

What Are Kettles and Kettle Lakes?

Big Idea: Kettles are deep holes left behind when chunks of ice melted, sometimes forming small lakes.

Sometimes, big chunks of ice break off the glacier and get buried in dirt. When those chunks finally melt, they leave behind round holes in the ground. If those holes fill with rainwater, they become kettle lakes.

Try This! Fill a bowl with sand and ice cubes—what happens when the ice melts?

[Illustration Placeholder: labeled diagram of this glacial feature]