

Revisiting Cultural Landscapes of Childhood A HALS Challenge

The **Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS)** was created in 2000 to document our country's dynamic landscapes. Much progress has been made in identifying cultural landscapes but more is needed to document these designed and vernacular places. We pose a **Theme Park Challenge** – a HALS initiative to document the landscapes of childhood. Each state is hereby challenged to complete at least one HALS inventory form for a theme park in your state.

Forms should be submitted to NPS no later than January 15, 2010.

This challenge is intended to be fun with very few rules. Pick a site that provokes fond memories – **Playland** – **Storyland** – **Kidstown** – an amusement park, miniature golf course – any site designed with imagination primarily for children. Sites should be at least 30 years old.

The HALS inventory form, instructions, and a sample form for Oakland's **Fairyland** can be downloaded from the California HALS website at: www.HALSca.org.

Prizes – There will be many rewards for accepting this challenge and completing a form.

- * *An excuse for enjoying a day of silliness*
- * *Personal satisfaction for doing your part*
- * *Fabulous publicity for yourself and firm*
- * *Increased knowledge & credentials for winning HALS contracts*
- * *And more !!*



Fairyland, Oakland CA



Rotary Storyland, Fresno CA

Fairyland

Micke Grove Funtown, Lodi CA

Fairyland