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A beach is a <u>landform</u> alongside a body of water which consists of loose particles. The particles composing a beach are typically made from <u>rock</u>, such as <u>sand</u>, <u>gravel</u>, <u>shingle</u>, <u>pebbles</u>, etc., or <u>biological</u> sources, such as <u>mollusc shells</u> or <u>coralline algae</u>. Sediments settle in different densities and structures, depending on the local wave action and weather, creating different textures, colors and gradients or layers of material.

Though some beaches form on inland freshwater locations such as lakes and rivers, most beaches are in coastal areas where <u>wave</u> or <u>current</u> action <u>deposits</u> and reworks sediments. <u>Erosion</u> and changing of beach geologies happens through natural processes, like <u>wave action</u> and <u>extreme weather events</u>. Where wind conditions are correct, beaches can be backed by <u>coastal dunes</u> which offer protection and regeneration for the beach. However, these natural forces have become more extreme percent of the earth's sandy beaches disappearing by 2100 due to climate-change driven sea level rise.[2]

Sandy beaches occupy about one third of global coastlines.[2] These beaches are popular for <u>recreation</u>, playing important economic and cultural roles—often driving local <u>tourism</u> industries. To support these uses, some beaches have man-made infrastructure, such as <u>lifeguard</u> posts, <u>changing rooms</u>, showers, <u>shacks</u> and bars. They may also have <u>hospitality</u> venues (such as resorts, camps, hotels, and restaurants) nearby or housing, both for permanent and seasonal residents.

Human forces have significantly changed beaches globally: direct impacts include bad construction practices on dunes and coastlines, while indirect human impacts include <u>water pollution</u>, <u>plastic pollution</u> and <u>coastal erosion</u> from <u>sea level rise</u> and <u>climate change</u>. Some <u>coastal management</u> practices are designed to preserve or restore natural beach processes, while some beaches are actively restored through practices like <u>beach nourishment</u>.









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