

THE “CCC BOYS” CONSTRUCT THE DAVIS CREEK DAM

Construction of right abutment of dam.



The Charleston Daily Mail, March 27, 1938 Issue stated, “Atentative work program for the forest... estimated to cost \$33,366.29, includes, among other things, the erection of a dam in Davis Creek, which will give swimmers a nine-foot head of water at the edge of the dam. The dam itself will cost \$1,100.”

In total, the Davis Creek Dam consisted of:

- 5,188 bags of cement
- 387 cubic yards of sand
- 3,021 pounds of reinforced iron

Source: Camp Newspaper | July 1940

Work started in April 1939. The “CCC Boys” worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week while concrete was being poured. L.E.M. Foreman Walter Trail supervised the crew. The dam was constructed of reinforced concrete and native sandstone. Dam abutments were anchored to the bedrock stream bed.

At the time, the Davis Creek Dam was considered “one of the largest CCC projects in the state.” The Dam backed up “the waters of a clear, cool mountain stream for a distance of several hundred yards.” *Charleston Daily Mail (December 17, 1939).* In July 1940, the *Camp Newspaper* reported, “The dam on Davis Creek, that has been the major work of the past fourteen months, is now ninety percent completed.

L.E.M. Foreman Walter Trail directs junior enrollees pouring concrete.



Construction of left anchor on left abutment of dam.

