

Mountains are a natural part of the landscape with steep sides.

They rise above 300m.

They have a summit of at least 600m.

Some mountains are found in groups called a mountain range but some mountains can be on their own.

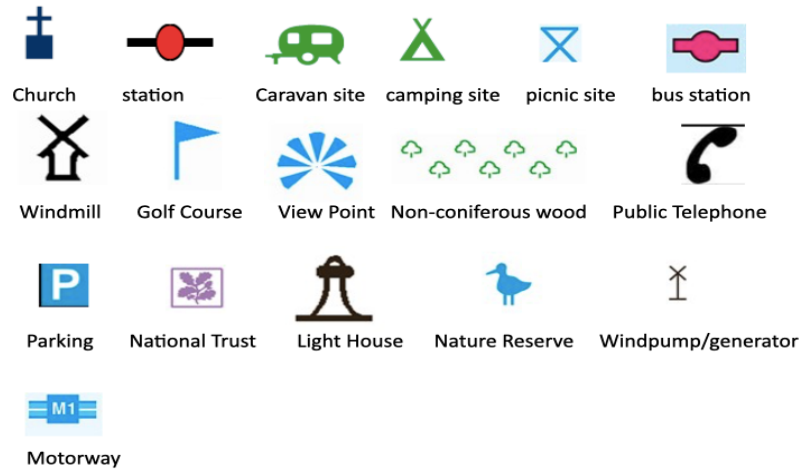
Not all mountains are single summits.

Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world – 8848m.

Snowdon is the highest mountain in Wales – 1085m

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Mapping Symbols



Wales has three National Parks:

Snowdonia, the Pembrokeshire Coast and the Brecon Beacons.

The largest National Park in Wales is Snowdonia. It is the third largest in the UK.

1km is approximately 0.6 miles. The distance on a map is measured in km.

A reservoir is an artificial lake where water is stored. Most reservoirs are formed by constructing dams across rivers.

Reservoirs are an important feature of many water supply systems around the world.

When taking a grid reference, always read left to right along the bottom or top of the map first and then bottom to top along the side of the map. This is particularly important in an emergency situation.

Core Vocabulary

National Park – a large area of land which is protected by the government because of its natural beauty, plants, or animals, and which the public can usually visit.

OS map– OS maps show physical. and human features as symbols. This makes the maps easier to read.

human features– housing, farming, forestry, transport routes, and tourist attractions

physical features– natural features such as mountains, lowlands, major rivers, seas,

reservoir – a lake that is used for storing water before it is supplied to people.

erosion– the gradual destruction and removal of rock or soil in a particular area by rivers, the sea, or the weather.

biodiversity – the variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat