

How Glaciers Shape the Land

Big Idea: Glaciers carve valleys, move rocks, and leave behind landforms that tell the story of Earth's icy past.

As glaciers move, they scrape away soil and rock, carving valleys and shaping mountains. They pick up and move huge boulders, polish rocks, and create new landforms when they melt. The Ice Age Trail in Wisconsin follows many of these glacial features!

Try This! Look for glacial features on a local map—can you spot where the glacier once moved?

[Illustration Placeholder: labeled diagram of this glacial feature]