

Welcome To Georgia

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I live in the state of Georgia. It is a state in the southeast. Georgia is famous for peaches, peanuts, pecans, plantations, and some old southern style cities. It is the 24th largest state, making it almost perfectly average. It is 8th in population, making it one of the bigger states in terms of population. You might know some of the major cities, like Atlanta, Columbus, Augusta, Savannah, and Macon. The state capital is Atlanta. Now that you know some of the basic facts about Georgia, let me tell you a little more about my state.

Georgia is a nice and warm state. This makes it great for growing pecans and peaches. It's even called *The Peach State*. You can hardly get across the border before you start seeing places selling sweet, juicy peaches and pecan rolls. It has a very large swamp called the Okefenokee in the south along the border with Florida. In the north, you can find mountains, the southern edges of the Appalachians. In the east, you get the Atlantic Ocean. There is a bit of everything for you in Georgia.

Georgia is one of the oldest states. It was one of the original 13 colonies, named after King George. After the Revolutionary War, it became America's 4th state. It sided with the South during the Civil War, and was important during that war. You can still see some of the classic colonial and plantation styles around the state. Savannah is pretty famous for being a pretty city of flowers and southern charm.

The state of Georgia has a long history of farming and agriculture. Cotton and other crops were very big in Georgia. Currently, Georgia is the number one producer of pecans in the world. Pecan Pie anyone? Peanuts, soybeans, and corn are also important crops in Georgia. There really is a lot of farming, because the soil is rich and the weather is good. It does get a bit cool in the winter, occasionally even snowing, but not much.

Now that you know a little more about Georgia, are you thinking about visiting? It is a great place to hike, fish, or see a bit of history. Hope to see you soon!



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 - B. False

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