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Patrol Cabin and Ranger Station Logbooks 1957-2003



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HISTORY

This collection of logbooks displays the everyday jobs and challenges that park rangers work through on a daily basis. These books cover a variety of areas on both the east and west sides of the park from low visitation areas in isolated patrol cabins or from ranger stations near campgrounds. Examples of these areas would be the Longs Peak Ranger Station and the Poudre Pass Patrol Cabin on the Continental Divide. There are anecdotes regarding hikes, contact with visitors, contact with other staff, and incidents in those areas.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

ROMO Patrol Cabin and Ranger
Station Logbooks: 1957-2003

CATALOG NUMBER ROMO 22848

VOLUME 3 LF

DESCRIPTION This archival collection currently encompasses three accessions of ranger and fire lookout logbooks ranging in dates from 1957-2003 and includes, but is not limited to: Longs Peak Ranger Station, Chasm Shelter, Twin Sisters Lookout, and Lawn Lake Patrol Cabin. Subjects cover park ranger patrol duties such as search and rescue, visitor contacts, and building maintenance. As more logbooks are added, the collection will increase and this record will need to be updated accordingly. This collection was originally cataloged in 2007 and needed a great deal of modification, both intellectually and physically. The collection has been reprocessed and rehoused as of 12/2011. This group of records is ultimately a part of the Office of Visitor Protection Record Group of the ROMO archives.

ORGANIZATION Currently there are 9 series organized alphabetically by geographical name. Accretions of other locations will start with Series 10. Series 1: Chasm Shelter; Series 2: Fern Lake; Series 3: Lawn Lake; Series 4: Longs Peak; Series 5: North Fork; Series 6: Poudre Pass; Series 7: Thunder Lake; Series 8: Twin Sister Lookout; Series 9: Wild Basin Ranger Station. This collection is arranged by geographical location then by ascending date order.

PROVENANCE Field collections from employees of Rocky Mountain National Park.

RESTRICTIONS NO

*ASSOCIATED
MATERIALS*

Wild Basin Ranger Station Collection, ROMO 22450 Rocky
Mountain National Park, Record Group: Office of Visitor
Protection

HIERARCHY

- I. Chasm Shelter logbooks, 1980-2003
- II. Fern Lake logbooks, 1974-2001
- III. Lawn Lake logbooks 1974-1998
- IV. Longs Peak logbooks, 1974-2001
- V. North Fork logbooks, 1978-1998
- VI. Poudre Pass logbooks, July 13, 1995-August 1, 1998
- VII. Thunder Lake logbooks, 1974-1983
- VIII. Twin Sisters Lookout logbooks, 1957-1962, 1963-1969
- IX. Wild Basin Ranger Station logbooks, 1976-1991

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. Chasm Shelter logbooks, 1980-2003

The patrol cabin was built in 1931 as a single room rock structure near Chasm Lake to serve as a backcountry patrol cabin for climber ascending Longs Peak. The area is utilized by many hikers with peak visitation in the summer, with low visitation in the winter months. Climbing Longs Peak is a common mountaineering goal in the area. This cabin was destroyed by an avalanche in 2003, only the concrete pad remains.

Two file units consist of Federal Supply Service record books arranged physically in ascending chronological order.

II. Fern Lake logbooks, 1974-2001

The Fern Lake Ranger Station is an active site that is currently used as a backcountry patrol cabin. The cabin was built in 1925 to house rangers near the Fern Lake Lodge (which was removed by 1958). It was originally built as a single story log structure of NPS rustic architectural style. The cabin has three rooms and a loft. The Fern Lake area is a popular hiking trail and is often used to traverse from the Bear Lake to Cub Lake or Fern Lake areas.

Four file units consist of Federal Supply Service record books arranged physically in ascending chronological order.

III. Lawn Lake Logbooks, 1974-1998

Lawn Lake is a popular destination at the foot of the Diamond of Longs Peak. This cabin was built in 1931 as a shelter for back country rangers and SAR operations. Also includes Hague Creek.

Five file units consist of Federal Supply Service record books arranged physically in ascending chronological order.

IV. Longs Peak logbooks, 1974-2001

The Longs Peak Ranger Station is located near the Longs Peak Trailhead near the Longs Peak Campground. Rangers stationed there serve the campground, the parking lot, as well as traveling the Longs Peak Trail to assist visitors.

Two file units consist of Federal Supply Service record books arranged physically in ascending chronological order.

V. *North Fork Logbooks, 1978-1998*

The North Fork Ranger Station serves backcountry rangers that are patrolling in the isolated northeastern part of Rocky Mountain National Park. The building is designed in the National Park Service rustic style. The North Fork Ranger Station is a one-story, rectangular log cabin.

Five file units consist of Federal Supply Service record books arranged physically in ascending chronological order.

VI. *Poudre Pass Logbooks, July 13, 1995-August 1, 1998*

The La Poudre Pass Ranger Station is located on the Continental Divide in La Poudre Pass and Long Draw Reservoir. The cabin serves as housing for backcountry rangers patrolling the remote area. The building was constructed in the 1970s.

One file units consist of Federal Supply Service record books arranged physically in ascending chronological order.

VII. *Thunder Lake Logbooks, 1974-1983*

This cabin is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This cabin is used by backcountry rangers patrolling the remote area. This building is a one story, rectangular log cabin following the National Park Service rustic design.

Three file units consist of Federal Supply Service record books arranged physically in ascending chronological order.

VIII. *Twin Sisters Lookout Logbooks, 1957-1962, 1963-1969*

The Twin Sisters Lookout was staffed by backcountry rangers watching for fire and patrolling this area.

Two file units consist of Federal Supply Service record books arranged physically in ascending chronological order.

IX. *Wild Basin Ranger Station Logbooks, 1976-1991*

The Wild Basin Ranger Station is listed on the National Register of Historic Places due to its rustic National Park Service design of the 1920s and 1930s. This building serves as seasonal housing for rangers stationed in Wild Basin and also to provide information to visitors. Many visitors pass by this building on their way to the Wild Basin trailheads.

Two file units consist of Federal Supply Service record books arranged physically in ascending chronological order.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Chasm Shelter logbooks

Box 1:

- 01 Chasm Shelter: 1980-1993
- 02 Chasm Shelter: 1993-2003

Series 2: Fern Lake logbooks

Box 1:

- 01 Fern Lake: 1974-1978
- 02 Fern Lake: 1983-1987
- 03 Fern Lake: 1987-1995

Box 2:

- 04 Fern Lake: 1995-2001

Series 3: Lawn Lake logbooks

Box 2:

- 01 Lawn Lake: 1974-1978
- 02 Lawn Lake: 1978-1982
- 03 Lawn Lake: 1982-1995
- 04 Lawn Lake: 1995-1998

Box 3:

- 05 Hague Creek: 1996-2001

Series 4: Longs Peak logbooks

Box 6:

- 01 Longs Peak: 1958-1980

Box 3:

- 02 Longs Peak: 1980-1983

Series 5: North Fork logbooks**Box 3:**

- 01 North Fork: 1974-1978
- 02 North Fork: 1978-1982
- 03 North Fork: 1982-1986
- 04 North Fork: 1986-1992

Box 4:

- 05 North Fork: 1992-1998

Series 6: Poudre Pass logbooks**Box 4:**

- 01 Poudre Pass: 1995-1998

Series 7: Thunder Lake logbooks**Box 4:**

- 01 Thunder Lake: 1974-1983
- 02 Thunder Lake: 1987
- 03 Thunder Lake: 1991-1999

Series 8: Twin Sisters Lookout logbooks**Box 4:**

- 01 Twin Sisters Lookout: 1957-1962

Box 5:

- 02 Twin Sisters Lookout: 1963-1969

Series 9: Wild Basin Ranger Station logbooks**Box 5:**

- 01 Wild Basin: 1976-1987
- 02 Wild Basin: 1987-1991