

## **ARIS: Air Resources Information System**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The Air Resources Information System (ARIS) has been developed by the NPS Air Resources Division to provide park-specific information on air quality, air quality monitoring, and air quality sensitive resources. The intended audience includes park managers and staff, air regulatory agencies, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the public. ARIS can be used by parks for planning and evaluation purposes. ARIS is an outreach and education tool for communicating air quality information and concerns to the public. ARIS also provides information and guidance to States, EPA, and air pollution permit applicants for evaluating potential impacts to parks from sources of air pollution. In addition to having information on the 48 NPS Class I air quality areas, ARIS has information for the 32 Inventory and Monitoring Networks, which include over 270 park units with significant natural resources. ARIS is available to the public on the NPS NatureNet AirWeb.

http://www2.nature.nps.gov/air/

An index page is provided for each of the 48 NPS Class I areas, with links to information on air quality related values (i.e., resources sensitive to air quality), air quality monitoring in the park, and regional air quality information.









ARIS contains air quality and related information for approximately 270 parks in the Vital Signs program, including 48 Class I air quality areas. From the ARIS index page, users can choose a Class I area from a map or drop-down list. Users can access information for the remaining parks through the link, "air quality information for 32 Vital Signs networks".

"When you come to a fork in the road, take it." (Yogi Berm)







ARIS has links to additional air quality information, including regional air quality information, air quality monitoring data and Air Atlas, the air quality inventory for the Vital Signs program. ARIS has links to the Ozone Risk Assessment for the Vital Signs Networks, an assessment which assists park managers in evaluating the need for ozone injury surveys.









From the **network index page**, users may 1) select a network from the drop-down list, or 2) select a network using the alphabetical index or 3) click on a network from the map.

Ex: Cumberland/Piedmont Network





