

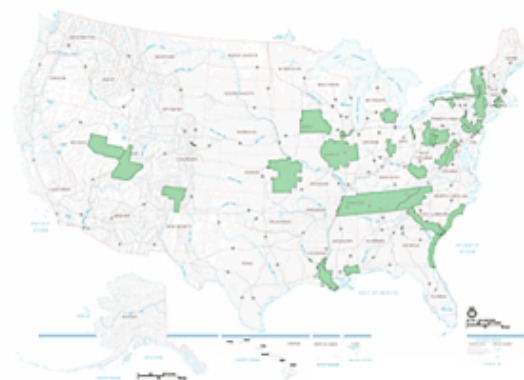
National Heritage Area

A **National Heritage Area** is a site designated by United States and intended to encourage historic preservation of the area and an appreciation of the history and heritage of the site. There are currently 55 National Heritage Areas, some of which use variations of the title, such as **National Heritage Corridor**.^[1]

National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are not National Park Service units or federally owned or managed land. NHAs are administered by state governments or non-profit organizations or other private corporations, referred to as *local coordinating entities*. The National Park Service provides an advisory role and limited technical, planning and financial assistance.

NHAs are created by Congress. Each area has its own authorizing legislation and a set of unique resources and goals. Areas considered for designation must have specific elements. First, the landscape must be a nationally unique natural, cultural, historic, or scenic resource. Second, when the related sites are linked, they must tell a unique story about the U.S.^[2]

The first NHA created, the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor, located in Illinois, was signed into legislation by President Ronald Regan on August 21, 1984.



Map of the National Heritage Areas in US.

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There are 55 National Heritage Areas, listed below with their respective local coordinating entity:

- Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area—Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition, Illinois
- Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area—Appalachian Forest Heritage Area, Inc., West Virginia and Maryland
- Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area—Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance, Georgia
- Atchafalaya National Heritage Area—Louisiana Office of Tourism, Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Louisiana
- Augusta Canal National Heritage Area—Augusta Canal Authority, Georgia
- Baltimore National Heritage Area—City of Baltimore, Maryland
- Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Massachusetts/Rhode Island
- Blue Ridge National Heritage Area—Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Partnership, North Carolina

- [Cache La Poudre River Corridor—Poudre Heritage Alliance, Colorado](#)
- [Cane River National Heritage Area—Cane River National Heritage Area Commission, Louisiana](#)
- [Champlain Valley National Heritage Area—Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, New York/Vermont](#)
- [Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area—Crossroads of the American Revolution Association, New Jersey](#)
- [Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor—Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Inc., Pennsylvania](#)
- [Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor—Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, New York](#)
- [Essex National Heritage Area—Essex National Heritage Commission, Massachusetts](#)
- [Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area—Partnership Team, Kansas/Missouri](#)
- [Freedom's Way National Heritage Area, Massachusetts/New Hampshire](#)
- [Great Basin National Heritage Area—Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership, Nevada/Utah](#)
- [Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor—Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, Florida/Georgia/North Carolina/South Carolina](#)
- [Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area—Hudson River Valley Greenway, New York](#)
- [Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor—Canal Corridor Association \(<https://iandmcanal.org/>\), Illinois](#)
- [John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor—Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor Commission, Massachusetts/Rhode Island](#)
- [Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area—The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, Maryland/Pennsylvania/Virginia/West Virginia](#)
- [Kenai Mountains - Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area, Alaska](#)
- [Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor, Massachusetts, Connecticut](#)
- [Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area—Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, Pennsylvania](#)
- [Maritime Washington National Heritage Area—Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington](#)
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- [Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area—Office of Coastal Management and Planning, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Mississippi](#)
- [Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area—Mississippi Hills Heritage Area Alliance, Mississippi](#)
- [Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area—Utah Heritage Highway 89 Alliance, Utah](#)
- [MotorCities National Heritage Area, Michigan](#)
- [Mountains to Sound Greenway—Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, Washington](#)
- [Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area—University of North Alabama, Alabama](#)
- [National Aviation Heritage Area—Aviation Heritage Foundation, Inc., Ohio](#)
- [National Coal Heritage Area—National Coal Heritage Area Authority, West Virginia](#)
- [Niagara Falls National Heritage Area, New York](#)
- [Northern Plains National Heritage Area, North Dakota](#)
- [Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, New Mexico](#)
- [Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canal Way—Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, Ohio](#)
- [Oil Region National Heritage Area—Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry & Tourism, Pennsylvania](#)
- [Path of Progress National Heritage Tour Route—Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, Pennsylvania](#)
- [Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor—The Last Green Valley, Connecticut](#)
- [Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area—Steel Industry Heritage Corporation, Pennsylvania](#)
- [Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area—Delta Protection Commission, California](#)
- [Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area—Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance, Inc., Arizona](#)

- [Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area—Sangre de Cristo NHA Steering Committee, Colorado](#)
- [Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area, Pennsylvania](#)
- [Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District—Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, Virginia](#)
- [Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area, Iowa](#)
- [South Carolina National Heritage Corridor—Heritage Tourism Development Office, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, South Carolina](#)
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- [Hispanic Heritage Sites \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)
- [African-American Heritage Sites \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)
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2. [NPS FAQ \(http://www.nps.gov/history/heritageareas/FAQ/\)](http://www.nps.gov/history/heritageareas/FAQ/)

External links

- [National Park Service: Official **National Heritage Areas** website \(http://www.nps.gov/heritageareas/\)](http://www.nps.gov/heritageareas/)
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