

marsh

[mɑ:ʃ] *n*
болото, топь

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marsh [marsh marshes] *BrE* [mɑːʃ] *NAmE* [mɑːrʃ] **noun** **countable, uncountable**

an area of low land that is always soft and wet because there is nowhere for the water to flow away to

- Cows were grazing on the marshes.
- After so much rain, the field had become a marsh (= a very wet area) .



Derived Word ↑marshy

Word Origin:

Old English mer(i)sc (perhaps influenced by late Latin **mariscus** 'marsh'), of West Germanic origin.

Thesaurus:

marsh **noun** **C, U**

- Cows grazed on the marshes.

swamp •• **wetland** •• **bog** •

drain a marsh/swamp/wetland/bog

sink into the marsh/bog

Marsh or swamp? Both **marshes** and **swamps** can have plants growing in them, but only a **swamp** has trees.

Example Bank:

- The land is colonized by various types of marsh vegetation.

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[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** merisc, mersc]

an area of low flat ground that is always wet and soft ⇒ **bog, swamp**

—**marshy** **adjective:**

- The crane lives in marshy habitats.
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THESAURUS

- **marsh** an area of low flat ground that is always wet and soft, that often has grasses or **↑reeds** growing in it but no trees: The low hills you can see are like islands surrounded by the marsh. | Miles of **salt marsh** (=which has salt water under it because it is near the sea) stretched before us, reaching to the shores of the River Severn. | Hackney Marshes | the rustling of the marsh grass
- **swamp** land that is always very wet or covered with a layer of water, that often has trees growing in it - used especially about areas in hot countries: the swamps of Florida | Less than 200 years ago, the city was a swamp, infested by mosquitoes.
- **bog** an area of low wet muddy ground, sometimes with bushes or grasses growing in it: His foot started slowly sinking into the bog. | The destruction of peat bogs is contributing to global warming, according to a report commissioned by Friends of the Earth.
- **wetland** an area of land that is partly covered with water, and that has grasses and other plants growing in it – often used about areas that are important to birds or wildlife: The ecosystem of the world's largest wetland, the Pantanal in southwest Brazil, is being threatened by tourists. | wetland birds
- **fen** a large area of low flat wet land - used especially about the area of this type of land in eastern England in Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire, which is known as **the Fens**: He grew up in the Fens | Intensive cultivation and continued drainage of the Fens further accelerates the degradation of the land.
- **mire** *literary* an area of wet muddy ground, which people and vehicles etc get stuck in: The wagon was stuck fast in the mire. | The rain was turning the highway into a mire.

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