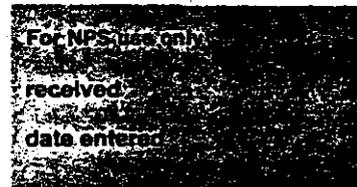
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Glen Jean,
Fayette County,
West Virginia

Oak Hill, W.Va.
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Quadrangle
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