

The Historic American Landscapes Survey Challenge Competition Landscapes of Roadside America



Images (from left to right): Lincoln Motor Court, Manns Choice, PA (HAER PA-602); Dinosaur Park, Rapid City, SD; Bengies Drive-In Theatre, Middle River, MD (HALS MD-25)

The Historic American Landscapes Survey

The Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) is a national program administered by the National Park Service in conjunction with the Library of Congress and the American Society of Landscape Architects. HALS documents historic landscapes through the creation of measured drawings, large-format photographs, and historical reports. Documentation is archived in the permanent collections of the Library of Congress.

HALS Challenge Competition

The theme of the 16th annual HALS Challenge competition is Landscapes of Roadside America. Throughout American history, many unique landscapes have emerged along the nation's expanding road and highway networks. These landscapes – which include roadside attractions, scenic overlooks, rest stops, service stations, campgrounds, motor courts, and other sites developed to accommodate travelers – are quintessentially American places. For this competition, we encourage participants to document significant roadside landscapes in their communities and regions.

Resources

To download report templates, review guidance on describing and analyzing historic landscapes for the HALS collection, and access other resources, please visit the competition website at: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/heritagedocumentation/hals-challenge.htm>

How to Enter

Email your finished entry, containing a HALS short format historical report and accompanying copyright release form, to:

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Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 entries.

Deadline

Deadline: July 31, 2025

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