

Federal Trail Data Standards: Core Questions (Expanded)
 Questions, Clarifiers, and the Data Attributes Needed to Answer Core Questions

FTDS Attributes Listed by Core Question

The table below indicates some of the potential combinations of FTDS attributes that could be used to answer various Core Questions.

FTDS Core Trail Questions		Core Question Applies To These Trails ^A					Attributes (needed to answer core questions)
		Reg. Trail	NST	NHT ¹ (Desig)	NHT ² (HR)	NHT ³ (Rec)	
FTDS Protocols (Common to all Data)							
All	The metadata must be in a FGDC-compliant format (for both spatial and non-spatial data).	X	X	X	X	X	(Metadata)
All	Each agency shall identify itself as the source of the FTDS data for the data it has in its database	X	X	X	X	X	Agency Data Source
Trail Identification (Required for All Trail Records)							
All	Common attributes basic to all core questions	X	X	X	X	X	Trail Number
		X	X	X	X	X	Trail Name
		X	X	X	X ^B	X ^B	Trail Type
		X	X	X	X	X	Interagency Identification Code
Basic Trail Information							
1	Where is the trail?	X	X	X	X	X	Congressional District
		X	X	X	X	X	County
		X	X	X	X	X	State
		X	X	X	X	X	Admin Org
		X	X	X	X ^B	X ^B	Trail Length
		X	X	X	X ^B	X ^B	Shared System
		X	X	X	X	X	Municipality
2	What is the total trail length? (in miles)	X	X	X	X ^B	X ^B	Shared System
		X	X	X	X ^B	X ^B	Trail Length
3	Who manages the trail?	X	X	X	X	X	Admin Org
		X	X	X	X	X	Managing Org
		X	X	X	X	X	Jurisdiction
		X	X	X	X	X	NHT NST Trail Administrator
		X	X	X	X	X	Primary Trail Maintainer
		X	X	X	X ^B	X ^B	Trail System
		X	X	X	X ^B	X ^B	Road System
4	What is the trail status? <i>Clarifier: What is the trail development status in terms of planned, existing and/or decommissioned; and, if applicable, what is the Right-of-Way status?</i>	X	X	X	X	X	Trail Status
		X	X	X	X	X	Rights-of-Way
5	What is the trail surface? <i>Clarifier: For NHTs, this question also applies to the surface of the NHT Auto-Tour Route.</i>	X	X	X	X	X	Trail Class
		X	X	X	X	X	Trail Surface
		X	X	X	X	X	NHT Auto-Tour Surface
		X	X	X	X ^B	X ^B	Shared System
Trail Management & Use							
6	What agency-specific management direction exists for the trail?	X	X	X	X	X	Land Use Plan
		X	X	X	X	X	Admin Org
		X	X	X	X	X	Managing Org
7	What national designations exist for the trail?	X	X	X	X	X	Historic Significance
		X	X	X	X	X	National Trail Designation
8	Does the trail pass through a special management area and if so, which one?	X	X	X	X	X	Special Mgmt Area

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9	What are the actively managed uses of the trail? <i>Clarifier: For NHTs, includes trail and/or Auto-Tour segments of the NHT. Question pertains to linear travelway aspects of NHTs (not, in this case, restrictions on use sites).</i>	X	X			X	Managed Use
		X	X			X	Motorized Prohibited
		X	X			X	Prohibited Use
10	What is the accessibility status of the trail?	X	X			X	Accessibility Status
		X	X			X	Trail Class
		X	X			X	Managed Use
11	What is the condition or state of repair of the trail?	X	X			X	Trail Condition
		X	X			X	Trail Class
		X	X			X	Designed Use
12	How much does it cost to manage the trail? <i>Clarifier: What are the operation, maintenance, deferred maintenance and construction costs for the trail?</i>	X	X			X	Designed Use
		X	X			X	Trail Class
		X	X			X	Cost Annual/Cyclic Maintenance
		X	X			X	Cost Annual/Cyclic Operations
		X	X			X	Cost Deferred Maintenance
		X	X			X	Cost Improvement/Construction
		X	X			X	Cost Last Updated
Additional Questions Specific Only to NSTs or NHTs							
Additional NST and/or NHT Basic Information							
13	Who administers the NST or NHT?		X	X		X	NST NHT Trail Administrator
14	What Visitor Centers are specifically associated with the NHT or NST? (agency, non-agency)		X	X		X	NHT NST Visitor Center Name
			X	X		X	Visitor Facility Type
			X	X		X	Admin Org
			X	X		X	Managing Org
			X	X		X	Congressional District
			X	X		X	County
			X	X		X	State
NHT Heritage Resource Information							
15	Where is the NHT Auto-Tour Route? <i>Clarifier: NHT Auto-Tour Routes are specifically identified in NHT Comprehensive Management Plan</i>					X	Congressional District
						X	County
						X	State
						X	Admin Org
						X	Trail Length
						X	Municipality
16	What known heritage resources are thematically associated with the NHT? <i>Clarifier: Is the heritage resource thematically associated with the NHT? (Includes all NHT- associated heritage resources, not just those on Nat'l Register. Serves as a filter to distill the thematically-associated resources from all heritage resources in the vicinity.)</i>				X	X	NHT Site Number
					X	X	Historic Significance
					X	X	NRHP Property Category
					X	X	NRHP Criteria

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17	What High Potential Sites are on the NHT?			X			NHT High Potential Site NHT Site Number
18	What High Potential Segments are on the NHT? <i>Clarifier: To answer this question, ask "Which High Potential Segments exist on this NHT?"</i>			X			NHT High Potential Segment
19	What portions of the NHT have been Certified?			X	X	X	NHT Certification Status NHT Site Number
20	What heritage resources are developed and/or used for public viewing/appreciation? <i>Clarifier: Note that the intent is to identify the heritage resources that are <u>developed</u> for use, appreciation or viewing.</i>			X	X	X	NHT Site Number NHT Site Name NHT Public Use Segment NHT Public Use Site Historic Significance NRHP Property Category NRHP Criteria Type of Site Type of Route
21	What is the physical condition rating of the portion(s) of the NHT route where historic use actually took place?				X		NHT Condition Category

A The type of trail (or aspect of an NHT) that the Core Question applies to:

Regular Trail: Any agency-managed trail that is not a designated NST or NHT
NST: National Scenic Trail (Congressionally Designated)
NHT ¹ (Desig): Route/s Congressionally designated as the National Historic Trail NHT ² (HR): NHT-associated heritage resources (routes and/or sites) NHT ³ (Rec): NHT-associated recreation or interpretive route and/or site

B Attribute applicable to associated NHT heritage resource route or NHT recreation/interpretive route (trail or road). Not applicable to associated NHT sites.