**River Basin vs. Watershed** (http://www.differencebetween.net/science/nature/difference-between-river-basin-and-watershed/)

1. A ***river basin*** is a body of land where water from different sources converge while a ***watershed*** may also mean the same as a water basin, but it also refers to the drainage divide or land form that divides river systems.
2. A ***river basin*** drains out towards a larger body of water such as the ocean or the sea while a ***watershed*** may drain towards a smaller body of water if it is referred to as a water basin.
3. A ***river basin*** collects water and moisture from different sources, such as those that come from the drainage systems of homes, and drains them out into other bodies of water while a ***watershed*** divides the river basins or collection points that contain the water that is collected.

**What is the difference between a drainage basin and a watershed?** (http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20091004070738AAqmCcZ)

***Drainage basin:*** A drainage basin is an extent of land where water from rain or snow melt drains downhill into a body of water, such as a river, lake, reservoir, estuary, wetland, sea or ocean. The drainage basin includes both the streams and rivers that convey the water as well as the land surfaces from which water drains into those channels, and is separated from adjacent basins by a drainage divide. The drainage basin acts like a funnel, collecting all the water within the area covered by the basin and channeling it into a waterway. Each drainage basin is separated topographically from adjacent basins by a geographical barrier such as a ridge, hill or mountain, which is known as a water divide.

***Watershed:*** In the technical sense, a watershed refers to a divide that separates one drainage area from another drainage area. However, in the United States and Canada, the term is often used to mean a drainage basin or catchment area itself. Drainage basins drain into other drainage basins in a hierarchical pattern, with smaller sub-drainage basins combining into larger drainage basins.