

Recognizing Place

Reading the Cultural Landscape of
Iceland

A faint, light-colored map of Iceland is visible in the background on the left side of the slide. The map shows the island's outline and some internal geographical features. A compass rose is positioned near the top left of the map, and a scale bar is located below it. The map is rendered in a light, almost white color against the dark blue background.

Defining Culture

“ A society’s collective beliefs, symbols, values, forms of behaviors, and social organizations, together with its tools, structures, and artifacts created according to the group’s condition of life; transmitted as a heritage to succeeding generations and undergoing adoptions, modifications, and changes in the process”

- Bjelland, M., Human Geography: Landscape of Human Activities, 2013, pg. 478

Understanding the Cultural Landscape according to Carl Sauer

- Landscape: “an area made up of a distinct association of forms, both physical and cultural”
 - C. Sauer, (1925) “The Morphology of Landscape” Land and Life, Pg. 300
- Cultural Landscape: “Culture is the agent, the natural area is the medium, the cultural landscape the result”
 - C. Sauer, (1925) “The Morphology of Landscape” Land and Life, Pg. 310

Picture 1 – Central Reykjavik



Picture 2 – Blue Mountains



SKYHINGAR:		SKÍDALEIÐIR (SKI SLOPES):	
Heimilisgætt Home & Hill	700	Mjög létt leið / Very light slope	400
A. Franskáli - Miðasala	700	Lett leið / Light slope	700
B. Lyfta - Fram	650	Nokkuð brött leið / Fairly steep slope	700
C. Barnalyfta í Eldborgargili	600	Mjög brött leið / Very steep slope	700
D. Berglyfta í Eldborgargili	600		
E. Skáli, Giltrutt	1.100		
F. Stólalyfta í Kongsli			
G. Bláfjallaskáli			
H. Borgarskáli			
I. Barnalyfta við skála	700		
J. Topplyfta Ármanns	400		
K. Gúlyfta	700		
L. Borgalyfta	700		
M. Ármannsskáli - Miðasala	700		
N. Sólakinsbrekkulyfta Ármanns	700		
O. Barnalyfta í Suðurgili	700		
P. Blástær			
R. Stólalyfta í Suðurgili	1.100		
S. Skíðamistöð Kópavogs (Breiðablik) Miðasala			
T. Góngubratur 10 km, 5 km, 3 km			

BLÁFJÖLL
 Símsvari fyrir skíðasvæðið: 801111
 Símanúmer:
 Bláfjallaskáli: 618400
 Skíðaleið Ármanns: 617700
 Skíðaleið Fram: 618700
 Skíðamistöð Kópavogs:
 Breiðablik: 617750

Skíðatök er hveitt til þess að kynna sér aðstæður í Bláfjöllum, áður en lagt er af stað í skíðaleið.



BLÁFJALLANEFND

Picture 3 - Vik



Picture 4 - Geysir



Picture 5 – Heimaey



Picture 6 - Myvatn



Picture 7 - Flatey



Picture 8 - Flatey



Picture 9 - Husavik



Picture 10 - Krafla



Thought Question:

“The physical area is fundamental to any geographic study because it furnishes the materials out of which man builds his culture”

- C. Sauer, (1925) “The Morphology of Landscape” Land and Life, pg. 308

According to this quote, what type of impact could a changing environment have on the people living in an area? Hypothesize how a changing environment might impact the people of Iceland.