

Das gos cázadagat čiknot, guhkkín eret gáttis
Deep water far from shore; the deep part of a river, or the middle of a fjord

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ALLA

NORTHERN SAMI WORDS FOR THE HIGHLANDS & MOUNTAINS

EATNAMAT

Várri

alla eanaguovlu mii lea ollu badjelis eatnama
Mountain

Oaivi

Jorba várrečohkka
Round-shaped top of a mountain, rounded mountain

Čohkka

Alimus oassi váris (ii jorbbas)
Mountain top

Bákti / Bávti

Ceakko várri mas lea geađgi, juovva.
Unnán šaddodat
Steep cliff; rock face; crag

Gáisá

Alimus várri mii lea mealgat badjelis go eará duottarvárit
High mountain (in general or which rises above an elevated mountain plateau

Čopma

Guhkes jorbalágan aláš
Pile, heap;hill, ridge, mound, hummock

Dievwá

Jorbalágan váráš, luohkká
Roundish hill

Duottar

Várreguovlu mii lea bajábealde ordda
Mountain tract, high mountain moorland, bare mountain

Gielas

Guhkes, seakka ja alla várrečielgi.
Guhkes, seakka ja duolba várrečielgi.
Long, narrow, high mountain ridge; long, narrow, flat eminence

Čorru

Guhkes alideapmi. Guhkes borri, čielggáš
Lengthy eminence, ridge, edge which sticks up; long hill; long ridge; small mountain-ridge

Maras

Viiddis alideapmi, stuorát go čorru mas soagit dahje skierrit. Dávjá jeakkit ja jávrrážat birrasis
Extensive stretch of elevated ground in the terrain, covered with stunted birch wood; flattish, good-sized mound or hill covered with birch wood; rather low but fairly extensive wooded čorru, or larger than čorru.

Čielgi

Várrečielgi, stuorát, alla guolbba. Aláš
Ridge, mountain ridge

Oalgi

Unnit várri mas oalgelágan hápmi mii lea gitta stuorát váris
Small mountain which is joined on to a larger one

Njunni

Seakka oassi, dahje juoga mii geaigá olggos juoga earás. Várrenjunni. Oassi váris mii geaigá olggos, njunnehápmi
Narrow or pointed front end of something

Seaibbuš

Seaibelágan njoaiddu váris
Tail-like projecting part of a mountain; long, low and gently sloping spur of a mountain

Rášša

Geađgás čearru
Stony, high mountain tract without vegetation

Čahca

Aláš guovtti vári gaskka. Maiddái čáhcejuohku
High pass between two mountains

Várdu

Aláš gos sáhtttá oaidnit guhkás ja viidát
Height with an extensive view; lookout point

Buolža

Goike, čievra alladat, ceakko čielgi
Steep ridge of moraine, dry gravelly eminence (often with a sharp edge)

Čearru

Oalle duolba, govda ja guhkes várreguovlu. Guorbbas
Rather flat, usually wide tract up in the mountains, with little vegetation and long stretches of nothing but gravel and stones

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VUOLLEGIS

NORTHERN SAMI WORDS FOR THE LOWER LANDS

EATNAMAT

Sádgi/Sádga

Duolba ádga. Sáhtta maid siedga šaddat

Flat heath; a flat grassy plain (sometimes with willow bushes)

Leakšá

Stuorra ávži. Govda guovlu mas ádjagat, láddot, jávrrážat ja jeakkit. Stuorra, duolba guovlu guokte aláža gaskka mas hui dávjá jogat golggihit

Large ávži, often one with a spring at the bottom; wide level tract of country with springs, streams and small lakes; boggy ground where a river has its source; large, wide level tract between two heights

Gorsa

Ceakko ja čiekŋalis roggi. Sáhtta leat johka botnis

Large gorge or narrow, deep and rugged ravine

Vággi

Govdes roggi várregaskkas

Short stretch on or near the coast (not a river valley); valley in general (but not a large, long river valley)

Vuovdi

Guovlu gos muorat šaddet, vuopmi

Forest, wood (of big trees)

Ávži

Baskkes, čiekŋalis vággi mas hui ceakko várrevielttit

Valley with very steep sides

Gurra

Unnit, baskkes vággi

Notch, cleft; small mountain gap

Luhppu

Ceakkus njiedjalat mii lea dego gurra gokko manná luodda vulos johkii

Steep abrupt hill; sunken road where there is traffic

Bohki

Baskkádat vákkis. Baskkes njoaski váriid gaskkas

Indentation, narrowing, contraction (e. g. of a valley), depression; narrow pass(age); depression in a mountain; narrowest part of a sound

Skáidi

Eanabihtta guovtti joga gaskka, eanabihtta geažis jogat deaivvadit

The land between two rivers which join

Vadđa

Rabas duolba eana mas vuovdi birra. Hui dávjá jeaggeeana

Open, completely treeless level ground (sometimes rather boggy), with forest or low hills around it

Suotnju

Duolba, hui njuoska jeaggi gos lukti šaddá. Ii leat rabas čáhci

Flat, very wet bog (without tussocks), with sedge growing on it but no streams of open water

Leahki

Gohpi, vággi, bohki

Depression, hollow (in terrain), dell, valley

Guolbba

Goike, duolba eanabihtta

Heath; dry level plain in wooded region with reindeer moss or heath plants; low, dry knoll which is flat on the top

Gieddi

Eanabihtta mas suoinnit šaddet

(Natural) meadow

Rohtu

Bohttu, murdu. Hui suhkkes bohttu dahje murdu. Hui suhkkes vuovdi

Copsewood

Njárga

Eanaoassi mas čáhci guovtte bealde

Ness, cape, promontory, headland, peninsula; something that sticks out

Guotku

Seakka eanabihtta guovtti jávrrí

dahje jeakki gaskka

Strip of land between two lakes or bogs which are parallel to each other

Rohči

Baskkes oassi jogas dahje baskkádat vákkis, ceakko várrevielttit birra

Narrowing, narrow (concrete), contracted portion of a river or valley

Riehppi

Vággi masa lea váttis beassat

Valley which is difficult to access

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