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MISSION 5: "Up from the Dust"

## The CCC and Public Parks

By 1935, the Roosevelt Administration had sent over 150,000 members of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to conserve, improve, and expand public park sites. CCC workers cleared walking trails and campsites, built administrative buildings, and planted millions of trees at parks around the country. This image shows CCC members making a camping table and benches (as their supervisor watches close by) in the Mount Baker National Forest in Washington State. The table and benches are designed in the "National Park Service Rustic" architectural style, a style that used wood and stone materials to build structures that blended into a park's natural environment.



Source: "C.C.C. boys constructing campground table and benches at Baker Lake Mt, Baker National Forest. Photo by Fromme." Department of Agriculture, 1936. National Archives: Records of the Forest Service, 1870-2008, Historic Photo Series. https://catalog.archives.gov/id/299010

