Buttermilk Falls State Park, New York

Skillfully naturalized as this example of artificial barrier to stream flow may be, the choice of location for it is an unhappy one. Backing up water to the base of a beautiful natural falls to create a swimming pool, it depreciates sadly the beauty of the natural falls, although not to such degree that the artificial one adds to its own glory by contrast.

Turner Falls State Park, Oklahoma

The natural aspect of this considerable bit of nature-faking seems very genuine. There is a uniform distribution of water that conceals well any evidence of the barrier being artificial. At low water the origin of the obstruction will probably be revealed, unless the construction is exceedingly clever in every detail.

Bastrop State Park, Texas

The heavy flow of water here pictured screens the rock work of this barrier from the critical eye. Naturalized dams are best photographed at high water stage; their construction best analyzed and appraised during drought. The rockwork terminating the barrier at the banks is effective.