

# Cultural Landscapes

The physical space associated with a culture, people, or a nation. This includes more abstract notions like culture and more tangible reasons such as history.

This may also include sites such as graveyards, memorials, capitals, and cities. There are 4 main types of cultural landscapes:

## **Type 1: Designed Landscape**

An area specifically designed to look a certain way.

**Example:** [Gardens](#), [town squares](#), the [National Mall in Washington DC](#).

## **Type 2: Vernacular Landscape**

A landscape that evolves over time by the social and cultural lives of the inhabitants (individual to communal). Land will always reflect the biology and culture of those who inhabit it.

**Example:** [Pueblos of New Mexico](#), [medieval castles](#), [Farms- such as the Amish in Pennsylvania](#)

## **Type 3: Historic Site**

A site of historical importance for an event, a person, or an activity. Some places, like the White House, are functioning historical sites whereas others, such as Gettysburg are memorialized historic sites.

**Example:** [Ford's Theatre in Washington DC](#), [Lenin's Tomb](#), [Jamestown](#).

## **Type 4: Ethnographic Landscape**

The people inhabiting the land associate it with their cultural and ethnic heritage.

**Example:** [Mecca](#), and many other religious sites of major religions and indigenous peoples.