

# Milford Sound & NZ's Landscapes — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- New Zealand has dramatic scenery: mountains, fiords, lakes, forests and beaches.
- Milford Sound, in the south-west, is a famous fiord — a deep inlet carved by ancient glaciers.
- The Southern Alps run down the South Island, with snow and glaciers.
- Native forests are full of ferns; the silver fern is a national symbol.

## Key vocabulary

- Fiord — a deep, narrow sea inlet between steep cliffs.
- Glacier — a slow-moving mass of ice.
- Native forest — woodland of trees that grow naturally there.
- Fern — a leafy green plant; the silver fern is a NZ emblem.

## Carved by ice

Long ago, huge glaciers slowly carved out valleys. When the ice melted and the sea flooded in, it left behind deep fiords like Milford Sound, with sheer cliffs and waterfalls plunging into the water.

## A film-famous landscape

New Zealand's spectacular and varied landscapes are world-famous, and have been used as the setting for many films.