

A photograph of a jagged mountain peak, likely the 'Mountain Pencil' in the Southern Urals. The peak is rocky and has several patches of snow. The foreground shows a steep slope covered in dense evergreen forest. The sky is clear and blue.

Mountain Pencil, a natural wonder of the Southern Urals

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Location



It is located in the north-west of the Chelyabinsk region, not far from the town of Zlatoust.

Origin



Mount Pencil was formed in the Paleozoic era. Its age is about four billion years. It's one of the most ancient in the world.

General information



The Mount Pencil has a conical shape. Its height is 610 meters above the sea level.

Short history



The name “Pencil” is translated as “black stone”. The mount got its name from black graphite which was discovered there.

Interesting facts



The mountain consists of a very rare rock of izrandit, whose name comes from the Izrand River, near which that mineral was discovered.