

Mountain Features!

Most Mountain features are created by glaciers. Glaciers are large pieces of ice, usually at least 100m wide, which moves slowly across land. Alpine glaciers usually form on mountains then move downwards through valleys.



Corries

Corries are ice scooped basins, where a glacier has scooped out a section of the mountain, these often remain as lakes when the glacier disappears.

Glacial valleys

Glacial U shaped valleys are created when a glacier scours the sides of a valley changing it from its river shaped V to a rounded U shape.



Arête

An Arête is formed when two adjacent glaciers create two U shaped valleys leaving a ridge of narrow rock in between.

Volcanic Plug

A volcanic plug consists of hard volcanic rock, which once plugged a volcano, exposed by erosion.

