

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**

Note: For properties 35 years old and newer, starred (*) sections are the only required fields.

*County: **Benton**

*Street Address: DAWSON RD				*City: Bellfountain			
USGS Quad Name:			UTM (NAD83) Zone: 10		Northing:		Easting:
Township: 14S	Range: 06W	Section: 11	Block:	Lot:	Map: 1461100	Tax Lot #: 00500	
Historic Name: Bellfountain Campground					Grouping or Cluster Name:		
*Date of Construction: 1851		Other Name: Bellfountain Park					
Historic Use or Function: Other religious			*Current Use: Park			Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	

Architectural Classification(s):		Plan Type/Shape:		Number of Stories:	
Foundation Material:		Structural Framing:		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material:		Window Type/Material:			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary:		Secondary:		Decorative:	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Picnic table and outbuildings added, post-1965.					
Number and type of associated resources: Picnic shelter, octagon shelter, restrooms (3)					

Integrity:		Condition:		Local Ranking: 3C		National Register Listed? Unknown	
Preliminary National Register Findings:		Potentially Eligible:		<input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district			
		Not Eligible:		<input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old <input type="checkbox"/> Irrecoverable loss of integrity			

Description of Physical and Landscape Features:

Bellfountain Park is located on the north side of Dawson Road approximately one mile west of the town of Bellfountain. Located in the foothills of the Coast Range, the park is situated on a hill overlooking the Reese Creek and Oliver Creek valleys.

The park today has large, forested areas of Douglas Firs with scattered individual trees of 100 years or older. Oak trees, some over 100 years old, are scattered throughout the park. The center of the park is cleared and consists of an open grassy space. A softball field is located in this area.

Bellfountain Park is notable for what has been referred to as the longest picnic table in the United States cut from on continuous piece of wood. This table is located beneath a rectangular shelter built in the Northwest Regional style. The table, which was milled at the Hull-Oaks Lumber Co. in Dawson (several miles west of the park), was probably built around 1965, with the shelter being even more recent. In addition to this shelter, there is an octagonal shelter and restrooms, recently built.

Statement of Significance [Required ONLY for Intensive Level Surveys] (use additional sheets if necessary)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

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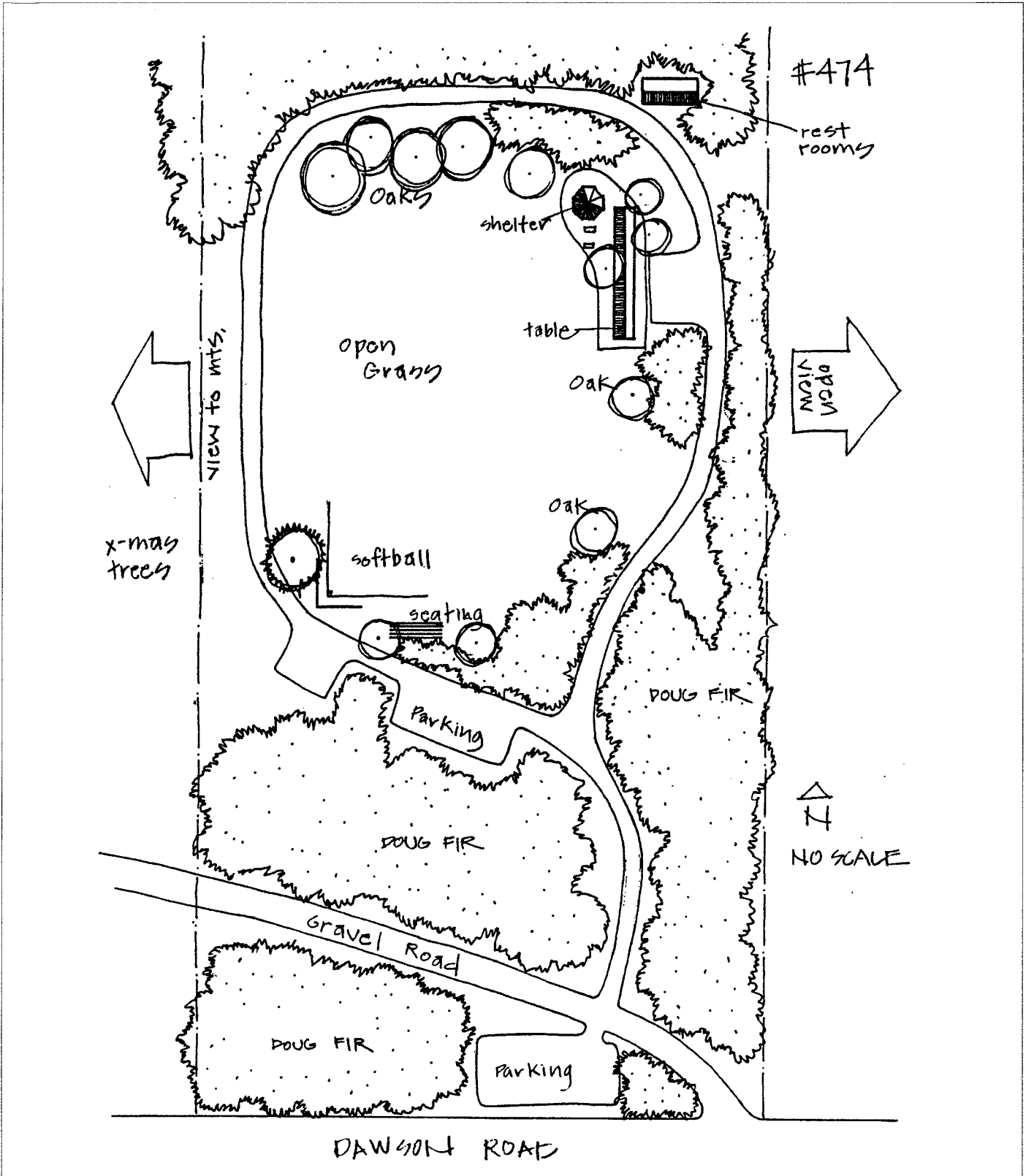
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Architect and/or Builder:	Owner Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Owner Info: BENTON COUNTY 110 SW 4TH ST CORVALLIS OR 97333
Addition or Subdivision Name:	
Area(s) of Significance: Religion	
Property Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District	

Documentation

Research Sources: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title/Deed Records <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs	Local Library (specify): University Library (specify): Historical Society (specify): Other (specify): Benton County Historical Museum
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