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List of English names of major geographical features situated in the territory of Poland

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The list

- Published at the end of 2021
- The list of recommended English names for the most important geographical features in Poland
- Names of 126 features are included
- <https://www.gov.pl/web/ksng-en/other-publications>

Kotlina Sandomierska – (the)¹ Sandomierz Basin
Nizina Mazowiecka – (the)¹ Mazovian Lowland
Nizina Podlaska – (the)¹ Podlasie Lowland
Nizina Polska – (the)¹ Polish Lowland
Nizina Śląska – (the)¹ Silesian Lowland
Nizina Wielkopolska – (the)¹ Greater Poland Lowland
Pogórze Karpackie – (the)¹ Carpathian Foothills
Pogórze Przemyskie – (the)¹ Przemyśl Foothills
Pojezierze Mazurskie – (the)¹ Masurian Lakeland
Pojezierze Pomorskie – (the)¹ Pomeranian Lakeland
Pojezierze Suwalskie – (the)¹ Suwałki Lakeland
Pojezierze Wielkopolskie – (the)¹ Greater Poland Lakeland
Przedgórze Sudeckie – (the)¹ Sudety Foreland
Roztocze – (the)¹ Roztocze (Hills)³
Wyżyna Lubelska – (the)¹ Lublin Upland
Wyżyna Małopolska – (the)¹ Lesser Poland Upland
Wyżyna Śląska – (the)¹ Silesian Upland

Names of 16 administrative units

- The trouble with the choice:
 - generic term (province, region, voivodship, voivodeship)
 - name order (... Voivodship vs. Voivodship of ...)
 - specific element form (np. Mazovia, Mazovian, Mazowsze, Mazowieckie)
- Has been decided:
 - alternatively two generic terms: *voivodship* and *province*
 - Polish form of a specific element (Mazowieckie)



Names of 12 cities

- 2 exonyms :
 - Warsaw
 - Cracow (as a variant name)
- 10 Polish endonyms in order to emphasize that names in full Polish spelling should be used for them, not German names or Polish names without diacritics:
 - Szczecin (not: Stettin)
 - Gdańsk (not: Danzig, Gdansk)
 - Wrocław (not: Breslau, Wroclaw)
 - Łódź (not: Lodz)
 - etc.



Names of 17 historical regions

- 14 exonyms, e.g.:
 - Pomerania
 - Silesia
 - Mazovia
- 3 Polish endonyms, to emphasize that occasionally encountered English exonyms are not recommended:
 - Podlasie (not: Podlachia)
 - Polesie (not: Polesia, Polesye)
 - Warmia (not: Varmia)



Names of 13 water features

- 1 sea name
- 5 names of bays
- 2 names of lakes (as examples – the term *Lake* is added to the Polish name)
- 5 names of rivers:
 - 1 exonym (Vistula)
 - 4 Polish endonyms:
 - Odra (not: Oder)
 - Warta (not: Warthe, Varta)
 - Nysa Łużycka (not: Lusatian Neisse, Western Neisse, Neisse)
 - Nysa Kłodzka (not: Eastern Neisse)



Names of 40 landform features

- 2 names of islands
- 3 names of peninsulas
- 1 name of basin
- 6 names of lowlands
- 3 names of foothills
- 4 names of lakelands
- 4 names of uplands
- 14 names of mountain ranges
- 3 names of peaks



- 1 Beskid Niski Mountains
- 2 Beskid Sądecki Mountains
- 3 Beskid Wyspowy Mountains
- 4 Beskid Żywiecki Mountains
- 5 Bieszczady Mountains
- 6 Tatra Mountains (Tatras)
- 7 Pieniny Mountains
- 8 Sanok-Turka Mountains
- 9 Karkonosze Mountains
- 10 Stołowe Mountains
- 11 (Mt) Rysy
- 12 Babia Góra
- 13 (Mt) Śnieżka

Names of 23 national parks

- names of all Polish national parks
- Names in the form used by park authorities



Names of 4 other features

- 3 names of forest areas
- 1 name of the UNESCO heritage site, in order to emphasize that in this case the Polish toponym should not be used, but the German name
 - Auschwitz-Birkenau (not: Oświęcim-Brzezinka)





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Thank you

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