

# Natural Characteristics of Michigan Study Guide

Natural Characteristic	Definition	Picture
Bay	A body of water that is partly enclosed by land.	
Lake	A large body of water surrounded by land on all sides.	
River	A large, flowing body of water that usually empties into a large lake, sea or ocean.	
Waterfall	Where a river falls steeply down.	
Island	A piece of land that is surrounded by water.	
Peninsula	Land surrounded by water on three sides.	
Mountain	A very high, natural place on earth, higher than a hill.	
Mountain Range	A row of connected mountains.	
Sand Dune	Ridges or hills of loose sand piled up by the wind.	