

Physical Regions of the U.S.





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Pacific Coast

- The coast from southern California to Alaska
- The region of the Pacific Northwest has a long history that was mainly occupied by various Native American groups. Most of these groups are believed to have been engaged in hunting and gathering as well as fishing.



Pacific Coast continued...

- Highly active geologically. The region is dotted with several large active volcanoes in the Cascade Mountain Range.
- There are four mountain ranges dominating the Pacific Northwest. They are the Cascade Range, the Olympic Range, the Coast Range and parts of the Rocky Mountains.
- Evergreen forests provide raw material for lumber and paper



Pacific Coast continued...

- Pacific Northwest has a wet and cool climate which has led to the growth of extensive forests featuring some of the largest trees in the world. The region's coastal forests are considered temperate rainforests. More inland however, the climate can be drier with more harsh winters and warmer summers.

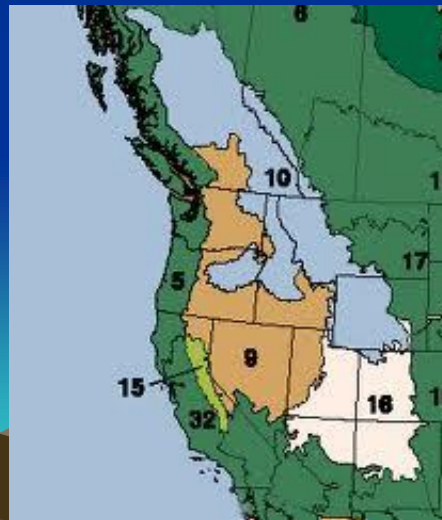


Pacific Coast photos



Intermountain

- Arid expanse of plateaus, basins, and ranges.
- Has places such as, the Grand Canyon, Snake River, Death Valley National Park, Las Vegas, and Colorado Plateau

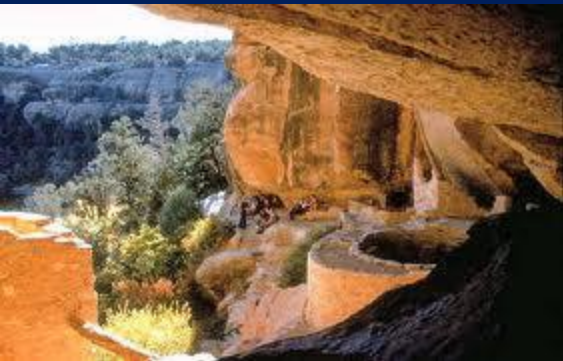


Intermountain Region continued...

- Animals found here are, mountain goats, white-tailed deer, moose, elk, coyote, bat, lizards, rattlesnakes, and woodpeckers.



Intermountain photos



Rocky Mountain

- Beautiful forest with a large variety on animals, hunting, camping, snow, hiking, and lakes.
- Rocky Mountains are often used for mining, lumber, and recreation activities.



Rocky Mountain continued...

- The U.S. got the Rocky Mountain region from Mexico in about 1848.
- Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark came to the Rocky Mountain region to make maps and explore.
- This region was filled with Native American groups in the beginning, and their culture is still here.



Rocky Mountain photos



Interior Plains

- Described as; rolling hills with some deep river valleys or a flat prairie with grasslands.



Interior Plains continued...

- Used for cattle, oil, farm land.
- Some animals in the Interior Plains are; mule deer, pronghorn antelopes, brown bears, wolves, and elks.



Interior Plains photos



Appalachian Mountains

- Came about from a series of collisions and separations of tectonic plates that began 300 million years ago
- First occupied by people from Scotland who came here to the US to live.
- This area is known for it's coal, mining, forestry, and electricity.

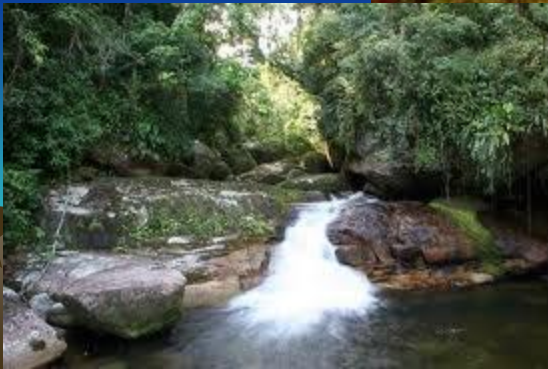


Appalachian Mountains continued...

- Has many large rivers such as the Hudson, and Delaware rivers.
- Filled with such animals as; moose, white-tailed deer, black bears, beaver, chipmunks, rabbits, squirrels, foxes, raccoons,, skunks, groundhogs, porcupines, and bats.



Appalachian Mountains photos



Canadian Shield

- Mostly Canada region, but some in Northern US by the Great Lakes.
- Low mountain ranges and vast bodies of water. This area is mostly covered with fresh bodies of water.



Canadian Shield continued...

- Used for water power, minerals, and timber.
- There are lots of fur bearing animals found here.
- Formed from large mineral rocks.



Canadian Shield photos



Coastal Plains

- Vast regions of swamps, forests, and sandy beaches.
- Made in the Jurassic period when the US was forming.



Coastal Plains continued...

- Animals that live here are; In swampy regions, animals such as snakes and alligators thrive in still waters full of algae and reeds. Forested areas in the Atlantic Coastal Plains feed animals such as deer, foxes and rabbits with densely growing plant life. Predators like bears also live in these areas. Beach environments are home to seagulls, crabs and plants, such as beach grasses.



Costal Plains photos



Hawaii

- It was the 50th state in the U.S.
- Once occupied by the native people and is now highly populated with Japanese and Filipino communities.
- Know for it's beauty, tourism, sea life, and volcanoes.
- Great agriculture land



Hawaii photos

