


# River Type

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Purpose: To group rivers by type (like straight, meandering, or steep) so we can plan, maintain, and report on them more accurately,

Value	Description	Photo Example
Braided	A braided river is a type of river channel that consists of a network of many small, shallow channels that split and rejoin repeatedly, creating a pattern that looks like a braid.	
Meandering	A meandering river is a type of river with a single, winding channel that forms large, looping bends called meanders as it flows across a flat or gently sloping landscape.	
Straight	A straight river is a river channel that follows a relatively linear path with minimal curves or bends. These are rare in nature and are usually short in length.	

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Other	Rivers can be classified into various other types based on their shape, origin, and flow patterns, including anastomosing, tidal, mountain (youthful), mature, old, glacial, rain-fed, spring-fed, perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral rivers.	
N/A	Not Applicable	