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Florida



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Florida

Florida, Spanish for “land of flowers”, is the southern most state in the eastern United States. Florida is bordered to the west by the Gulf of Mexico and Alabama, to the north by Alabama and Georgia, to the east by the Atlantic Ocean, and to the south by the Straits of Florida.

Language

English is the official language in Florida.

- English: 73%
- Spanish: 20%
- Creole: 2%
- Other: 5%

Did you know?

The Sunshine State

Florida's nickname is "The Sunshine State," adopted officially by Florida legislature in 1970, but Florida's nickname was being used long before 1970. How do you think Florida got its nickname?

Motto: In God We Trust

Statehood Date

March 3, 1845

Named by

The Spanish explorer
Ponce de Leon

Capital

Tallahassee

Bird

Northern
Mockingbird

Tree

Cabbage Palm

Statehood Order

27

Abbreviation

FL

Largest City

Jacksonville

Flower

Orange Blossom

Time Zone

Eastern

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Landmarks

FL has many famous landmarks including Disney World, Kennedy Space Station, St. Augustine, and the Everglades.

Culture

Florida's culture is a reflection of multiple influences of African, European, and Latino heritages.



Oranges

Food

Florida's cuisine is a mix of Southern dishes with Caribbean and Latin flavors. Foods include barbecued meats, seafood, black-eyed peas, cornbread, fried frog legs, fried alligator and fried conch. Florida is also known for its production of oranges. Orange trees aren't native to Florida. The trees were brought by settlers.



BBQ Ribs



Black-eyed Peas



Cornbread

Seafood



Climate

Florida has tropical and sub-tropical weather which means that the temperature is warm most of the year. Summer temperatures range from the upper 70s to the upper 90s and winter temperatures range from 50s-70s.

Religion

70% Christian
24% non religious
3% Jewish

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Race Cars

The Daytona 500 is a 500-mile race held annually in Daytona Beach, Florida. The Daytona 500 is regarded as the most important and prestigious race on the NASCAR calendar, carrying by far the biggest prize money. Cars in this race can drive with speeds up to 200 miles per hour.



Golf

Florida has the most golf courses than any state.

1,250 courses



Everglades National Park

Everglades National Park is a 1.5-million-acre wetlands in southern Florida. It's often described as a grassy, slow-moving river. The Everglades is home to hundreds of animal species including the endangered leatherback turtle, Florida panther and West Indian manatee. The Everglades is the only place in the world where the American Alligator and American Crocodile coexist.



Did you know?

American Alligators, the species found in Florida, have been around for 150 million years that means they've been around since before the dinosaurs.

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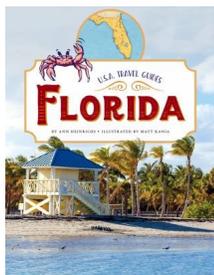
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Book List

Florida

by Ann Heinrichs

Includes maps, state symbols, famous people, fact bubbles, and informative captions.



Florida Wetlands

by Vicky Franchino

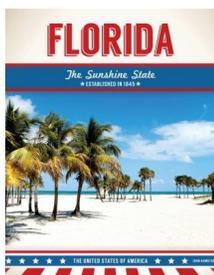
Explore the wetlands of Florida and learn all about what it's like to live in this biome.



Florida: The Sunshine State

by John Hamilton

Learn about FL's history, plants and animals, industries, sports, cities, famous people, and more



Orlando

by Melanie Waxler

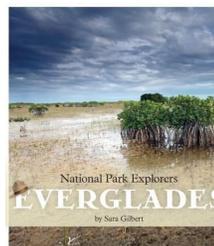
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Everglades

by Sara Gilbert

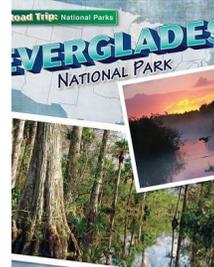
Explore the Everglades covering its wetlands landscape, plants, animals and activities such as boating.



Everglades National Park

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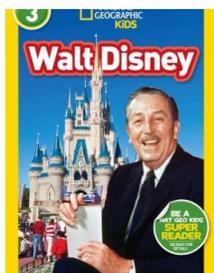
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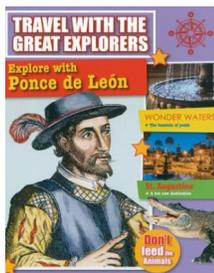
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Travel with Ponce de Leon

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American Alligators

by Tyler Omoth

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