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Stone Mountain

Stone Mountain is a huge granite dome located about 16 miles east of Atlanta. The largest rock dome in North America, it rises over 700 feet above the surrounding area and is about two miles long and one mile wide. From the summit, there are beautiful views of Kennesaw Mountain and the skyline of downtown Atlanta.



Okefenokee Swamp Blues

Okefenokee Swamp is 700 square miles, lying mostly in southeastern Georgia with a small part extending into northeastern Florida. This marshy area is lined with timberlands and freshwater lakes. The name Okefenokee comes from the Seminole Indians, who called the area Land of Trembling Earth. This is a reference to the small vegetation that appears to tremble as it floats on the lakes. The swamp is the home to many wild animals and birds, including deer, bobcats, bears, alligators, herons and egrets.



Peanuts and Peaches Rondo Rag

The state of Georgia has many nicknames. Because it has the largest land area of any state east of the Mississippi River and is a leader in manufacturing, it is called The Empire State of the South. Farming also is very important to Georgia. Georgia is well-known for its peach crop and is sometimes called the Peach State. In addition, it produces more peanuts than any other state. In the South, peanuts are often called goobers, thus creating Georgia's other nickname, the Goober State.







