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- Town/Village

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- Border crossing
- Bus
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- Ferry
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- Monorail
- Parking
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Hydrography
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- Reef

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- Beach/Desert
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Glacier
- Mudflat
- Park/Forest
- Sight (Building)
- Sportsground
- Swamp/Mangrove
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