

The Rocky Mountains & Canada's Landscapes — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- The Rocky Mountains run down the west of Canada, with peaks, glaciers and famous lakes.
- The Prairies in the centre are vast, flat grasslands used for farming wheat.
- Huge forests (the boreal forest) cover much of the country.
- The far north is Arctic — frozen, treeless tundra.

Key vocabulary

- Glacier — a slow-moving river of ice.
- Prairie — flat grassland.
- Tundra — cold, treeless Arctic land.
- Boreal forest — the vast northern forest of evergreen trees.

A country of contrasts

Canada has an enormous range of landscapes, from snowy mountains and frozen tundra to grassy prairies and thick forests. Banff and Lake Louise in the Rockies are world-famous for their beauty.

Living with the land

The landscape shapes how Canadians live — farming on the prairies, skiing in the Rockies, and adapting to long, cold winters across much of the country.