

Natural Landmark

From the National Park Service web page, “The National Natural Landmarks (NNL) Program recognizes and encourages the conservation of sites that contain outstanding biological and geological resources, regardless of landownership type.” There are 600 landmarks in the program which is administered by the National Park Service. The web page can be found here: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/nnl> .

This is another example of land area which is highly unlikely to be subject to any Agency funding because of the designation. Projects could be located adjacent to a Natural Landmark and impact their site. There are currently 20 sites within Texas. Some are well known by the public and others are generally unknown. The National Parks Service web page for Texas can be found here: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/nnl/state.cfm?State=TX> .

A list of the National Natural Landmarks in Texas is provided from Wikipedia’s web page located here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_National_Natural_Landmarks_in_Texas . The list identifies the date when the feature became a Landmark, the county where the Landmark is located, and provides a description which qualifies it as a Landmark. There are various Owners. If a proposed project is located near a Landmark and there is some potential impact, contact the appropriate administrator for comments.

For the more information about the air resources of the National Park Service, please visit <http://www.nature.nps.gov/air/>.

Texas

There are 20 National Natural Landmark sites located within the state of Texas. Natural features represented include the only significant segment of gulf coastal prairie remaining, providing habitat for the endangered Attwater's prairie chicken, a classic illustration of a batholith and of the exfoliation process, one of the best developed, least disturbed natural shortgrass climax communities remaining in the Great Plains biophysigraphic province, and several highly decorated cave systems exhibiting a variety of rare speleothems. Nineteen of the sites were designated as NNLs between 1965 and 1983 with the most recent designation of Cave Without A Name occurring in 2009. Ezell's Cave is the smallest Texas NNL at just over 2 acres, whereas over 16,000 acres are designated at Palo Duro Canyon to capture the cross-sectional views of sedimentary rocks that represent four geological periods. Ownership of these sites is as diverse as the features represented and include U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state parks and private organizations and individuals.



Palo Duro Canyon State Park, a National Natural Landmark in Texas.

Below is a [map of sites in Texas](#).

National Natural Landmark sites are located in the following counties: [Anderson](#), [Armstrong](#), [Bailey](#), [Bandera](#), [Blanco](#), [Burnet](#), [Cameron](#), [Colorado](#), [Comal](#), [Ector](#), [Edwards](#), [Gillespie](#), [Hays](#), [Hidalgo](#), [Kendall](#), [Llano](#), [Montague](#), [Randall](#), [Real](#), [Somervell](#), [Sutton](#), and [Tarrant](#)

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To learn more about National Natural Landmarks in Texas, select a site from the list or the map below:












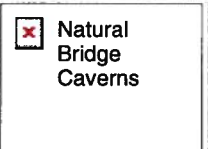

Please remember, National Natural Landmarks (NNLs) are not national parks. NNL status does not indicate public

List of National Natural Landmarks in Texas

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

From List of National Natural Landmarks, these are the National Natural Landmarks in Texas. There are 20 in total, X are lakes or pond, Y are forests, Z are other.

	Name	Image	Date	Location	County	Description
1	Attwater Prairie Chicken Preserve		1968		Colorado	Contains the only significant segment of gulf coastal prairie.
2	Bayside Resaca Area		1980		Cameron	Contains an excellent example of a resaca.
3	Catfish Creek (Texas)		1983		Anderson	One of the few remaining undisturbed riparian habitats in the western Gulf Coastal Plain
4	Caverns of Sonora		1965		Sutton	Contains unusual formations, such as bladed helictites and coralloid growths
5	Devil's Sink hole		1972		Edwards	A deep, bell-shaped, collapsed limestone sink.
6	Dinosaur Valley		1968		Somervell	The only known source of distinct and full-grown sauropod footprints.
7	Ezell's Cave		1971		Hays	Houses at least 36 species of cave fauna.
8	Enchanted Rock		1971		Gillespie, Llano	A classic illustration of a batholith and of the exfoliation process.
9	Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge		1980		Tarrant	Contains outstanding examples of the unique oak-hickory forest associations called cross timbers.
10	Greenwood Canyon		1975		Montague	A rich source of early Cretaceous mammalian fossils.
11	High Plains Natural Area		1980		Randall	One of the best developed, least disturbed natural shortgrass climax communities remaining in the Great Plains.
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12	Little Blanco River Bluff		1982		Blanco	the limestone bluff communities of the Edwards Plateau.
13	Longhorn Cavern		1971		Burnet	An outstanding example of cave features formed during the phreatic phase of development.
14	Lost Maples State Natural Area		1980		Bandera, Real	An excellent illustration of Edwards Plateau flora and fauna.
15	Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge		1980		Bailey	Saline lake beds, and shortgrass grama grasslands characteristic of the high plains.
16	Odessa Meteor Crater		1965		Ector	Contains two meteorite impact craters. The largest is 550 feet (170 m) in diameter.
17	Palo Duro Canyon State Park		1976		Armstrong, Randall	Spectacular canyon that is an excellent example of a landform created by running water.
18	Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge		1966		Hidalgo	A living museum of the lowland forested area of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.
19	Natural Bridge Caverns		1971		Comal	A multilevel cavern system containing unusual speleothems and intricate helictites.
20	Cave Without a Name		2009		Kendall	Contains rare and nationally outstanding examples of speleothems.

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