1. Name of Property
   historic name: H. Karl Butler Memorial
   other name/site number: N/A

2. Location
   street & number: Camp Manatoc, Truxell Road
   city/town: Peninsula
   vicinity: X
   state: OH  county: Summit
   code: 153  zip code: 44264

3. Classification
   Ownership of Property: Private
   Category of Property: Object

Number of Resources within Property:

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: _N/A_

Name of related multiple property listing: Recreation/Conservation Resources of the Cuyahoga Valley
4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this _X_ nomination _X_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property _X_ meets _X_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _X_ See continuation sheet.

Barbara Power
Dept. Head Planning, Inv. Reg.

Signature of certifying official

[Signature]

Date: 10-7-96

Ohio Historic Preservation Office -- OH SHPO

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _X_ meets _X_ does not meet the National Register criteria. _X_ See continuation sheet.

[Signature]

Date: 11/18/96

National Park Service

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

[Signature]

Date: 1-2-97

[Signature]

Date of Action
6. Function or Use

Historic: Recreation and Culture Sub: Monument/Marker

Current: Recreation and Culture Sub: Monument/Marker

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements

Other Description: Other: Rustic

Materials: foundation Concrete roof
walls Sandstone other

Describe present and historic physical appearance. _X_ See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): ___F___

Areas of Significance: Social History
Recreation
Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1931-1945

 Significant Dates: 1931

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A
Architect/Builder: _ Unknown____________________

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
_X_ See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References
_X_ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

_preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
_previously listed in the National Register
_previously determined eligible by the National Register
_designated a National Historic Landmark
_recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # ________
_recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # ________

Primary Location of Additional Data:

_State historic preservation office
_Other state agency
_X Federal agency
_Local government
_University
_X Other -- Specify Repository: Peninsula Historical Society Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

A 17   455540   4563320 B __ _____ ______
C __ _____ _____ D __ _____ _____

_X_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: __ See continuation sheet.

The memorial whose boundaries form a circle with a radius of 50' centered on the memorial located in Camp Manatoc.

Boundary Justification: __ See continuation sheet.

The nominated property encompasses the entire resource and the surrounding area that contributes to the property's historic significance.
Name/Title: Gina Jeckering/ Historian Intern prepared for the Boy Scouts of America, Great Trail Council, Inc.

Organization: Cuyahoga Valley NRA/NPS

Street & Number: 15610 Vaughn Road

Telephone: (216) 526-5256

City or Town: Brecksville

State: OH

ZIP: 44141
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Summit County, Ohio

The setting of the Butler Memorial, within Camp Manatoc near Peninsula, Ohio, is in a location fitting to honor the man chiefly responsible for the start of the camp. The monument, an example of rustic style masonry treatment, is on the highest elevation of land within the camp. It is situated on the top of a cleared hill with a backdrop of trees. The memorial’s hilltop position makes it visually commanding. It is easily seen from the nucleus of the camp: the dining hall, administration building, health lodge, and program shelter area.

It is constructed of random sized, local ashlar sandstone. The forward half of the object is a semicircle concrete platform, approached by six steps that abut the entire front of the platform. A semicircular, half-wall with two perpendicular side walls defines the rear of the memorial. The stone is laid in a horizontal coursing pattern. There are two crosshatched masonry patterns symmetrically placed in the wall. Beneath each pattern is a stone bench. Rising above the center of the wall is a segmental arch with radiating voussoirs housing a commemorative plaque. Directly in front of the plaque, in the middle of the platform, is a 100 foot flag pole.
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Photographs

The following information is the same for all photographs unless otherwise noted:

Name of Photographer: Jeff Winstel
Date of Photograph: 11/92*
Location of original negative: Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area

1. Front, or south elevation, facing north
2. East elevation, facing west
3. North elevation, facing south
4. West elevation, facing east

* A recent site visit verifies that the 1992 photographs reflect the current condition of the property

Property Owner:

Great Trail Council
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 68
Akron, Ohio 44309
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Summit County, Ohio

The Butler Memorial is historically significant as a symbol of the ideals of the progressive movement, for the role that it plays every day in shaping a Boy Scout, and as an example of rustic style design. It is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for Social History and Recreation and Criterion C for Architectural significance. Due to the commemorative value and importance of the memorial, it will also be addressed under Criterion Consideration F: Commemorative Properties. The period of significance extends from 1931, when the memorial was completed and dedicated, until 1944. However, in 1994, the memorial continues to be used and observed as originally intended.

Built in 1931 by the Akron Lions Club, the memorial commemorates the most significant person in the development of Camp Manatoc, Mr. H. Karl Butler, a wealthy Akron industrialist. Mr. Butler, a native of Akron, was born in 1882. He was crippled in childhood and spent most of the remainder of his life confined to a wheelchair in a chronically painful condition.

From the inception of scouting in the Akron area in 1916, Mr. Butler was an enthusiastic supporter of its ideals and programs. In 1923, he gave a large part of his land holdings near Peninsula for the creation of a summer boy scout camp. Before this gift, Akron youths had to travel a relatively far distance, to Camp Wa on Lake Erie, near Huron, to attend camp.

Camp Manatoc opened for the first time in 1923 and in its first year, serviced 188 campers. During this same year, Mr. Butler visited the West Coast and toured a permanent Boy Scout Camp. He returned home determined to emulate the quality of the West Coast camp and began by purchasing land which surrounded his property.

Three years later, while president of the Akron Area Council, his health continued to rapidly decline. Three days before passing away, he signed his will bequeathing all of his land holdings in the Peninsula area to the Boy Scouts' Akron Area Council for the establishment of a permanent camp. His total gift of 420 acres did however carry a stipulation. It required that the Council raise $100,000 within five years to acquire more property and to provide for the building and equipping of the camp.

Mr. Butler's munificent gift inspired others, like P.W. Litchfield of the Goodyear Corporation, along with the Firestone and Goodrich Corporation, to pledge a total of $100,000. Their gift also carried a stipulation which challenged the citizens of Akron to raise an additional $125,000. Subsequently, despite the Depression,
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an additional $142,000 was contributed by the citizens of Akron during a 1931 fundraiser.

The new Camp Manatoc was 520 acres. The original buildings of the 1923 Camp Manatoc were moved to a central location within the new camp. Together, with several new structures they defined the new nucleus of the camp. As for the Butler farmhouse, it remains on adjacent Camp Butler but has been so significantly altered that it has lost its integrity.

Criterion A: Social History and Recreation

The Butler Memorial represents more than the commemoration of a man. It is also a recognition of a significant period of cultural history. Camp Manatoc’s existence is directly related to a pattern of paternalistic benevolence among Akron elites which is symbolic of the progressive era as well as an outward symbol of the country’s conscious effort to develop recreational pursuits and outlets.

During the progressive era, Butler’s social peers, such as Frank A. Sieberling and Dorothy H. Brush, also made comparable and notable gifts to the Akron community for similar purposes. Frank A. Sieberling’s civic gifts included tracts of land specified for park development. Dorothy H. Brush, donated 275 acres from the Brush Farm for the creation of the Furnace Run Reservation. And again, there were also the monetary contributions of Goodrich and Firestone toward Camp Manatoc.

The birth of Camp Manatoc provided a recreational facility which could blend the teaching of lost moral values, thought to be inherent to a rural upbringing, with participatory physical recreational activities. In the early twentieth century, men like Henry S. Curtis, former Secretary and Vice President of the Playground Association of America, were convincing society that these elements were lacking in the development of urban youth. Evidence of a trend toward instilling the principles of a simpler life can be seen in the camp’s pioneer theme weeks, such as Indian week, Rodeo week and Explorer’s week.

Criterion C: Architecture

The rustic masonry style of the memorial is consistent with A.H. Good’s architectural designs for the structures of Camp Manatoc. As detailed in MPDF, the intent of the rustic style was to add unobtrusive structures to an environment through the use of native materials and natural colors.
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The memorial extends from the apex of a cleared hill with low, gradual steps leading to a flat platform. The flagpole is centered in the middle of the flat platform. The natural, unobtrusive sandstone blends into the background, giving the American flag a central commanding position which is further highlighted by a backdrop of tall, slender pine trees. The commemorative plaque, housed in the wall of the memorial, is of a simple design, rectangular in shape with an arched top.

The memorial was built in 1931 while construction of the camp buildings designed by the Good and Wagner Architectural firm was underway. Based on the continuity of style, materials used, and the period of construction, it is probable that the memorial was also designed by them. A review of the Camp Manatee collections at the Peninsula Historical Society and the Summit County Historical Society Archives did not reveal a source that clearly references the memorial’s designer. A bird’s-eye map of the camp, included in the Engineers Map and Architectural Drawings (1931), shows a flagpole near the site of the memorial. The architectural renderings that form the border of this graphic were designed by A. H. Good, suggesting that he could have designed the memorial.

Criterion Consideration F: Commemorative Properties

The Butler Memorial, in commemoration of H. Karl Butler, exists in harmony with nature and the rustic style which define Camp Manatee’s architecture. The use of native sandstone, informal design, and naturalistic setting are in keeping with rustic style ideals. In addition to being a significant example of rustic style design, the memorial has played an important symbolic role throughout the existence of Camp Manatee. The prominent hilltop location of the memorial, as well as the fact that the memorial incorporates a 100-foot flagpole, commands respect from campers and visitors alike. The intimate relationship of the U.S. flag to scouting ideals and virtues is regularly suggested by the routine incorporation of the flag in daily scouting rituals. The memorial, as a historic symbol of the camp, has been traditionally used in the camp’s promotional literature. (See illustration)

Historic Integrity

The memorial maintains a high degree of historic integrity because it remains in its original location and maintains its original setting, feeling, and association. Maintenance of the memorial has been done with similar materials and workmanship.
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Bibliography


THE LEADERSHIP

We are proud of the traditions and standards of leadership at Camp Manatoc. It is the leaders who truly make it a great camp.

Theo. Foley, Scout Executive, Camp Director.
J. Herbert Saum, Asst. Scout Executive. In his sixth season at Manatoc he will serve as Program Director.

W. Spencer Kline, Field Executive, will serve his fifth season at Manatoc as Business Manager.

Jack Taylor, Field Executive, will supervise Handicraft and Special Activities.

Judson Jusell, Field Executive, will be in charge of Camp Fires and Ceremonies.

SCOUTMASTERS

Frank Vernotz, who truly makes it a great camp, will give the Scouts more time for Scoutcraft activities.

Manatoc. He will be Scoutmaster of the Tree House Troop.

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THE PROGRAM

What does a good Scout want when he goes camping? Fun - Food - Features - and Fellowship.

FUN - Swimming twice a day (shallow water for the beginners), diving tower, boating and canoeing; handicraft - a chance to make a belt, a lanyard, a bow - take something home to show Dad; a chance to get that outdoor cooking requirement or that Merit Badge in Bird Study, you have been wanting; don't forget the camp hikes (ask any Manatoc Camper). What more could one ask than a good campfire before crawling into the good old Manatoc roll?

FOOD - See that mess hall down in the corner - eats galore will venture forth three times daily, and Oh! how ravenous campers will devour them!

FEATURES - Nature Study - The Rambler, Park Welton, will be back to treat you to the trails of Manatoc. Beasts, birds, shrub or tree never escape his eye.

Handicraft - Field Executive Jack Taylor has been thinking up all kinds of things to make - leathercraft, rope crafts, archery, canoeing, basketry or what have you.

Scoutcraft - A hundred and one things to do.

The new lake - 'Nuff said.

Camp Fires - Troop Camp Fires, Ceremonial Camp Fires, Scout and Oh! how ravenous campers will devour them!

FELLOWSHIP - Meet Scouts from other Troops, make new pals, learn new stunts, be a patrol leader. You'll like your Troop leaders.

$6.75 per week - Eight weeks to choose from.

KARL H. BUTLER MEMORIAL/ 1932 PROMOTIONAL BROCHURE
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO
THE DEDICATION

Those who had faith in the future of Manatoc as a great camping reserve and gave their pledge for the cause during the Spring of 1931 have before them now, in this Spring of 1932, the dream in reality. Building contracts were let September 1st, 1931 and the views in this folder show the accomplishments on March 1st, 1932. And this is only a beginning - pledges will not be fully due until June 1933. There are such major projects as the Scout Leaders Lodge yet to be built, but those who view the present buildings will indeed realize that the New Camp Manatoc is a reality.

The Camp will be ready for this summer with a capacity of 200 Scouts at one time. In order to give all who have so unselfishly supported this worthy effort an opportunity to view the buildings and see the camp ready for operation a great dedication festival is to be held on Wednesday, June 8. Scout families and all friends are invited out for a tour of the camp and to enjoy a picnic together in one of the many groves. In the evening a Camp Fire service will take place and Dr. Geo. W. Fisher, National Deputy Chief Scout Executive, will give the dedicatory address.

The gifts of hundreds have made the New Camp Manatoc possible and the untried zeal and interest of our Council President Mark M. King, and the Camp Committee have made our dreams come true. The Camp Committee: Dr. H. I. Corad, Chairman; H. S. Wagner, H. Lloyd Williams, Fred M. Weller and W. H. Schnabel will continue to develop and increase the effectiveness of this great center for Scouting in the Akron area.

June 8 - A Red Letter Day

GET THAT ENROLLMENT IN!

The new buildings that they are adapted for both summer and winter use. The summer camp is one unit of our camping program. The new Troop Lodges have demountable sides which are used during cold weather and there the boys may go during the coldest winter and have adequate heat and shelter — and even provide their own cooking within the same building. Can you imagine with what zest the boys will participate in the Camp Fire programs. The period changes each Sunday afternoon. Parents are urged to assist in getting their boys to and from camp but Sunday will not be a regular visiting day.

THE PERIODS

1st Period - Leader Training Week — June 19 to 26. Limited to Junior Leaders candidates who have been recommended by their Scoutmaster. They must be 15 years of age on or before June 1st, 1933, and must have First Class Rank. Special fee - $1.00. Junior Leaders for the remaining periods of camp will be selected from this group and they will attend without cost for the period they serve as a Leader.

2nd Period, June 26 to July 3. 3rd Period, July 3 to July 10. 4th Period, July 10 to July 17. 5th Period, July 17 to July 24. Each period with a special feature, Old Timers week last. Parents are invited to visit camp on Wednesday afternoons and evenings to see their boys and participate in the Camp Fire programs. The period changes each Sunday afternoon. Parents are urged to assist in getting their boys to and from camp but Sunday will not be a regular visiting day.

THE PERIODS

A GREAT CAMPING CENTER FOR OUT-OF-DOOR ADVENTURE

Every Scout In Camp!