

Blue Ridge Mountains: ②

Brasstown Bald is the highest point in Georgia. The Blue Ridge Mountains start in north Georgia and continue all the way to Pennsylvania. They are part of the larger chain of Appalachian Mountains. The Appalachian Trail is the longest hiking trail in the US. It is over 2,000 miles long. Amicalola Falls is the highest waterfall in Georgia. A ridge of higher land is called a divide. The Eastern Continental Divide runs through Georgia. Rivers on the east side flow to the Atlantic Ocean, and rivers on the west side flow to the Gulf of Mexico. Rivers begin from headwaters.

What two major rivers in Georgia have headwaters that start in the Blue Ridge Mountains?

1. Chattahoochee
2. Savannah

A Tallulah Gorge is in north east Georgia. A gorge is a deep and narrow cut in the Earth. (It is narrower than a canyon)

A dam was built on the Tallulah River to help make electric power.

Gold was found in the Blue Ridge Mountains in the 1820's. The capital of Georgia is Atlanta. The capital building in Atlanta has gold on it.

Label and Color the Blue Ridge Mountains on your map.

Valley and Ridge: ③

The Valley and Ridge is in the northwest part of Georgia between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Appalachian Plateau. ^{Small} mountains in the Valley and Ridge slope upward and meet in a ridge. The low land beside them is called a valley. There are two long and straight valleys that makes up the Ridge and Valley in Georgia. They are: Chickamauga Valley and the Great Valley. The ridge that is between them is known as the Armuchee Ridge. The valleys in go from Alabama to Tennessee. Many Indians, Soldiers and animals traveled through the valleys. A group of early Indians in the Ridge and Valley were mound builders. They buried their Chiefs in the Etowah mounds. They grew corn, beans, and squash. The Indian named Sequoyah invented the Cherokee alphabet. The town of New Echota was where the Cherokee newspaper was printed. A national forest is a place where land is protected. The Chattahoochee National Forest is in the Ridge and Valley. The Cartersville-Great Smokey Fault is where the rocks in the Great Valley rest against the rocks in the Blue Ridge Mountains. A fault is a deep crack inside the earth. There are fossils found in the Valley and Ridge. An example of an ocean fossil found is coral. (This means that this area was once under the ocean!).

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