

creek

[kri:k] *n*

1. небольшой залив *или* бухта; устье реки
2. *преим. амер.* рукав реки; приток ручей, небольшая река
 ◇ up the creek - а) в затруднительном *или* неприятном положении; to be up the creek - влипнуть, попасться; б) странный, чудаковатый; ≅ с приветом; в) никуда негодный; his driving is up the creek - он из рук вон плохой водитель

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

creek [creek creeks] *BrE* [kri:k] *NAmE* [kri:k] *noun*

1. (BrE) a narrow area of water where the sea flows into the land

Syn: †inlet

2. (NAmE, AustralE, NZE) a small river or stream

- Sandy Creek

| **idiom** †up the creek

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *crique* or from Old Norse *kriki* 'nook'; perhaps reinforced by Middle Dutch *krēke*; of unknown ultimate origin.

Example Bank:

- He stood on the steep bank above Ray's Creek.
- They drove to the little creek where they kept their fishing boat.

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creek /kri:k *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old Norse; Origin: *kriki* 'bend']

1. *American English Australian English* a small narrow stream or river
2. *British English* a long narrow area of water that flows from the sea into the land
3. **be up the creek (without a paddle)** (also **be up shit creek (without a paddle)** *not polite*) *spoken* to be in a very difficult situation:

| I don't get my passport by Friday, I 'be up the creek.

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THESAURUS

■ **a small river**

- **stream** a small narrow river: a cool mountain stream
- **brook** *literary* a small stream: There was a small brook, rushing and sparkling along between green banks.
- **creek** a narrow area of sea that goes into the land, or a small river: The River Fal with its many creeks was a perfect place for smugglers. | The kids hunted for crabs in the muddy creek.

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