



Lake Ponca Duck Pond Park Historic District

The Lake Ponca Duck Pond Park Historic District is approximately 60 acres. Park features include the spillway and gravel loading station that was constructed as a part of the PWA construction of East and West Lake Ponca from 1934 to 1935 and the recreational buildings, objects and structures constructed by the CCC in the National Park Service Rustic style from 1936 to 1938. Later additions include a picnic shelter that was constructed in 1955, and the stone entry gates and foot bridges added between 1939 and 1963. A modest concrete masonry unit caretaker's residence was also added during the same period.

The spillway still serves the reservoirs, and the gravel loading station is largely intact. The extant CCC-era construction includes culverts and headwalls, stairs, a large picnic shelter, restrooms, a shelter with a terrace and fire pit; bridge foundations, trails, fireplaces, and grilles. The 1955 picnic shelter, as well as the stone foot bridges and stone entry gates, are constructed in a style that is a compatible yet distinct adaptation of the earlier NPS Rustic style. Most of the historic resources are in very good condition and the park possesses a great deal of integrity.