README for "National Parks 1996-Present" dataset.
U.S Department of the Interior (USDOI), National Parks Service (NPS); U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) [distributor]
2021-03-22

LINKS TO DATASET

A. Dataset archive link:
   https://doi.org/10.21949/1520804

SUMMARY OF DATASET

National Parks 1996-Present dataset is from the National Parks Service (NPS), and is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)/Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS's) National Transportation Atlas Database (NTAD). These are the National Park Service unit boundaries. These park boundaries signify legislative boundary definitions and local park names have been consolidated according to the legislation.

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION
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0. Title of Dataset:
   National Parks 1996-Present [datasets]

1. Description of Dataset:
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       Department of Transportation (USDOT)/Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS's) National
       Transportation Atlas Database (NTAD). These are the National Park Service unit boundaries. These
       park boundaries signify legislative boundary definitions and local park names have been consolidated
       according to the legislation.

2. Dataset archive link:
       https://doi.org/10.21949/1520804

3. Authorship Information:
   Principal Data Creator or Data Manager Contact Information
       Institution: U.S. Department of the Interior (USDOI), National Park Service (NPS)
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       Institution: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), The Office of
       Spatial Analysis and Visualization (OSAV)
       Address: 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington D.C. 20590
       Email: ntad@dot.gov

4. Date of data collection and update interval:
   Quarterly

5. Geographic location of data collection:
   United States of America.

6. Information about funding sources that supported the collection of the data:
   U.S. Department of Transportation, National Parks Service (NPS)

B. SHARING/ACCESS & POLICIES INFORMATION
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0. Recommended citation for the data:
   U.S. Department of the Interior (USDOI), National Parks Service (NPS); U.S. Department of Transportation,
   Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)[distributor]. (2020). National Parks 1996-Present [datasets]..
   https://doi.org/10.21949/1520804

1. Licenses/restrictions placed on the data:
   These data are in the Public Domain.

2. Was data derived from another source?:
   No.

3. This dataset and its documentation was created and shared to meet the requirements enumerated in the U.S.
Federally-Funded Scientific Research" Version 1.1 << https://doi.org/10.21949/1520559 >> and guidelines
suggested by the DOT Public Access website << https://doi.org/10.21949/1503647 >>, in effect and current as
of December 03, 2020.

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C. DATA & RELATED FILE OVERVIEW
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1. File List for the bts_NTAD_National_Parks_Data_Package.zip collection

     A. Filename:
      parks_XXXX.zip
        Short description:
        Compressed file folders containing the geospatial data for National Parks 1996-Present dataset.

     B. Filename:
      bts_NationalParks_DMP_20210311.pdf
        Short description:
        A PDF file containing the Data Management Plan that was created for current and future
        management of the data and associated files.

     C. Filename:
      bts_NationalParks_20210311_README.txt
        Short description:
        The README.txt file that includes human-readable information about the data, variable
        definitions, contact information, and other contextual information. The file you are reading now.

2. File List for the parks_XXXX.zip collection

     A. Filename:
      parks.shp
        Short description:
        A shapefile containing the geospatial data for National Parks 1996-Present dataset. This includes
        associated files with extensions .prj, .dbf, .sbn, .sbx, .shx.

     B. Filename:
      parks.txt
        Short description:
        A text file containing key metadata and documentation information such as methodology,
        procedures, data dictionary, etc.

D. METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION
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1. Description of methods used for collection/generation of data:
   This data is National Park Service boundaries that were created by the Land Resources Division. Property ownership data is compiled from deeds, plats, surveys, and other source data. Map features from all sources have been adjusted to achieve a 'best fit' registration to the ownership parcels. While great care was taken in this process, maps from different sources rarely agree as to the precise location of geographic features. The relative positioning of map features to one another results from combining different map sources without field 'ground truthing'.

2. Instrument- or software-specific information needed to interpret the data:
   The data and documentation files can be opened with Esri ArcMap and any GIS software package.

E. DATA-SPECIFIC INFORMATION
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1. XXXXXX data table
   Data is updated quarterly. Dataset Manager is contacted to verify changes to data resulting in NTAD update. The metadata is updated in the same manner. For the most recent data, please visit the NTAD catalog at https://data-usdot.opendata.arcgis.com/

A. Number of variables (columns):
   The data dictionary found in (PDF documentation) provides definitions for the variables

B. Data Dictionary/Variable List:
   Because of the large number of variables, please refer to the Data Dictionary found within the file parks.txt for names, definitions, and formats of variables.

C. Missing data codes:
   None

F. UPDATE LOG

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