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- Waterfall

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- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
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- Ferry
- Metro/Muni station
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- Petrol station
- Subway/SkyTrain station
- Taxi
- Train station/Railway
- Tram
- Underground station
- Other Transport

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- Walking Tour detour
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- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

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