The Skyways

The Skyways are not a single location but a vast network of air currents, thermal updrafts, and mystical wind lanes that crisscross the upper atmosphere. To the untrained eye, the Skyways appear as nothing more than open sky, but to the Stormriders, they are as clear as paved roads. These aerial pathways connect distant lands, allowing for rapid travel and trade. The Skyways are in constant flux, shifting with weather patterns and magical disturbances. Some routes are calm and easy to navigate, while others are treacherous, filled with turbulence, electrical storms, and occasionally, predatory flying creatures. Certain intersections of the Skyways form stable pockets of calm air known as Sky Harbors, where Stormriders and other airborne travelers can rest and trade. The origins of the Skyways are unknown, with some believing they are natural phenomena and others insisting they were created by an ancient, long-lost civilization of sky dwellers.