

HISTORICAL STRUCTURES OF KANAWHA STATE FOREST

Kanawha State Forest is home to many historical structures built by the CCC Camp Kanawha, S-76, namely Shelters No. 1, No. 2, No. 4, No. 5, and the Superintendent's Residence. These structures were designed to blend into the forest landscape and adopted President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "one with nature" philosophy. Construction of the structures took place during the depression years prior to World War II.

Shelter No. 1



Superintendent's Residence



Shelter No. 4



Shelter No. 5



The CCC-built structures incorporated natural materials, low silhouettes, and horizontal lines, with careful attention given to proportions. The CCC crews utilized materials sourced from within the forest, mostly downed chestnut trees. Shelters were fitted with wood shingle roofing and foundations constructed from native sandstone.