

How Do Drumlins Form?

Big Idea: Drumlins are smooth, oval hills shaped by the slow flow of ice beneath glaciers.

As glaciers move over loose material, they smooth and shape the land beneath them. Drumlins form when the glacier molds soft sediment into teardrop shapes. The long end of a drumlin points in the direction the ice was moving.

Try This! Make a drumlin from clay—flatten one side and stretch the other to show ice movement.

[Illustration Placeholder: labeled diagram of this glacial feature]