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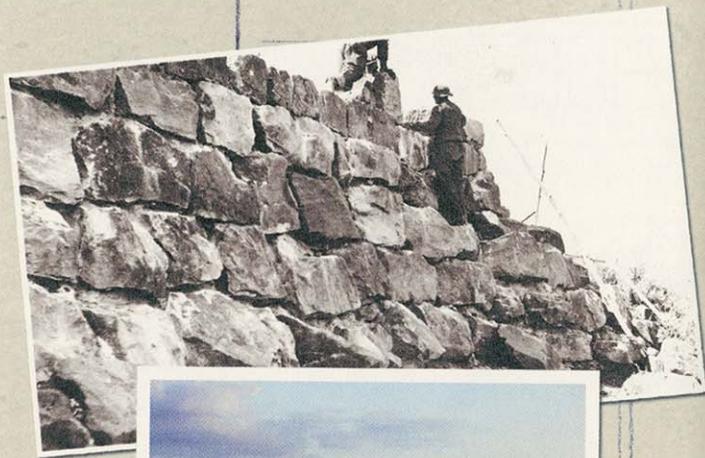
IN TEXAS STATE PARKS

BIG SPRING

STATE PARK

Scenic Mountain, rising 400 feet above the West Texas plains of Howard County, was already an undeveloped state park, donated in 1924, when CCC Company 1857 settled here on 370 acres during 1934 and 1935. The enrollees constructed a six-mile scenic loop up to the limestone summit along with the open-air group pavilion atop it. Limestone blocks, each weighing as much as two tons, line the winding road that inspires the name "Roman Wall" for the feature. CCC enrollees also built a residence and a concession building of local stone and cedar. Some evidence of the CCC company's camp area remains, including images of eagles carved into limestone blocks.

COMPANY 1857



Atop Scenic Mountain, the caretaker's residence is near completion.



BLANCO

STATE PARK

COMPANY

854



Considered one of Texas' most beautiful natural resources, the Blanco River attracted the early attention of the CCC, and they constructed a 105-acre park in Blanco County. From June 1933, through May 1934, Company 854 built two stone dams on the river and blended picnic structures and support facilities into the landscape of oaks and cedars. With rough limestone walls and massive chimneys, the concession building echoes the region's German architectural heritage. The building's handcrafted detailing and oversized roof braces of hewn timbers point beyond regional design and belong to NPS Rustic.

This beautifully detailed stone bridge spans Town Creek along the north bank of the Blanco River.

