| Development Region | Administrative Zone | Named For |
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| Eastern Development Region | Mechi Zone | The Mechi River |
| Eastern Development Region | Kosi Zone | The Kosi River |
| Eastern Development Region | Sagarmatha Zone | Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) |
| Central Development Region | Janakpur Zone | Its capital city |
| Central Development Region | Bagmati Zone | The Bagmati River |
| Central Development Region | Narayani Zone | The Narayani (lower Gandaki) River |
| Western Development Region | Gandaki Zone | The Gandaki River |
| Western Development Region | Lumbini Zone | Lumbini, a pilgrimage site, birthplace of Gautama Buddha |
| Western Development Region | Dhawalagiri Zone | Dhaulagiri mountain |
| Mid-Western Development Region | Rapti Zone | The West Rapti River |
| Mid-Western Development Region | Karnali Zone | The Karnali River |
| Mid-Western Development Region | Bheri Zone | The Bheri River |
| Far-Western Development Region | Seti Zone | The Seti River |
| Far-Western Development Region | Mahakali Zone | The Mahakali River |

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