

Social Events Sorted by date

Pribaikalsky National Park Establishment - 1986 (Local event)

Pribaikalsky National Park is designated to protect Baikal's west shore landscapes, including Olkhon Island sectors and Primorsky Range.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pribaikalsky_National_Park

Lake Baikal inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site - 1996 (Global event)

The Committee inscribed Lake Baikal as the most outstanding example of a freshwater ecosystem, as it is the oldest and deepest freshwater lake in the world containing nearly 20% of the world's unfrozen freshwater.

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/754>

Launch of the Baikal Plastic Free Alliance- 2022 (Local)

A social group formed to reduce single-use plastics, conduct shore cleanups, and advocate for better waste management around the Baikal

<https://baikalplasticfree.ru/en>

Ecological Events Sorted by date

Ice age Formation of Lake Baikal - 25-30 million years ago

Lake Baikal formed as the world's deepest and oldest freshwater lake, creating a unique ecosystem only found in its waters.

<https://rees.sas.upenn.edu/about/spotlight/baikal-lake-russia>

Pollution from the Baikalsk Pulp and Paper Mill - 1960s-1970s

Industrial waste threatened Lake Baikal's water quality, sparking early ecological concerns and laying the groundwork for later conservation measures that would lead to the park's establishment.

<https://awsassets.panda.org/downloads/russiabaikalskcasestudy.pdf>

Wildfires in Russia scorch World's largest freshwater lake - October 2015 (Regional)

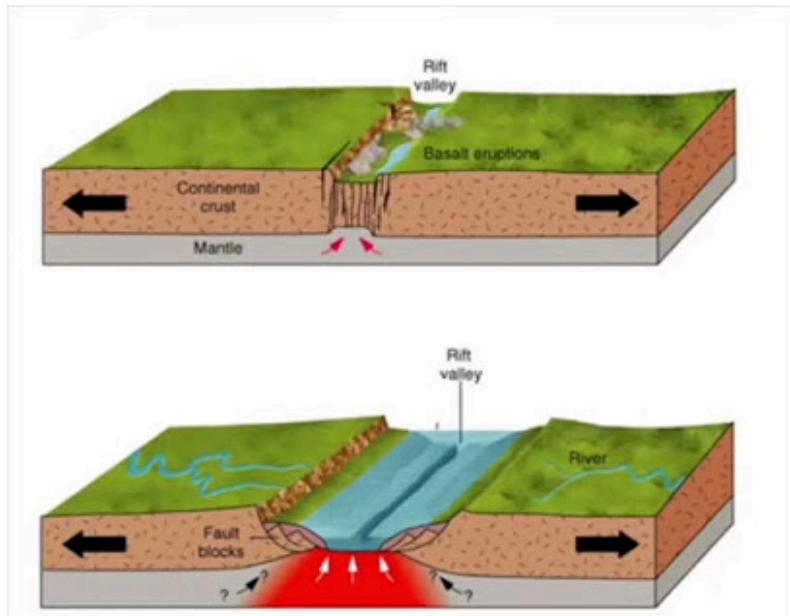
On the shores of Lake Baikal, in Russian Siberia, unusually warm temperatures and dry conditions made for dangerous wildfire conditions this summer. At least 1,500 square miles of forest burned until the flames died down in the past few weeks, leaving scorched earth and tree stumps where a once-lush forest stood.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/wildfires-russia-scorch-worlds-largest-freshwater-lake>

Earthquake struck under lake baikal. 2022 (local)

An 8.4 magnitude earthquake struck in a densely populated area in the heart of Siberia after a fault moved a few centimeters. The seismic waves were felt everywhere in Russia, shaking high-rise buildings, but were too weak to cause any damages.

<https://www.risklayer-explorer.com/report/21>



Formation



Wildfire



Unesco recognized



Baikal Plastic free alliance



Paper Mill