

Pacific Coast Ranges

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The **Pacific Coast Ranges** (officially gazetted as the **Pacific Mountain System** in the United States but referred to as the Pacific Coast Ranges), are the series of mountain ranges that stretch along the West Coast of North America from Alaska south to Northern and Central Mexico.

The Pacific Coast Ranges are part of the North American Cordillera (sometimes known as the Western Cordillera, or in Canada, as the Pacific Cordillera and/or the Canadian Cordillera), which includes the Rocky Mountains, Columbia Mountains, Interior Mountains, the Interior Plateau, Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Great Basin mountain ranges, and other ranges and various plateaus and basins.

The **Pacific Coast Ranges** designation, however, only applies to the Western System of the Western Cordillera, which comprises the Saint Elias Mountains, Coast Mountains, Insular Mountains, Olympic Mountains, Cascade Range, Oregon Coast Range, California Coast Ranges, Transverse Ranges, Peninsular Ranges, and the Sierra Madre Occidental.

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Canadian Coast Range, Whistler, British Columbia

Highest point

Peak Mount Logan

Elevation 5,959 m (19,551 ft)

Dimensions

Length 3,800 mi (6,100 km)

Parent range North American Cordillera