

# Natural Power Sites

## How They Arise and How to Recognize Them

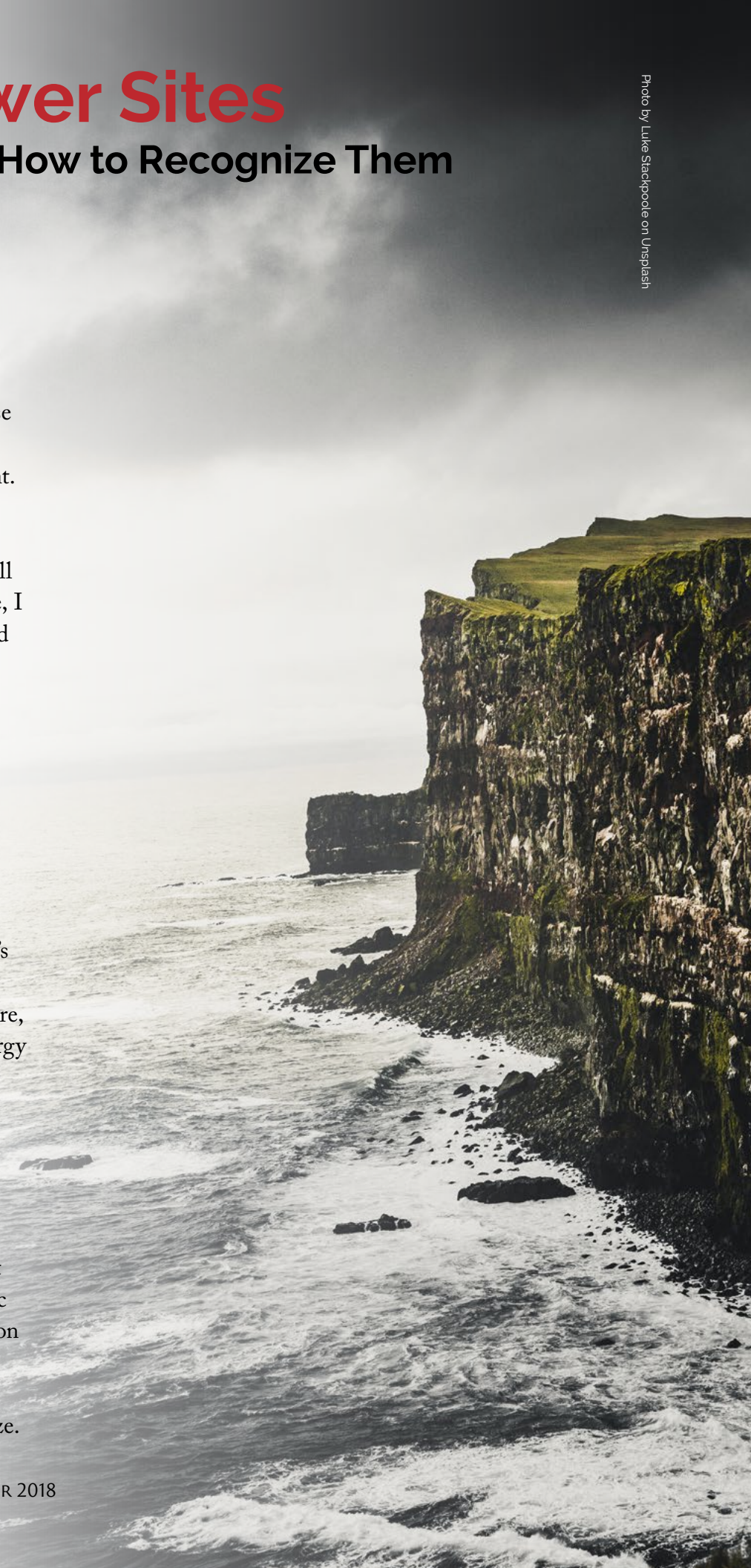
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**N**atural power sites are places where energy is especially concentrated, usually because of the way it is directed or funneled by the surrounding environment. When I say “energy”, I am referring to both physical (electrical or magnetic) forces and more subtle forces, which I will describe shortly. In the rest of this article, I sometimes use the term “telluric” (derived from the Latin “tellus,” pertaining to the earth) to refer to such currents of earth energies. I also describe power sites as vortex sites, since the two are sometimes synonymous.

Telluric currents often arise because of specific geophysical characteristics of the landscape. These geophysical factors interact with fluctuations in the earth’s magnetic field, the solar wind, the moon’s gravitational pull, and meteorological phenomena (abrupt changes in air pressure, electrical storms, etc.) to create high-energy environments.

There are three types of geophysical processes that alone or in combination can create a natural power site. The first condition involves the ways in which natural elements in the land (minerals, metals, underwater streams, etc.) interact with one another or with the atmospheric factors described above. Another condition relates to the ways in which particular qualities of the landscape funnel energy by virtue of their alignment, shape, or size.



Finally, incongruities in the landscape can result in energy concentrations. For instance, certain landscapes—such as rivers in deserts, mountain lakes, seaside cliffs, isolated hills surrounded by plains—are all places where telluric energies are unusually strong.

These energy currents have a physical component, and are also manifestations of prana or vital energy (also known as ch'i in Chinese philosophy); with particular intensities, momentums, and directions of force. The energies at such power sites have a distinct effect on the chakras, the energy centers of the subtle body. They raise the kundalini energy, what is known as the serpent fire, to the point where a person may feel introspective, spaced out, or even spiritually transcendent. Power sites are places where the consciousness is given an opportunity to rise to dimensions beyond the mind level. That is what gives them their special quality.

I can create a meditative environment in my living room, but it will often take at least forty or fifty minutes until I begin to deeply connect to a higher consciousness and transcend the mundane field. The remarkable thing about natural power

sites is that you can get caught up in their currents of energy, and literally feel their power carry your consciousness upward to some very sublime heights. No wonder native peoples have looked upon such sites as sacred, and have built elaborate mythologies around them. Anyone with even a hint of spiritual sensitivity will be attracted to their power. For some, the experience may even be life-altering.

### How to identify a Power Site

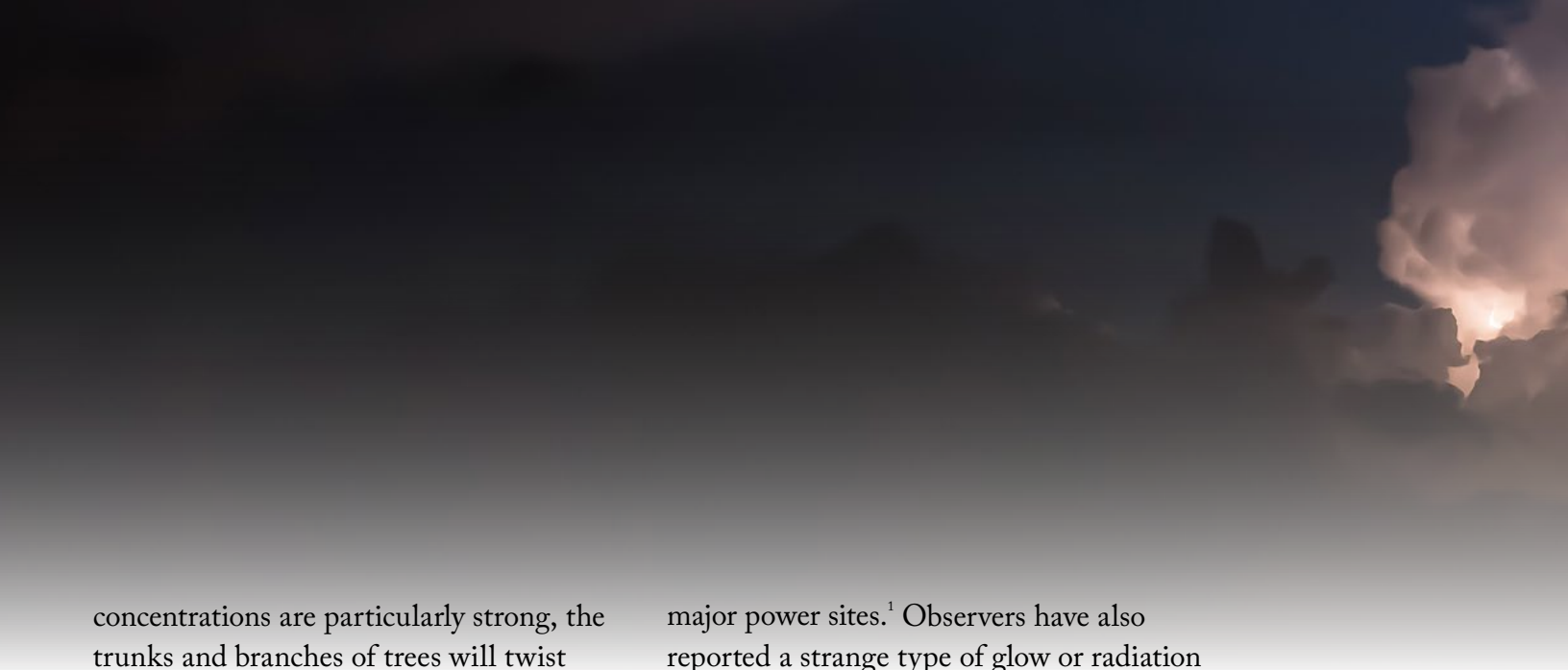
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How do you know if a place has a special power? There are certain sensations that you can feel if you tune in. Your experiences in these places may feel dreamlike, surreal, deeply peaceful, very joyful, or wondrous. You may feel lightheaded, giddy, spaced out, very calm, or elated. You may experience feelings of floating, disconnection from your body, or you may lose track of time. The more training you have in spiritual practices,

the more impact such sites will have, unless you have a natural sensitivity toward such atmospheres.

There are also tangible physical or material signs of these power places. Energy vortices represent spiraling currents of concentrated energy. In areas where the





concentrations are particularly strong, the trunks and branches of trees will twist in a spiral. For instance, the juniper trees around Sedona, Arizona often display such a quality. These trees are sometimes prone to twisting as a result of harsh winds, but not in the exaggerated fashion we see in this area. It is also noteworthy that these trees will appear twisted in some spots but not in places only several yards away, again suggesting that localized vortices of energy are at work.

Another sign that a site has a particularly strong energy field: unusual formations in the landscape, which may appear surreal or otherworldly. The rock formations, mounds, or hills will have odd shapes, or may seem strikingly symmetrical. There are not just geophysical processes at work here, such as wind or water erosion, but powerful telluric currents that mold the landscape into bizarre forms with an ethereal quality.

Further indication that the energy in a particular location is very powerful relates to unusual lights or sounds witnessed even by people who are otherwise not sensitive to the more subtle dimensions of such environments. For instance, floating orbs of multicolored light, luminous clouds, incandescent streamers, or brilliant fireballs have often been reported around

major power sites.<sup>1</sup> Observers have also reported a strange type of glow or radiation that seems to be emitted from rocks or other formations in the landscape.<sup>2</sup> There have also been reports of humming or buzzing sounds.<sup>3</sup>

Perceptual distortions are common at such sites. For instance, some have experienced areas within a power site where there was almost total silence, or sounds seemed to be muffled or vague.<sup>4</sup> There have also been reports of heightened sensory perceptions: seeing a remarkable clarity about the atmosphere, or a particular vividness of colors. In such cases, the prana in the air is so pristine, yet concentrated, that everything seems to take on a vibrant sheen. The person would likely have difficulty putting into words perceptions that transcend appreciation of a strictly material reality.

Also often found in these sites is a proliferation of vegetation, which may grow in places that would otherwise be

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- 1 Devereux, Paul. *Earth Mysteries*. Judy Piatkus Ltd., London, 1999, pp. 46-48.
- 2 Tyberonn (Tipton, James). *The Energy and Geometry of Sacred Sites: Grids, Vortexes and Portals of Gaia, the Living Earth*. Star Quest Publishing, Reno, Nevada, 2011,, p. 69.
- 3 Tyberonn, 2011, op. cit., p. 138.
- 4 Tyberonn, 2011, op. cit., p. 81.

remarkably barren. The plants live partly on the energy or prana abundant in the atmosphere. For instance, Tyberonn mentions how in the case of Enchanted Rock in Texas, trees and plants can thrive on solid rock surfaces, even when water and nutrients are scarce.<sup>5</sup> On the other hand, if plants grow at a power site on decent soil, they will seem remarkably lush and plentiful. According to John Michell, there are also certain plants that are attracted to power sites, including mistletoe, the yew tree, and the thorn.<sup>6</sup>

In high-energy sites, the plants may also attain astoundingly large proportions, as in the case of the famous giant vegetables cultivated at Findhorn in Scotland. This achievement was gained mostly through the cooperation of nature spirits who dwelled in the area, and who helped the Findhorn gardeners achieve stunning results from what was once just a sandy patch of soil—including 40-pound cabbages, and a broccoli head that was so large it took six people four months to eat it.<sup>7</sup> The plentiful nature spirits who dwelled there were

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5 Tyberonn, 2011, op. cit., p. 75.

6 Michell, John. *The New View Over Atlantis*. Thames and Hudson Ltd., London, 2001, p. 93.

7 Knight, Sirona. *Empowering Your Life with Natural Magic*. Alpha Books, 2004, p. 75.

attracted to the high-energy ambiance of the site. Scotland as a whole is particularly vortex-rich.

Finally, a power site may have bizarre weather phenomena associated with it. For instance, electrical storms may be particularly fierce, or the weather very changeable. Perhaps the most spectacular weather phenomenon found around such locations relates to peculiar cloud formations. For instance, saucer-shaped lenticular clouds can often be seen around powerful mountain vortices. Photographs showing these clouds hovering above such mountains, or sometimes covering their peaks, are spectacular. The sacred Mount Shasta in California is often shown in this fashion.<sup>8</sup> Lenticular clouds are partly created by the vortices themselves. Even more-rare types of cloud formations, such as funnel- or ribbon-like clouds, also sometimes appear around vortex sites.

### More About Power Sites

Natural power sites are often starkly beautiful, or have an unusual quality about them. Their energy is so powerful, it can even be suggested through a computer

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8 Hall, Judy. *Crystals and Sacred Sites: Use Crystals to Access the Power of Sacred Landscapes*. Fair Winds Press, 2012, p. 44.

monitor or printed image. But it is only by visiting such sites that you can really appreciate and absorb the intense energy they radiate. Many of these sites attract both pilgrims and tourists, for different reasons, although both groups are ultimately drawn to the underlying power of these places.

There are certain countries and regions that have a proliferation of natural power spots: the Southwestern United States (particularly the Four Corners region), Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, Chile, Great Britain, France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Ethiopia, South Africa, Israel, Turkey, India, Tibet, China, Indonesia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. Some of these places have an ancient quality, representing the primordial energies that have existed there since well before hominids started populating the planet. However, just about all countries have power sites. In fact, there are innumerable major and minor power sites or vortex locations situated throughout the world, including in such remote regions as Antarctica.

There are a number of factors related to natural power sites that are interesting to note. For instance, the energies such sites generate are not necessarily stable or regular. Sometimes there are intense vibrations emanating from these places, and at other times the effect is weaker. Telluric currents are changeable, and they often

swirl, flow, or radiate in ways that are difficult to predict. Such differences can be due to fluctuations in terrestrial magnetic and electrical fields, the influence of weather patterns, and the impact the solar wind or the moon's gravity exerts on these energy currents.

On the ethereal side, such fluctuations sometimes result because the veil between the physical and subtle worlds becomes stronger or weaker. The fraying of this barrier happens naturally at dawn and dusk. However, there are other times during the day and night when the subtle world manifests itself more strongly than others, and it is difficult to say why this is. Naturally sensitive people may feel more out of it or withdrawn during such periods. I find that if I do not meditate then, I have lost an opportunity to connect more deeply to inner spaces.

Another factor that influences how strongly energy is felt at a natural power site has to do with the individual who is experiencing it. Sometimes we are more sensitive to subtle ambiance than at other times. However, in a true power spot, even if you are feeling distracted or tired, you will still feel its "blasted" energy, particularly if your subtle senses have already had experience in picking up such vibrations, or if your nature is sensitive generally. In fact, it is almost guaranteed that you will leave the vicinity feeling very differently: sometimes invigorated, at other

times particularly transcendent.

Finally, most natural power sites, particularly those in remote corners of the world, are attractive for faerie-type beings. These creatures live in a parallel world to humanity, but often shun the company of people whose vibrations seem heavy or coarse. Genuine pilgrims to sacred sites may be considered with less caution or revulsion, as are the native peoples of these areas, who are often connected to these subtle beings through the visions of shamanic elders. These nature spirits are part of the energetic fabric of a place, and their presence can be felt in a subliminal way if a person has a particularly refined disposition.

