

Life Science Stories

Mountains

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Earth has a lot of mountains. Mountains cover about one fourth of all land. Mountains come in many sizes. Mountains are made of rocks.

Mountain or Alpine habitats change the higher up you climb. At the bottom of mountains you might have grasslands and forests. As you move up the mountains, the plants and animals slowly disappear. Animals like mountain goats, birds, and snow leopards make their homes in the trees and grasses of mountains. High up, the trees do not grow any more.

Many of the tallest mountains have ice or snow on top of them for part or all of the year. This snow and ice melts in hotter parts of the year. The water runs downhill to rivers and lakes.



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