

What are the tropic of capricorn and the tropic of cancer?

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The tropic of capricorn and the tropic of cancer are both lines that run horizontally along the earth, parallel to the equator.

They are used to help measure distance on earth. They are also parallel latitudes indicating global positions. [The sun](#) is only directly overhead on the tropics on a solstice.

The tropic of cancer is on the top of the equator, you can remember its on top because CAN comes before CAP alphabetically.



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