



Exercise: 1

Instructions: The City of Rocks encompasses 14,300 acres of land renowned for its scenic, geologic, and historic significance. It has been designated as a natural and historic national landmark and is under study by the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service. By doing this exercise, you will learn about the geology and history of this landmark. Use your knowledge and answer the following questions completely and accurately.

1. What problem keeps this area from becoming included into the park system where it would be better protected?
2. Which tribes of Indians used to live in the Silent City of Rocks area?
3. What famous trail passes through this area?
4. What evidence shows that many people used to pass through the area?
5. Why is the Silent City of Rocks in a basin?
6. How do joints speed up erosion?
7. What is responsible for all of the strange shapes of rock formations?