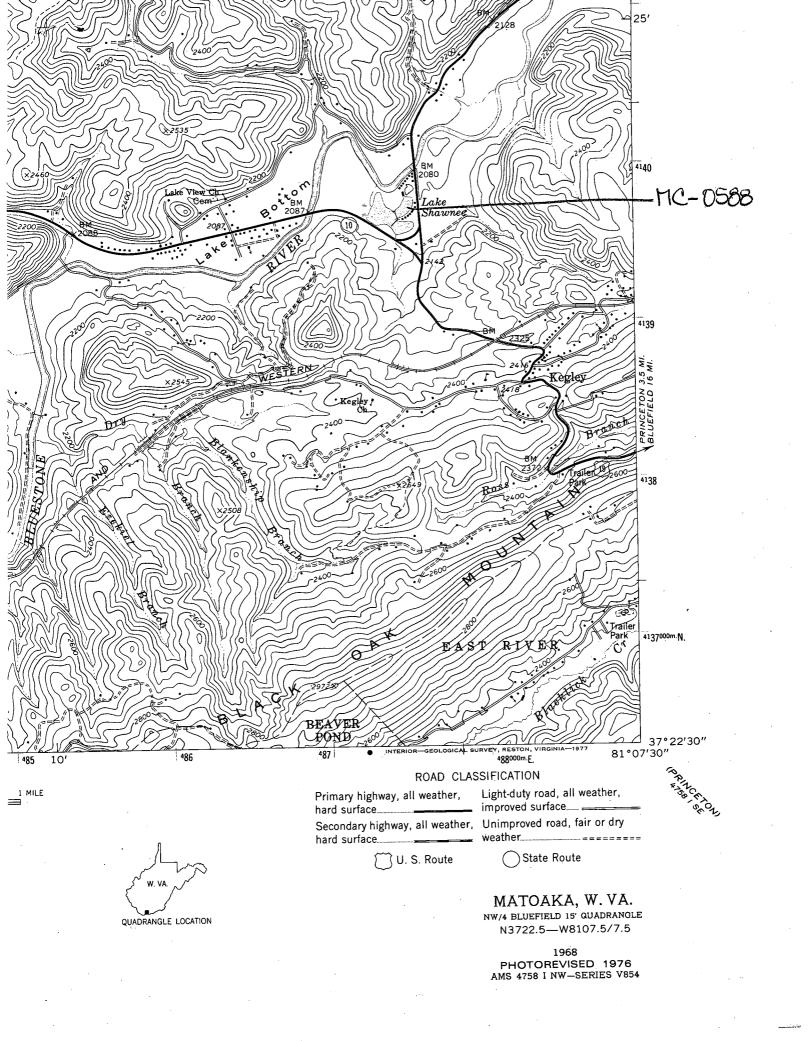
		PROPERTIES INVE	NTORY FORM West Virginia Antiquities Commission Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University
		COMMON	LAKE SHAWNEE
1	NAME	and/or HISTORIC	
		STREET & NUMBER	JCT. OF U.S. ROUTE 19 AND W.VA. ROUTE 10
2	LOCATION	TOWN	ONE MILE WEST OF KEGLEY
		COUNTY	MERCER
7		OWNER'S NAME OWNER'S ADDRESS	MR + MRS. 5NIDOW
3	STATUS	PROPERTY USE	PRINCETON RESORT
i		PUBLIC ACCESS	YES: NO: REMARKS:
ħ	LEGAL	COURTHOUSE AT WHICH RECORDED	MERCER COUNTY
7	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	PRINCETON, W.VA.
		APPROX. ACREAGE CONDITION	
5	SITE DESCRIPTION	PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (include photo- graph if possi- ble)	A SEVENTY ACRE RESORT CONSISTING OF TWENTY ACRES OF LAKES, SEVENTEEN CABINS, DINNING HALL DANCE HALL BATHOUSE, PICNIC GROUNDS, WATER FILTRATION PLANT, AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT.
		TIME PERIOD	
6	SITE SIGNIFICANCE REUVEATION	STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	THE PROPERTY CONTAINS A TWO STORY LOG HOUSE THAT IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN BUILT BY THE DAUGHTED OF ONE OF THE FIRST SETTLERS TO THE AREA MITCHELL CLAY. A PREHISTORIC ARCHEOLOGY SITE ALSO EXISTS ON THE PROPERTY.
7	MAP	ROUGH MAP OF PROPERTY IN RELATION TO SURROUNDINGS (show route num- bers and street names)	Gn
	FORM	NAME	PHILLIP PITTS, RESEARCH ASSISTANT
8	PREPARED BY	ADDRESS	W.VA. ANTIQUITIES COMMISSION P.O. BOX 630 MORGANTOWN, W.VA.
		DATE	OCTOBER 1976



A STUDY OF ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES IN WEST VIRGINIA TO DETERMINE THEIR POTENTIALS AS TOURIST AND RECREATIONAL ATTRACTIONS

1. Site No.	2. Site Name Shawnee Lake
3. County Mercer Co.	4. District
5. Quadrangle	
7. Directions for reaching by roa	
8. Owner Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sny	der 9. Address Virginia Hotel, Princeton, W. Va.
O. Tenant	ll. Address
2. Previous owner	
to tourists now, and they would be Site description; including no property.	welcome more development. umber of acres a Shawnee camp site is said to exist on this
6. Type of site	17. Vegetation
3. State of preservation	
Work needed and estimated cost	t to restore
O. Cultivation	21. Erosion_
Potential interest to tourists	#
Nearest points of tourist attr	raction
Danger of destruction	
. Nearest buildings and roads	
• Features	27. Burials
	29. Address_
	of material from site
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	red
. Photograph numbers	
. Recorder	35. Date
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**Necessarily lengthy replies may be made on reverse side.

Resort caters rather successfully to tourists now, and they would welcome more development. Seven or Eight feet of black earth was hauled away from one section. Many peravinkles were found on the site, many arrowheads have also been found on the site. A log house in very good condition is rented by a Cole family. There is a vagness about who originally owned the house—perhaps a Waugh family. The house has undergone some alterations but is substancially the same as the original. There is a Mitchell clay monument on a Clenese Corp. plant site. It is said that the first white clover in the east was found in the bottom. There is a traditional Indian look—out on a cliff above the willage site, there are also caves in the side of the hill.

Shawnee Lake property lies on both sidesof the Bluestone River at the intersection of Route 10 (W. Va.) and U. S. Route 19 about one Mile west of Kegley.

Ine property imbraces a few hundred acres, mostly pasture bettem land. Central to the property is a lake several acres in extent feed by fresh water springe. There is also a spring feed large round swimming pool. There are three large and six small white weeden cabins and seven leg cabins for the accemedation of guests. There is also a large bath house and an amusement stand. Near by are two large leg cabins, one of them reputedly built by the daughter of the first settler in that area.late in the 1700's. On the northern side of the Bluestone River there reputedly existed a permanent camp of the Shawnee Indians. Many artifacts have been found there and black earth to the depths of seven (7) to eight (8) feet have been discovered when a portion of the field was disturbed for the hauling of top soil. Many perewinkles were found in this soil, which is a good indication of an Indian site.

The valley is 6 or 7 hundred feet wide.

Snidow

The property is owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Snyder, proprietors, of the Virginia Hetel in Princeton.

Mrs. Snyder says that the property is bringing in an income, but with their children growing up and going away they do not feel like continuing this enterprise indefinitely. She said that a so called expert from Kentucky recommended that the property be used as a summer craft camp.

The bettem is called Clever Bettem, because it is said to comtain the first white clever in the east.

An early settler from Virginia, Mitchell Clay, a relative of Henry Clay, settled in the valley around 1785 and suffered the less of some of his family at the hands of Indians. He is said to have moved in from Virginia in order to hunt deer on the river west of Marrisburgh. The ancient cabin is occupied by a Mr. and Mrs. Cole, who would like to purchase it but to date the Snyders' have refused to sell. This year the large pasture was used as a beef cattle range, though in the past it has served as driving range.

The entire valley is extremely beautiful. There are other houses about a half mile up the road on Route 19 going north and the same distance going west on Route 10. None of these figure in the presenting of Shawnee Lake, which should be kept in tact if at all possible.

There is a tradition that Indians maintained a look-out on a near by cliff which is visible from the Lake Shawnee grounds. There are several caves in the side of the hill which would bear exploration, since they are probably rock shelters occupied by the Indians.

Lake Shawnee

1. Call Henry Bober, golf shep all Eglebay. How many cores in Par-3 course? ho set regulation sine-15-20 acres and you of your length. (oglebay) between holes Pitch + Put - 10-to 12 acres.

115 to 120 acres in 18 hole regular course

First thing is to contact Mr. & Mrs C. T. Snidow at the Virginia Hotel in Princeton. Mrs. Snidow is more interested in this than Mr. Snidow, so you can go in & ask for her if you want or if you seem to be seeing Mr. Snidow you can ask to talk to him and his wife. Have them show you the great big photograph in the diming room that covers the entire side of the wall. That is the layout of Shawnee Lake and have them identify where the Indian village is supposed to be there so you can identify it when you go Try to get some information on the photographer. if he is a local man, try to get the negitivies of the photo or prints of them-8 X 10 or something like that. They had to piece several pictures together to get the panarama, so don't let them talk you out of it saying that he had to do that. We can do the same thing. Next thing would be to go to the court house and you have to go on a non-holiday, of course, and copy the deed, a discription of the property they own over there -- the number of acres and all that sort of thing . If they have photostatic services simply get them to copy it for you. If you think there is more to be obtained from Kyle McCormick on the history beyond the Mercer Co. History you could go and talk to him about the place over there. Now I understand ther were three houses left after the burning of the city: it caught fire and burned during the Civil War. Mrs. McNut's house is one. Not far from the center of town, yes it is in good shape. See Mrs. McNut and tell her that you are writing up an article for your history class on the history of the place and that you want all the information she has about who was there, what took place, where the army itself camped or any thing else that she can remember. Put down the sources of her information like her grandfather told her or something like that and find out who built the house. What year it was built, what additions were put on it. What is the original part, old pictures of it. Perhaps we could take those to a photographer and have him make a copy of it if ther aren't to many of them. Athens is not very far from there and Concord State College's Biology Dept. has collected algae and other plants form over there. You might call on the phone, of course all these calls I'll pay for and ask for the head of the Biology Dept. or may be if he is not available they can direct you to some one with the information we want, about the expeditions Concord State College makes to Lake Shawnee. They have 50 spiecies that they have collected from there. (I think they have them on exibition). So you could ask to make an appointment to go over and see them. Get his appraisal of Lake Shawnee as a nature Study center. What facilities he thinks ought to be put in there if we were to attract other colleges and universities. Georgetown Univ. is looking for a lake of that type, I know. I'm writing them to tell them of Lake Shawnee. They may be interested in sending a group over for a week or two you see to live in those cabins and make studies. It would be miceif we could develop a nature research center there you might ask him.about the surroumding country if there is enough other things to be of interest. One thing is an outcroping of fossils in Wyoming County & this would be within 40 miles of that spot. On the site over at Lake Shawnee you should photograph all the buildings that are there now and give a detailed description of each building, it's condition, what utilities there are in it, the size, please measure, etc. Especially the locker rooms, I think about 1000 in the bath house. It looks pretty delapidated to me. Give me your frank appraisial as to wheither we should knokk it down or not. The access road to the field where the Indian village was is across the dam. Give me a judgement as to wheither the dam has to be widened if two cars are to pass on it. Look around in field for pottery etc. Contact Boil Conservation Service ask for an aerial photo of Lake Shawnee, or the number to use in ordering one. Pick up a 8 X 10. Explore caves on hill. Dig, to see if there was detailed road map of area. occupation. Ask about flooding of that valley. How the fishing is in the stream or lake, Anything else of value. is it stocked.



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Proposals for the Development of

Shawnee Lake

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Lake Shawnee, which is located four and one half miles north of Princton, W. Va., on Highway 1921, is of historical interest, has tourist attractions and is of scientific interest. It is nestled in between a group of beautiful W. Va. mountains and rests on a 1000 acre tract of land.

1. Historical Interest

Lake Shawnee is an artificial lake situated on Mitchell Clay's former home. Mitchell Clay was the nephew of Henry Clay. Two of Clay's children were murdered by Indians here. A marker points out the exact place of the massacre. Another one of his children was carried off by the Indians in the same attack, and was later burned at the stake near Chilicothe, Ohio. A few cabins of the Clay type are still standing. Long before Henry Clay settled here, the Shawnees camped here, fished from the Bluestone River, and grew corn in the fertile soil. According to people liwing in this area today, shells the Indians used for cooking and occasional arrowheads can still be found.

2. Tourists' Attractions

Quoting from the Lake Shawnee brochure:

On this tract of more than a thousand acres is located a lake for boating, a pool for swimming (the largest concrete pool im W.Va.), and a beach for sunning. Surrounding the lake are eighteen cabins and cottages, picnic grounds, a bathhouse for a swimming pool, eating and dancing facilities, a golf driving range, a shooting gallery, and miles of interesting and inviting trails for hiking. Fishing is available in many nearby streams.

Most of this equipment is dilapidated and needs remodeling and in most cases modernizing. The cabins are run down as well as the equipment on the inside. The bath house and dancing facility above are also dilap-

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- Purported Shawnee Indian Village + Area to be developed inside hed line - Historic Cabin Lake Shawner F & Bluestone River - Route U.S. 19 +0.8 to Kegley Unimproved Road W.V. Route 10

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DEVELOPMENT AT LAKE SHAWNEE

Mercer County

Introduction

Lake Shawnee is essentially a run-down recreational area located at the intersection of West Virginia Route 10 and U.S. 19 and 21. Center of the attractions is a 15-acre lake fed by surface run-off and emptying into the Bluestone River.

There are two historical aspects to Lake Shawnee. The first is an Indian site west of the Lake about 100 yards in diameter identifiable only as Late Woodland but suggesting rather intensive occupation over a period of time. The second historical feature is the story of Mitchell Clay, the first settler of Mercer County and from the same Eastern Virginia family which later gave rise to Henry Clay. He settled in the Bluestone valley in an area known as Clover Bottom (from a unique stand of White Clover), and he built a log house on a knoll overlooking presentday Lake Shawnee. Clay moved his family there in 1775, but in 1783, while Clay was away on a hunting trip, Indians attacked his family killing his son, Bartley, and daughter, Tabitha. A son, Ezekiel, was captured and taken to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he was burned at the stake. Mitchell Clay organized a pursuit party, catching up with the Indians on Pond Fork of Coal River in Boone County, where they killed three Indians and recovered their horses. The spot where the dead Indians were buried can be pointed out with high probability today. The Clay family moved to a farm near Pearisburg, and have many descendants today both in Virginia and West Virginia. The venerable log cabin which stands at the intersection of Routes 10 and 19 is said to have been built by "the daughter of the first settler." Other cabins in the area have been similiarly styled.

Indian Site

The Indian site about 200 yards west of the Dam has yielded an abundance of artifacts in times past. It is now part of a cow pasture, but even under these poor conditions for surface hunting a large quantity of pottery (grit, limestone, and shell tempered) was recovered. The site is covered with small land snails shaped like periwinkles, and the field itself, elevated above the rest of the pasture, is sometimes referred to as "Periwinkle Field." A scenic rock across the Bluestone River is pointed out as an Indian lookout. Indian burials have been reported on the hilltops to the west and north of Lake Shawnee.

Proposal

The following pages briefly review the possibility of developing Lake Shawnee as a regional Boy Scout center emphasizing training in archeology and a separate area where tourists would find accommodations at a motel and 9-hole golf course.





B.T. HOUSE

Rear view. This building is in a run down condition, and should be razed.



BATH HOUSE

Front view. The pool near the Bath House is a shallow wading section for children.



WATER TOWER

Refreshment stand at left, cabins in background. Silver maple trees are in good condition.



DIVING TOWER

Pool is probably too large for efficient maintenance and should be reduced in size and improved.



BATH HOUSE FROM ACROSS LAKE



LAKE AS SEEN FROM DAM

Scenic walk in background, Bath House at left, new location of Dam recommended to give natural looking shore line, admission of more surface water, and fill for main grounds.



OLD CABIN

Said to have been built by daughter of first settler. Occupied and in good condition. Stands at intersection of W. Va. 10 and U. S. 19.



SMALL CABIN

An example of the cabins, built in imitation of the original.



"MODERN" CABINS

Illustrative of some of the larger white cabins in poor condition.



INDIAN SITE

Located in the field beyond the fence at the right. The site is about 100 yards in diameter and almost round. It possibly had a stockade around it for defensive purposes, an inference from the fact that it is on an elevated peninsula and possibly was surrounded by a swamp on three sides. If the palisade existed, it is suggested that it be restored immediately, in as much as the archeological work in the village could go on uninterruptedly and without too many curiosity seekers, since the palisade would shield the work being carried on.

Present Condition of Lake Shawnee

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Snidow, Jr., elderly owners of the Virginian Hotel in Princeton, W. Va., still operate this resort, apparently with at least small profit, but wish to dispose of the resort and a large tract of land on the wooded hillside to the East.

Typically, the resort caters to families in groups of four to six who rent one of the 17 cottages for a week and enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, shooting, and amusements for small children. The huge swimming pool and large meadows have drawn as many as 50,000 people on holidays. But times have changed. The population of mining towns near by has dropped significantly. Outdoor movies, television at home, and other factors have made such a resort less popular.

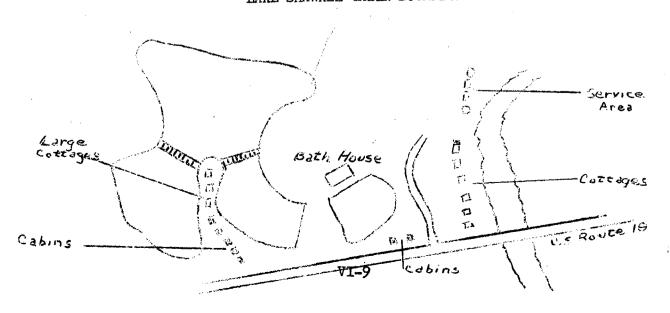
The rich meadows are being used as a beef cattle range. City officials in Princeton, it is understood, have discussed purchase of the site as a city park, but from all indications it will be some years before the city would be prepared to take this step.

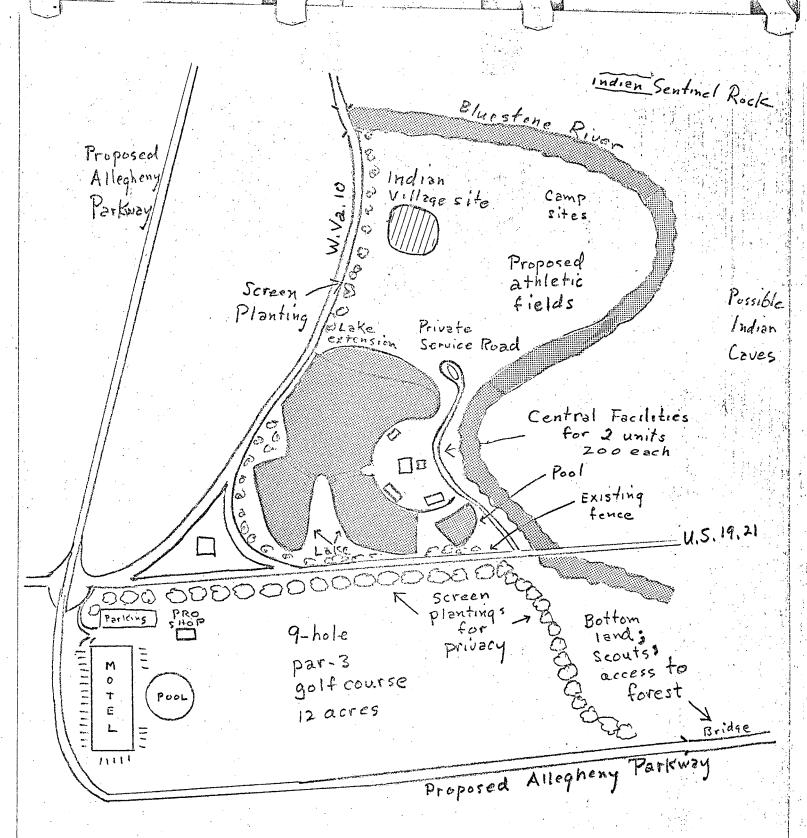
The nature of the install/ations at Lake Shawnee is indicated by the photographs on pp. VI-4 -7. Still serviceable are a water tower, pool purification system, and small kitchen and lunchroom with booths and tables.

Properties still in use and available include 3 rowboats, benches, picnic tables, raft, slides, diving tower, swings, and small merry-go-round. A lighting system permits use of water facilities at lake and pool at night.

Two large cabins, one historical, are on the property, in good condition. There are also seven small cabins of two rooms, six small white cottages and three large white cottages. A general idea of the location of the facilities is given below:

LAKE SHAWNEE CABIN LOCATIONS





PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT LAKE SHAWNEE

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The white cottages in particular have a limited life. Porches on all cottages need repair for safety. The cabins perhaps could be retained for some time for various uses, for they carry out the theme of the original.

The bath house is sagging and unattractive. It must be dismantled.

The swimming pool is in fair condition, but needs new cement work a-round the edges.

There is a relatively new and satisfactory sewage disposal system.

Evaluation

Favorable to Lake Shawnee are

- 1. Its beautiful natural setting, with an abundance of rugged terrain in every direction.
- 2. Its accessibility, on W. Va. 10 and U. S. 19 21. It is also located precisely on the route scheduled by the Allegheny Parkway. It is but 7 miles from the W. Va. Turnpike terminus at the city of Princeton. It is about 18 miles from U. S. 52 leading to Kentucky. Princeton itself is a main traffic center for the roads already named and in addition U. S. Routes 219 and 460 and W. Va. Routes 12, 71, and 20. A total of 3,475 vehicles pass Lake Shawnee daily. The 650 or more tourists represented by this number is greatly surpassed by the large flow of tourists on the W. Va. Turnpike. A potential 5 million tourists annually on the Allegheny Parkway would make this site an investor's delight.

The site is about equidistant from Twin Falls, Bluestone, and Grand-view and could contribute to the success of all three parks.

One unfavorable factor is the possibility of flooding. A neighbor who has lived in the area since 1932 remembers one flood during that time that was 2 feet over the highway and inundated the central area around the bath house, which is on a level with the bridge over the Bluestone. Construction plans should include 3 feet of fill for the building areas.

The Proposed Scouting Center:

The heavy traffic in this area suggests development of Shawnee as a State park with multiple attractions. The nearness of three other similar State developments suggests another approach. The present proposal is for an overnight type motel, with attractions limited to golf and swimming in a motel pool, but with the principal feature a Boy Scout camp of specialized appeal capable of attracting youths from other States and thus building up the knowledge of West Virginia advantages in other places.

The scouting approach has been discussed at some length with Mr. William Hubbell, of Cincinnati, Chief Scout executive of the region embracing Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia, and with Mr. Jack Lewis of

Bluefield, who believes the Bluefield Council soon will have to seek another camp. This one would be convenient.

Mr. Hubbell recalled that youth camps in Minnesota paved the way for tourism in the northern part of that State. Parents and friends of the Scouts often plan vacations to take them where Scouts are assembled. Scout camps have a policy of controlled reception of parents and guests.

Shawnee Lake has much to recommend it for scouting. The following analysis is based on <u>Camp Management</u>, Boy Scouts of America (Brunswick, N.J., 1959.) The camp proper, added to more than a thousand acres of wooded hillside, has the following advantages:

- 1. Can "provide Scouts with the deep thrill of outdoor adventure."
- 2. Is accessible.
- 3. Capable of future growth.
- 4. Uncrowded.
- 5. Opportunities for nature study close at hand.
- 6. Safe, adequate water supply.
- 7. Sewage disposal system
- 8. Swimming and boating facilities separated. Pool adapted to all skills.
- 9. Ranger's home (three possibilities).
- 10. Scouts at Lake Shawnee could very conveniently acquire skills for the following: Archeology, archery, athletics, basketry, bird study, botany, camping, canoeing, fishing, forestry, geology, biking, Indian lore, insect life, leather work, lifesaving, marksmanship, mineralogy, nature, photography, pottery, reptile study, rowing, soil and water conservation, surveying, swimming and zoology. There would also be opportunity to earn an Historic Trails award. The Seneca Trail should be mapped in Bluestone State Park, and it is said to extend southwest from there, probably following the Bluestone River past Lake Shawnee.

Scientific Possibilities

The following are the opinions of Dr. Ellis Meade McNeill, the head of the Biology Department at Concord College in Athens, W. Va. Dr. McNeill has written a thesis concerning the algae in West Virginia. From Lake Shawnee he extracted 86 genera of algae. Dr. McNeill thinks there are good possibilities at Lake Shawnee for studying algae, plants, and aquatic birds. Both Concord State and West Virginia University make field trips there.

Scientific Supporting Sites

- 1) Camp Creek State Forest, 13 miles north.
- 2) Bluestone State Park, 25 miles, back roads.
- 3) Pinnacle Rock State Park, 20 miles southwest.
- 4) Good fossil deposits in Wyoming County in Twin Falls State Park area.

 Cf. Jay Ellis Ransom, Fossils in America.

The specialty at Lake Shawnee would be the fast growing field of archeology. Under expert guidance Scouts would excavate a section of the Indian village each year, restoring the palisade if one is found to exist. An intensive study of the area up and down the Bluestone Valley would also be made and could be an interesting contribution to archeology.

Tourist Supporting Sites

- 1. McNutt House, Princeton, one of few houses left from Civil War, occupied at one time by three future governors of Ohio: Cox, McKinley, and Hayes, the latter two eventually President. In private ownership.
- 2. Bramwell, 25 miles away off U.S. 52, one-time fabulous village of millionaires.
- 3. Beckley and Stotesbury, exhibition mine and coal museum. Honey in the Rock drama at Grandview.
- 4. About 20 miles from developing Pipestone State Park; about 35 miles from Twin Falls State Park.
- 5. About 17 miles from Pinnacle Rock State Park.

Proposed Development

The motel-golf course would be a typical contemporary attraction, but would have a beautiful setting in trees overlooking the golf course.

The Scout Camp should thoroughly emphasize Indian skills such as pottery making, handcrafts, use of bow and arrow and spear thrower, and

fire-making. Cf. proposed camp layout on P. VI-10.

Financing

State and federal funds.

Managing

Motel private enterprise, land purchased or leased from State.

Boy Scout camp mangement under Bluefield Council or some other Scouting division.

Time Schedule

- 1966 State purchase of land. Planting of trees.
- 1967 Enlargement of lake, improvement of pool, demolition of some buildings, consultation of State Department of Commerce with tourist motel enterprises and Boy Scouts, grading of athletic fields.
- 1968 Building of motel, pool, golf course, and Boy Scout camp.

Costs

Lanc		uisition: 1000 acres of wooded land between Kegley and inter- section of W.Va.10 and U.S.19	\$ 50,000		
	2.	142.5 acres at lake	28,000		
	3.	Buildings, equipment, and pool	000 و75		
	4.	Legal, surveying, appraisal, and administrative	10,000		\$163,000
Воу		t Camp:			
Promotion Site improvement: Extension of settling basin Water diversion to bring more surface drainage into lake Demolition of main bath house Repairs to cottages			5,000	5,000	
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Elevation of some building sites Pool inprovements Attention to road Screen plantings of spruce at 6' and 12' intervals, 300 5' trees Athletic fields grading	\$ 1,000 5,000 2,000 1,500 2,000	\$ 38 , 500	
Construction: (Cf. Engineering Service of Boy Scouts of America) 1. Mess hall and kitchen 2. Office and living quarters 3. Laboratory 4. Latrine 5. Flag pole 6. Picnic type tables, one to a patrol, or 50 tables @ \$40	\$100,000 25,000 10,000 20,000 300 2,000	\$157,300	\$195 , 80 0
Motel Development: Motel and restaurant, 75 rooms, including furnishings Kitchen Parking area Pro Shop - 15' x 20' Swimming pool Golf course, 9 holes on 12 acres Greens Fairways (Fall cutting, thatching or scarifying, planting of Marion blue grass, fertilizing) Debt Service - 6% 12 years	\$700,000 25,000 20,000 5,000 50,000 45,000 2,800	\$847,800 148,143 1 - \$	\$99 5,943 1 , 191 , 743

Projected Income and Employment

	A STATE OF THE STA	Expenditures	Income		${f E}$ mployment		
	Visitors per year	Construction	Visitors at site*	Auxiliary Enterprises	Construc- tion	- Direct	Indirect or Auxiliary
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167	15,000	25,000	6,000	10,000	4	2	2
168	420	889,800	6,000	10,000	120	2	2
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	45,625**		365,000	50,000			•
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176	37,800		75,000	1,000			5 3
	45,625		40,000	50,000			F: "
	30,000		365,000	7,000			

^{*} State would operate the property as a public facility until Scouts take over. Charge of 50¢ for pool.

In this evaluation of employment, all income was considered as from auxiliary enterprises.

Light lunch and soft drinks.

^{**} Scouts per day for three months.

^{***} Motel guests

^{##} Golf course patrons

