

FTDS Core Questions

The following set of core questions, common to all participating agencies and reflecting the FTDS Selection Criteria, were identified to help narrow the scope and identify the core set of Federal Trail Data Standards.

FTDS Core Trail Questions		Core Question Applies To These Trails ^A				
		Reg. Trail	NST	NHT ¹ (Desig)	NHT ² (HR)	NHT ³ (Rec)
FTDS Protocols (Common to all Data)						
	Metadata	X	X	X	X	X
	Agency Data Source	X	X	X	X	X
Trail Identification (Required for All Trail Records)						
	<i>(Common attributes basic to all Core Questions)</i>	X	X	X	X ^B	X
Basic Trail Information						
1	Where is the trail?	X	X	X	X	X
2	What is the total trail length? (in miles)	X	X	X	X ^B	X ^B
3	Who manages the trail?	X	X	X	X	X
4	What is the trail status?	X	X			X
5	What is the trail surface?	X	X			X
Trail Management & Use						
6	What agency-specific management direction exists for the trail?	X	X	X	X	X
7	What national designations exist for the trail?	X	X	X	X	X
8	Does the trail pass through a special management area and if so, which one?	X	X	X	X	X
9	What are the actively managed uses of the trail?	X	X			X
10	What is the accessibility status of the trail?	X	X			X
11	What is the condition or state of repair of the trail?	X	X			X
12	How much does it cost to manage the trail?	X	X			X
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
14	What Visitor Centers are specifically associated with the NHT or NST? (agency, non-agency)		X	X		X
NHT Heritage Resource Information						
15	Where is the NHT Auto-Tour Route?					X
16	What known heritage resources are thematically associated with the NHT?				X	
17	What High Potential Sites are on the NHT?			X		
18	What High Potential Segments are on the NHT?			X		
19	What portions of the NHT have been Certified?			X		
20	What heritage resources are developed and/or used for public viewing/appreciation?			X	X	X
21	What is the physical condition rating of the portion(s) of the NHT route where historic use actually took place?				X	

^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)

NHT1 (Desig): Route/s Congressionally designated as the National Historic Trail
 NHT2 (HR): NHT-associated heritage resources (routes and/or sites)
 NHT3 (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.