Some landmarks of southern Arizona and what they mean, or what I think they mean.

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Natural landmarks help us develop a sense of place, orient us in our surroundings, and bestow a sense of permanence even as we become more mobile and the passage of time disorients us. The landmarks also have a deep history that explains how our places came to be. A look at a few of them in southern Arizona along with a discussion of how they got to be where they are, can help us understand our relation to the earth and our communities.