"WHERE THE PINEY WOODS OF THE LOWER COASTAL PLAIN MEET THE ATLANTIC OCEAN"

EXPLORE COASTAL GEORGIA

Coastal Georgia is a region rich in history, beauty, mystery and natural wonders. Cultures have mixed here for ages, just as the rivers mix with the sea. With its large tidal ranges, vast salt marshes and picturesque barrier islands, coastal Georgia has drawn people throughout history.

Behind the barrier islands—and protected from the forces of the Atlantic Ocean—estuaries are formed where freshwater from rivers mixes with the salt water of the sea. Salt marshes lie along the edge of the nutrient-rich estuaries.

Georgia's coastal marshlands and shoreline provide natural recreational resources that are vitally linked to many aspects of life in our region. The marshlands serve as a nursery for many species that are important for the ecology, recreation and economy of the area. The shoreline provides a buffer against waves and currents that are constantly reshaping this dynamic landscape.

KEYS TO MAP

- Salt Marsh
- Freshwater Wetland
- Relic Shorelines
- Artificial Reef
- State Park *or* Historic Site
- National Wildlife Refuge
- National Monument *or* Seashore
- Wildlife Management Areas
- Lighthouses

Effingham
Bryan
Chatham
Savannah
Richmond Hill
Hinesville
Liberty
Midway
Long
Jesup
Wayne
McIntosh
Eulonia
Darien
Glynn
Brunswick
Brantley
Charlton
Camden
Kingsland
St. Marys
Savannah NWR
Savannah River
Fort Pulaski National Monument
Cockspur Light
Tybee Light
Tybee Island
SAV
Wilmington Island
Wormsloe Historic Site
Skidaway Island State Park
Skidaway Island
WASSAW SOUND
Little Tybee Island
Wassaw NWR
Fort McAllister State Park
Ogeechee River
Wassaw Island
KC
OSSABAW SOUND
DUA
L
Richmond Hill WMA
Fort Morris Historic Site
Ossabaw Island WMA
Ossabaw Island
CCA-JL
Colonels Island
ST CATHERINES SOUND
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CAT
JY
Harris Neck NWR
St Catherines Island
Griffin Ridge WMA
Townsend WMA
Penholoway WMA
SAPELO SOUND
KTK
BH
Blackbeard NWR
Blackbeard Island
Sapelo WMA
Sapelo Island
Sapelo Island Reynolds Mansion
Sapelo Light
Grays Reef National Marine Sanctuary
Sansavilla WMA
Rogers WMA
Little Satilla WMA
Altamaha River
Altamaha WMA
Clayhole Swamp WMA
Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site
Paulk's Pasture WMA
Fort King George Historic Site
Wolf Island NWR
DOBOY SOUND
Wolf Island
ALTAMAHA SOUND
ALT
DRH
Little St Simons Island
Fort Frederica National Monument
Sea Island
St. Simons Light
St Simons Island
ST. SIMONS SOUND
Jekyll Island
F
SFC
HLHA
ST ANDREW SOUND
Little Cumberland Light
Little Cumberland Island
A
CDH
Satilla River
Crooked River State Park
Cumberland Island National Seashore
TC
KBY
MRY
Cumberland Island
CUMBERLAND SOUND
St. Marys River

South Atlantic Bight

Georgia's coast is at the center of a long, gradual bend in the eastern U.S. coastline that forms a large open bay known as the South Atlantic Bight.
The remaining submerged portion of the lower coastal plain is called the continental shelf. Flowing along the eastern edge of the continental shelf is the river of water known as the Gulf Stream, which also marks the boundary of the South Atlantic Bight.

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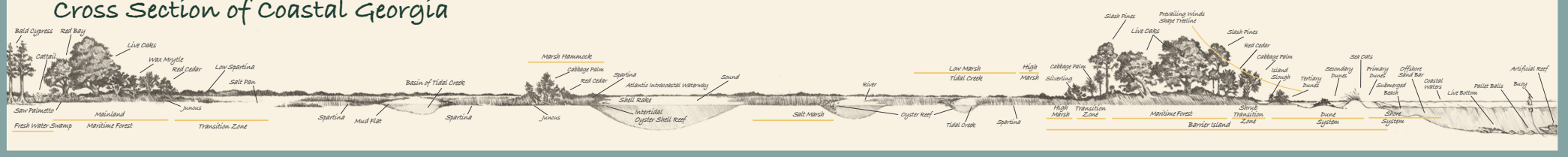
Cross Section of Coastal Georgia



"Cross Section of Coastal Georgia" represents a trek across the major landforms and seascapes of coastal Georgia. This is a compressed, generalized cross section beginning in the near shore coastal waters and passing through the beach, barrier islands, tidal creeks, rivers, sounds and marshes, all the way to the mainland, ending with the freshwater swamps.

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