### LENAPE NAMES OF LAND FORMATIONS

These are names and photographs of some of the common land formations known to the Lenape or Delaware Indians. In addition to formations on the land some of the names for creeks, rivers, and the ocean are also included. In a few cases like names for parts of a hill the same image is used with the Lenape term superimposed on the image. In the first column there are links in blue that can be clicked to take you to the Lenape Talking Dictionary (<a href="www.talk-lenape.org">www.talk-lenape.org</a>) where you can hear the Lenape name of the formation. In the third column in " " is the literal translation of the name if one is known.

### LAND FORMATIONS

### hill ahchu http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=52 ahchuhwike many hills http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=15978 alamaònke the foot of a hill http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=248 -orpànkhanunk alamaonke http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8261

### aonahchu

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=17898

### aonahchuhunk

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=515



Blue Mound (east of Dewey, OK)

(Many Delaware families liked to go there to gather blackberries which grew near the mound)

at Blue Mound

### àskàskaonke

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green bank; green hillside

### hàki

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http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1253



dirt; ground; earth; land

on the ground; in the ground; at the land of;

### kitahikàn

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=2527



ocean; sea

(Here an offering of tobacco is being given to the spirit of the ocean. This was taken at the New Jersey shore, the original homeland of the Lenape people)

# kitahtëne http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=2531 kunuhakink



big mountain

(Miller Mountain at Tunkhannock, PA. That town name means Little Creek in Lenape)

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=3227



icy land; snowy land

### lekawe

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=13358

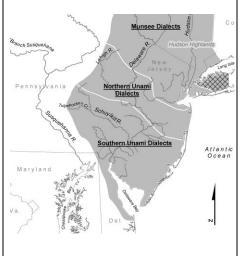


place that is sandy

(Probable variant form for Rockaway, NJ)

### <u>Lënapehòkink</u>

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land of the Lenape or Delaware Indians

(map of original Lenape homeland)

### mëkëkèk

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### mëkëkasink

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prairie; meadow

prairie place; flat land area

### mënatay

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4601

### <u>mënatink</u>

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island

at the island; island place

### <u>mënaonkihële</u>

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4599



the dirt caves off such as the bank of a river.

(It is also the origin of the name of the Monongahela River in PA)

### mënëpèkw

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4609



lake

(Lake Lenape in NJ)

### mënëpèkwtët

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4610



### pond

(The photo is of a fishing tournament at the pond at Delaware Tribal Headquarters in Bartlesville, OK)

### òsahtëne

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8049

### òsahtënink

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=12036



other side of the mountain

on the other side of the mountain

### pahsaèk

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### pahsayunk

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8137



### valley

(Also origin of the name of Passiac NJ)

in a valley

(Also origin of the name of Passyunk PA)

### pahsaonke

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8134



it is halfway down the hill

pënaonke http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8495		cliff
shaionke  http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9288	shaionke	lower part of a hillside
shohpe  http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9560		shore (shore near Lewes, DE)
sipu  http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9625		creek; river

### siputët http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9627 tèkëne tèkënaki tùkòhtën



brook; small creek

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9964

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9501



woodland

forested land

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=12445



round hill

### wëlakamike

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10562



a pretty place (such as a park); good land

# xkwitahtëne http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11669 xkwitahtëne

on top of the hill; on top of the mountain

### yape

http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11719



bank of river

(This is the Delaware River near the Delaware Water Gap)

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