

# NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS SURVEY

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## LISTING OF NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS BY STATE

### U.S. MINOR ISLANDS (2)

WAKE ISLAND .....	09/16/85
WAKE ISLAND	
WORLD WAR II FACILITIES AT MIDWAY .....	05/28/87
MIDWAY ISLANDS	

## APPENDIX A

The numerous designations within the National Park System sometime confuse visitors. The names are created in the Congressional legislation authorizing the sites or by the president, who proclaims "national monuments" under the Antiquities Act of 1906. Many names are descriptive -- lakeshores, seashores, battlefields --but others cannot be neatly categorized because of the diversity of resources within them. In 1970, Congress elaborated on the 1916 National Park Service Organic Act, saying all units of the system have equal legal standing in a national system.

### **National Park** [NP]

These are generally large natural places having a wide variety of attributes, at times including significant historic assets. Hunting, mining and consumptive activities are not authorized.

### **National Monument** [NM]

The Antiquities Act of 1906 authorized the President to declare by public proclamation landmarks, structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest situated on lands owned or controlled by the government to be national monuments.

### **National Historic Site** [NHS]

Usually, a national historic site contains a single historical feature that was directly associated with its subject. Derived from the Historic Sites Act of 1935, a number of historic sites were established by secretaries of the Interior, but most have been authorized by acts of Congress.

### **National Historic Park** [NHP]

This designation generally applies to historic parks that extend beyond single properties or buildings.

### **National Memorial** [NMem]

A national memorial is commemorative of a historic person or episode; it need not occupy a site historically connected with its subject.

### **National Battlefield** [NB]

This general title includes national battlefield, national battlefield park, national battlefield site, and national military park. In 1958, an NPS committee recommended national battlefield as the single title for all such park lands.

### **Other Designations** [OD]

Some units of the National Park System bear unique titles or combinations of titles, like the White House.