

The Great Dividing Range — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- The Great Dividing Range runs down Australia's east, over 3,000 km long.
- It separates the wetter coast from the drier inland.
- Rivers flowing east are short; rivers flowing west feed the dry interior.
- It includes Australia's highest peak, Mount Kosciuszko.

Key vocabulary

- Range — a line of mountains or hills.
- Divide — a high line separating river systems.
- Highland — high or mountainous land.
- Summit — the top of a mountain.

Why it matters

The range acts like a giant wall: clouds drop their rain on the coastal side, leaving the inland much drier. This is a big reason most Australians live near the eastern coast.