

# Package ‘dams’

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**Title** Dams in the United States from the National Inventory of Dams (NID)

**Description** The single largest source of dams in the United States is the National Inventory of Dams (NID) <<http://nid.usace.army.mil>> from the US Army Corps of Engineers. Entire data from the NID cannot be obtained all at once and NID's website limits extraction of more than a couple of thousand records at a time. Moreover, selected data from the NID's user interface cannot not be saved to a file. In order to make the analysis of this data easier, all the data from NID was extracted manually. Subsequently, the raw data was checked for potential errors and cleaned. This package provides sample cleaned data from the NID and provides functionality to access the entire cleaned NID data.

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| dams-package | <i>Dams in the United States from the National Inventory of Dams (NID)</i> |
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Description

Data from NID was downloaded from <http://nid.usace.army.mil>. Subsequently, the raw data was checked for potential errors and cleaned. The dams package provides a subset of NID fields and functionality ([get\\_nid\(\)](#)) to access the entire NID dataset.

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| get_nid | Retrieve <a href="#">nid_all</a> from the official NID site |
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Description

Retrieve [nid\\_all](#) from the official NID site

Usage

```
get_nid(dest = "NID2019_U.xlsx", overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

|           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| dest      | destination file path |
| overwrite | logical. overwrite.   |

Value

[nid\\_all](#) entire NID data, all the 74000+ records from <http://nid.usace.army.mil/>

Examples

```
## Not run:  
dams_all <- get_nid()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

nid\_all

*Dams information from the NID database***Description**

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| dam_name              | Dam Name (Alphanumeric) The official name of the dam. No abbreviations unless the abbreviation is        |
| other_dam_name        | Other Dam Names (Alphanumeric) Names other than the official name (i.e., reservoir name) of the dam      |
| dam_former_name       | Dam Former Name (Alphanumeric) Previous reservoir or dam name(s), if changed. Names are separated by     |
| state_reg_agency      | State or Federal Agency ID (Alphanumeric) The Official State or Agency identification number for the dam |
| nidid                 | NID ID (Alphanumeric) The official NID identification number for the dam, known formerly as the NID      |
| numseparatestructures | Number Separate Structures (Number) Number of separate structures associated with this dam project       |
| otherstructureid      | Other Structure ID (Alphanumeric) The identification number (S001, S002, etc.) for the saddle dam or     |
| longitude             | Longitude (Number) Longitude at dam centerline as a single value in decimal degrees, NAD83.              |
| latitude              | Latitude (Number) Latitude at dam centerline as a single value in decimal degrees, NAD83.                |
| section               | Section, Township, Range Location (Alphanumeric) Optional field. The information is in any form that     |
| county                | County (Alphanumeric) The name of the county in which the dam is located.                                |
| river                 | River or Stream (Alphanumeric) The River or Stream designation may be entered in one of two ways         |
| city                  | Nearest Downstream City/Town (Alphanumeric) Name of the nearest downstream city, town, or village        |
| distance              | Distance to Nearest City/Town (Miles, Number) Distance from the dam to the nearest affected downstream   |
| owner_name            | Owner Name (Alphanumeric) Name(s) of the dam owner. If multiple owners, different owners are separated   |
| owner_type            | Owner Type (Alphanumeric) Code to indicate the type of owner: F for Federal; S for State; L for Local    |
| dam_designer          | Dam Designer (Alphanumeric) Name of the principal firm(s) or agency accomplishing design of dam          |
| dam_type              | Dam Type (Alphanumeric) Codes, in order of importance, to indicate the type of dam: RE for Earth; R      |
| core                  | Core (Alphanumeric) Code to indicate the position, type of watertight member and certainty, Position     |
| foundation            | Foundation (Alphanumeric) Code for the material upon which dam is founded, and certainty: Founda         |
| purposes              | Purposes (Alphanumeric) Code(s) to indicate the current purpose(s) for which the reservoir is used: I    |
| year_completed        | Year Completed (Number) Year (four digits) when the original main dam structure was completed. If        |
| year_modified         | Year Modified (Alphanumeric) Year (four digits) when major modifications or rehabilitation of dam        |
| dam_length            | Dam Length (Feet, Number) Length of the dam, in feet, which is defined as the length along the top of    |
| dam_height            | Dam Height (Feet, Number) Height of the dam, in feet to the nearest foot, which is defined as the ver    |
| structural_height     | Structural Height (Feet, Number) Structural height of the dam, in feet to the nearest foot, which is de  |
| hydraulic_height      | Hydraulic Height (Feet, Number) Hydraulic height of the dam, in feet to the nearest foot, which is de    |
| nid_height            | NID Height (Feet, Number) Calculated field: Maximum value of dam height, structural height, and h        |
| max_discharge         | Maximum Discharge (Cubic Feet/Second, Number) Number of cubic feet per second (cu ft/sec) whic           |
| max_storage           | Maximum Storage (Acre-Feet, Number) Maximum storage, in acre-feet, which is defined as the total         |
| normal_storage        | Normal Storage (Acre-Feet, Number) Normal storage, in acre-feet, which is defined as the total stora     |
| nid_storage           | NID Storage (Acre-Feet, Number) Calculated field: Maximum value of normal storage and maximum            |
| surface_area          | Surface Area (Acres, Number) Surface area, in acres, of the impoundment at its normal retention leve     |
| drainage_area         | Drainage Area (Square Miles, Number) Drainage area of the dam, in square miles, which is defined a       |
| hazard                | Downstream Hazard Potential (Alphanumeric) Code to indicate the potential hazard to the downstream       |
| enforcementauthority  | Emergency Action Plan (Alphanumeric) Code indicating whether this dam has an Emergency Action            |
| dam_name              | Date of Last Revision of Emergency Action Plan (Date) Date of the most recent revision of the Emer       |
| inspection_date       | Inspection Date (Number) Date of the most recent inspection of the dam prior to the transmittal of the   |
| inspection_frequency  | Inspection Frequency (Number) The scheduled frequency interval for periodic inspections, in years.       |
| cong_name             | Condition Assessment (Alphanumeric) Assessment that best describes the condition of the dam based        |
| cong_name             | Condition Assessment Detail (Alphanumeric) The specific detail that best describes the reason for the    |

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| cong_name            | Condition Assessment Date (Number) Date of the most recent assessment of the dam prior to the tran     |
| spillway_type        | Spillway Type (Alphanumeric) Code that describes the type of spillway: C for Controlled; U for Unc     |
| spillway_width       | Spillway Width (Number) The width of the spillway, to the nearest foot, available for discharge when   |
| outlet_gates         | Outlet Gates (Alphanumeric) Code(s) that describe the type of (1) spillway and (2) controlled outlet g |
| volume               | Volume of Dam (Cubic yards, Number) Total number of cubic yards occupied by the materials used i       |
| number_of_locks      | Number of Locks (Number) Number of existing navigation locks for the project.                          |
| length_of_locks      | Length of Locks (Feet, Number) Length of the primary navigation lock to the nearest foot.              |
| width_of_locks       | Lock Width (Number) Width of the primary navigation lock to the nearest foot.                          |
| permittingauthority  | Permitting Authority (Alphanumeric) Yes if the state regulatory organization has the authority to revi |
| inspectionauthority  | Inspection Authority (Alphanumeric) Yes if the state regulatory organization has the authority to requ |
| enforcementauthority | Enforcement Authority (Alphanumeric) Yes if the state regulatory organization has the authority to is  |
| state_reg_dam        | State Jurisdictional Dam (Alphanumeric) Yes if this dam meets the state regulatory organization's de   |
| state_reg_dam        | State Regulated Dam (Alphanumeric) Calculated field: based on Permitting Authority, Inspection Au      |
| state_reg_agency     | State Regulatory Agency (Alphanumeric) Name of the primary state agency with regulatory or appro       |
| fed_funding          | Federal Agency Involvement in Funding (Alphanumeric) Code identifying which federal agency was         |
| fed_construction     | Federal Agency Involvement in Construction (Alphanumeric) Code identifying which federal agency        |
| fed_regulatory       | Federal Agency Involvement in Regulatory (Alphanumeric) Code identifying which federal agency is       |
| fed_inspection       | Federal Agency Involvement in Inspection (Alphanumeric) Code identifying which federal agency is       |
| fed_operation        | Federal Agency Involvement in Operation (Alphanumeric) Code identifying which federal agency is        |
| fed_owner            | Federal Agency Owner (Alphanumeric) Code identifying which federal agency partly or wholly own         |
| fed_regulatory       | Federal Agency Involvement – Other (Alphanumeric) Code identifying which federal agency is invol       |
| source_agency        | Source Agency (Alphanumeric) Calculated Field: Primary state or federal agency responsible for dat     |
| state                | State (Alphanumeric) State where dam is located.   |
| submit_date          | Submit Date (Date) Calculated Field: Date data was submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers fo      |
| url_address          | URL Address (Alphanumeric) Web Site for more information on particular dam. This information is        |
| cong_dist            | Congressional Representative District (Alphanumeric) Calculated Field: Congressional District wher     |

## References

NID: The National Inventory of Dams Data Dictionary from the United States Army Corps of Engineers, descriptions extracted from [https://nid.sec.usace.army.mil/ords/NID\\_R.downloadFile?InFileName=NID\\_DataDictionary.pdf](https://nid.sec.usace.army.mil/ords/NID_R.downloadFile?InFileName=NID_DataDictionary.pdf) in May 2020.

## See Also

[nid\\_subset](#)

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nid\_subset

*Subset of dams information from the NID database*

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## Description

Reduced subset of the the NID data excluding fields with more than 5 percent missing data. See the [nid\\_all](#) documentation for a description of each field.

**Usage**

```
data(nid_subset)
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**Format**

Data frame with 32 columns and 91457 rows

**See Also**

[nid\\_all](#) for a description of each field.

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