

What Are Eskers?

Big Idea: Eskers are long, winding ridges of sand and gravel that formed inside melting glaciers.

Inside a glacier, streams of meltwater flow through tunnels. These streams carry sand and gravel. When the glacier melts away, the materials that filled the tunnel are left behind as winding ridges called eskers.

Try This! Use a hose and sand to make a winding 'river tunnel' and see how it deposits material.

[Illustration Placeholder: labeled diagram of this glacial feature]