Basic Mountain Terms

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Mountain - a lofty elevation on the earth’s surface
Foothills - hills at the base of a mountain
Alpine - relating to high mountains
Base - bottom/lowest part of a mountain
Escarpe - long steep slope/the edge of a plateau
Glacier - a slowly moving “river” of ice on a mountain
Saddle - low ridge between two mountain peaks
Timberline - imaginary line on a mountain that marks the level above which trees do not grow
Valley - low area between two mountains
Bluff - broad rounded cliff hanging over a valley or water