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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Series: Records About National Natural Landmarks

What information is in these records?

This series contains data on ecological and geological sites designated as National Natural Landmarks or sites that have been identified as having the potential to be natural monuments. The records identify the natural landmark's name, state and county, size, the agency's steps in securing designation, the dates of actions, the development of natural history studies, landowners, resource issues, and agency correspondence.

Why were these records created?

The agency created this system as a management tool to monitor the status of the sites and to conduct analyses.

I know the name of the park. How can I search this series?

The primary data file in this series is the National Natural Landmarks (NNL) System. To get the National Landmarks Site Identifier number, place the name into the name field in the NNL file. Query the remaining four files by placing that number into the National Landmarks Site Identifier fields in each of the other four data files to retrieve the appropriate results.

Why are there X's in the landowner name and address columns in some of the records? NARA has masked the landowner name and address information in those records where the owners are private persons in keeping with the FOIA (b)(6) exemption.

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