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Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba
East Gate Entrance Building

HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

The East Gate Entrance Building was built in 1933. The building is the property of the Department of Environment. See FHBRO Building Report 85-43.

Reasons for Designation

The East Gate Entrance Building was designated Recognized on the basis of its historical role as the last of three distinctive entrance gates closely identified with Riding Mountain National Park, on architectural grounds, as a representative example of design and construction practices for National Parks buildings of the period and finally on the basis of its role as a highly distinctive landmark in a visually-striking and historically-intact setting.

Character Defining Elements

The heritage character of the building lies in the distinctive structure consisting of two kiosks of log and stone construction capped with open log lanterns that support a trussed bridge bearing the park's name.

It is essential that all surviving historic fabric be preserved. It would be difficult to alter or add to this structure without having a significant impact on its heritage character.

Maintenance and repair should be carried out strictly within the context of the existing vocabulary, materials and design.

The historical integrity of the setting must be respected.