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

The task of drawing up this list of English names for major geographical features situated in the territory of the Republic of Poland results from the provisions of paragraph 3(1)(5) of the *Regulation of the Minister of the Interior and Administration of 24 March 2000 on the manner and scope of activity of the National Council of Geodesy and Cartography and the Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names outside the Republic of Poland and principles governing payment of their members* (Journal of Laws of 2000, No. 26, item 316 and of 2009 No. 107, item 897), pursuant to which the scope of activities of the Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names outside the Republic of Poland shall include: 'recommending foreign names for important geographical features located in the territory of the Republic of Poland for international use, excluding names established pursuant to Art. 12 of the Act of 6 January 2005 on national and ethnic minorities and on the regional language.'

Due to the large number of geographical features located in Poland, the list includes names of only those objects that are most likely to appear in foreign-language publications. These are the largest features, or those best known for their tourism value and historical significance. The list includes designations of voivodships (provinces), names of major cities and towns, major historical regions, major landforms (geographical regions), major water features, national parks and other important sites.

The list does not contain a complete list of features, it is limited primarily to forms that differ in English from Polish names, which in particular has reduced the number of locality names. However, in some cases forms identical to Polish names have been included – this was done when a German name is commonly used in English instead of a Polish name or when a Polish name with omitted diacritical marks is used (e.g. Lodz instead of correctly Łódź). Names formerly used (historical names) are not included in the list.

For names where no generic term is used (such as lowlands, mountains, mountain, hill, lake), it is recommended to use only the English names contained in this list. Where the name of the object is not included in the list, the Polish name should be used, taking into account any letters specific to the Polish language (with diacritical marks).

The names of the most important geographical features which are composed of the generic term and the specific element have been included in the present list. For names not featured in the list, a translation of the generic term into English is allowed. Similarly, due to English language rules, it is possible to add an English generic term to names that do not have such a term in Polish (especially the names of lakes, rivers, mountain peaks). However, in any case, the full Polish name may be retained in the English text.

In the list provided below, the names are listed in 15 categories and in each category in alphabetical order. The entry for each name starts with the Polish name in bold type, followed by the recommended English name after a dash.

Name of the country

Polska – Poland
Rzeczpospolita Polska – (the)[1] Republic of Poland

Voivodships/Provinces

województwo dolnośląskie – Dolnośląskie Voivodship *or* Dolnośląskie Province
województwo kujawsko-pomorskie – Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodship *or* Kujawsko-Pomorskie Province
województwo lubelskie – Lubelskie Voivodship *or* Lubelskie Province
województwo lubuskie – Lubuskie Voivodship *or* Lubuskie Province
województwo łódzkie – Łódzkie Voivodship *or* Łódzkie Province
województwo małopolskie – Małopolskie Voivodship *or* Małopolskie Province
województwo mazowieckie – Mazowieckie Voivodship *or* Mazowieckie Province
województwo opolskie – Opolskie Voivodship *or* Opolskie Province
województwo podkarpackie – Podkarpackie Voivodship *or* Podkarpackie Province
województwo podlaskie – Podlaskie Voivodship *or* Podlaskie Province
województwo pomorskie – Pomorskie Voivodship *or* Pomorskie Province
województwo śląskie – Śląskie Voivodship *or* Śląskie Province
województwo świętokrzyskie – Świętokrzyskie Voivodship *or* Świętokrzyskie Province
województwo warmińsko-mazurskie – Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship *or* Warmińsko-Mazurskie Province
województwo wielkopolskie – Wielkopolskie Voivodship *or* Wielkopolskie Province
województwo zachodniopomorskie – Zachodniopomorskie Voivodship *or* Zachodniopomorskie Province

NOTE: In the case of voivodships, it is recommended that names be used consistently with the term 'voivodship' or the term 'province'; both terms should not be mixed within a single publication. The recommended spelling of *voivodship* is traditionally and commonly used in English language versions of Polish documents and official materials. Therefore, the use of the alternative spelling *voivodeship*, which is present in some English texts, **is not recommended**.

Cities

Gdańsk – Gdańsk
Jelenia Góra – Jelenia Góra
Katowice – Katowice
Kraków – Kraków *or* Cracow
Łódź – Łódź
Olsztyn – Olsztyn

Opole – Opole
Oświęcim – Oświęcim
Szczecin – Szczecin
Toruń – Toruń
Warszawa – Warsaw
Wrocław – Wrocław

NOTE: For all cities and towns in Poland not listed here, it is recommended that Polish official forms of names be used in English texts. Polish diacritical marks should be used to record these forms of the names.

Historical regions

Dolny Śląsk – Lower Silesia
Galicja – Galicia
Górny Śląsk – Upper Silesia
Kaszuby – Kashubia
Kujawy – Kuyavia
Łużyce – Lusatia
Małopolska – Lesser Poland
Mazowsze – Mazovia
Mazury – Masuria
Podlasie – Podlasie
Polesie – Polesie
Pomorze – Pomerania
Pomorze Gdańskie – Gdańsk Pomerania
Pomorze Zachodnie – Western Pomerania
Śląsk – Silesia
Warmia – Warmia
Wielkopolska – Greater Poland

Sea, bays, gulfs and lagoons

Morze Bałtyckie – (the)[1] Baltic Sea
Zalew Szczeciński – (the)[1] Szczecin Lagoon
Zalew Wiślany – (the)[1] Vistula Lagoon
Zatoka Gdańska – (the)[1] Gulf of Gdańsk
Zatoka Pomorska – (the)[1] Pomeranian Bight
Zatoka Pucka – (the)[1] Bay of Puck

Lakes

Śniardwy – Lake Śniardwy
Wigry – Lake Wigry

Rivers

Nysa Kłodzka – (the)[1] Nysa Kłodzka (River)[2]
Nysa Łużycka – (the)[1] Nysa Łużycka (River)[2]
Odra – (the)[1] Odra (River)[2]
Warta – (the)[1] Warta (River)[2]
Wisła – (the)[1] Vistula (River)[2]

Islands

Uznam – Uznam
Wolin – Wolin

Peninsulas, spits

Półwysep Helski – (the)[1] Hel Peninsula
Mierzeja Helska – (the)[1] Hel Spit
Mierzeja Wiślana – (the)[1] Vistula Spit

Geographical regions

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
Żuławy Wiślane – Żuławy Wiślane

Mountains

Beskid Niski – (the)[1] Beskid Niski Mountains
Beskid Sądecki – (the)[1] Beskid Sądecki Mountains
Beskid Wyspowy – (the)[1] Beskid Wyspowy Mountains
Beskid Żywiecki – (the)[1] Beskid Żywiecki Mountains
Beskidy – (the)[1] Beskidy Mountains
Bieszczady – (the)[1] Bieszczady Mountains

Góry Słonne – (the)[1] Słonne Mountains
Góry Stołowe – (the)[1] Stołowe Mountains
Góry Świętokrzyskie – (the)[1] Świętokrzyskie Mountains
Karkonosze – (the)[1] Karkonosze Mountains
Karpaty – (the)[1] Carpathians
Pieniny – (the)[1] Pieniny Mountains
Sudety – (the)[1] Sudety Mountains
Tatry – (the)[1] Tatra Mountains *or* (the)[1] Tatras

Peaks, summits

Babia Góra – Babia Góra
Rysy – (Mt)[4] Rysy
Śnieżka – (Mt)[4] Śnieżka

Other natural features

Bory Tucholskie – (the)[1] Tuchola Forest
Puszcza Białowieska – (the)[1] Białowieża Forest
Puszcza Kampinoska – (the)[1] Kampinos Forest

Nature conservation areas

Babiogórski Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Babia Góra National Park
Białowieski Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Białowieża National Park
Biebrzański Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Biebrza National Park
Bieszczadzki Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Bieszczady National Park
Drawieński Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Drawa National Park
Gorczański Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Gorce National Park
Kampinoski Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Kampinos National Park
Karkonoski Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Karkonosze National Park
Magurski Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Magura National Park
Narwiański Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Narew National Park
Ojcowski Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Ojców National Park
Park Narodowy „Bory Tucholskie” – (the)[1] Bory Tucholskie National Park
Park Narodowy Gór Stołowych – (the)[1] Stołowe Mountains National Park
Park Narodowy „Ujście Warty” – (the)[1] Ujście Warty National Park
Pieniński Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Pieniny National Park
Poleski Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Polesie National Park
Roztoczański Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Roztocze National Park
Słowiński Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Słowiński National Park
Świętokrzyski Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Świętokrzyski National Park
Tatrzański Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Tatra National Park
Wielkopolski Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Wielkopolska National Park
Wigierski Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Wigry National Park
Woliński Park Narodowy – (the)[1] Wolin National Park

Other anthropogenic features

Auschwitz-Birkenau. Niemiecki nazistowski obóz koncentracyjny i zagłady – Auschwitz-Birkenau. German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp[5]

Footnotes:

[1] Depending on the grammatical context, when the English form is used in a sentence or as a component part of another expression, it may be preceded by the definite article *the*. The article *the* is mandatory for names of rivers and summits when used in a sentence.

[2] The generic term *river* may be omitted, may be placed after a specific element or before a specific element, e.g. *the Warta, the Warta River, the River Warta*.

[3] The generic term *hill* may be omitted or may be placed after a specific element: *Roztocze, the Roztocze Hills*.

[4] The generic term *mount* may be omitted or may be placed before a specific element in the form of an abbreviation (with or without a full stop) or a full word, e.g. *Rysy, Mt Rysy, Mt. Rysy, Mount Rysy*.

[5] The full official name in Polish also includes the dates: *Auschwitz-Birkenau. Niemiecki nazistowski obóz koncentracyjny i zagłady (1940-1945)*. Full English name: *Auschwitz-Birkenau. German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945)*.