

Physical Map of Virginia



This physical map of Virginia is actually a satellite photograph taken from outer space. On it you can see where the land is flat as well as the location of mountains. Color was added to highlight the five geographic regions of the state:

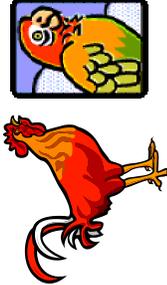
1. Coastal Plain (Tidewater)
2. Piedmont
3. Blue Ridge Mountains
4. Valley and Ridge
5. Appalachian Plateau

Thin red lines were added to show the boundaries of Virginia and the five neighboring states:

1. Kentucky
2. Maryland
3. West Virginia
3. North Carolina
5. Tennessee

Relative Location

Relative location may be described using words or phrases that show connections between two places. Here are three examples:

	Next to
	Near
	Bordering

Can you think of others?

Geographic Regions of Virginia

A
Appalachian Plateau
located in Southwest Virginia
Only a small part of the plateau is located in Virginia

B
Valley and Ridge
includes the Great Valley of Virginia and other valleys separated by ridges
Located west of Blue Ridge Mountains

C
Blue Ridge Mountains
fold, rounded mountains
part of Appalachian mountain system
located between the Piedmont and Valley and Ridge regions
source of many rivers

D
Piedmont
Piedmont means "land at the foot of mountains"
rolling hills
West of the Fall Line

E
Coastal Plain (Tidewater)
flat land
located near the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay
includes the Eastern Shore

Geography

Plateau	A plateau is an area of elevated land that is flat on top.	
Peninsula	A peninsula is a piece of land bordered by water on three sides.	
<p>The Eastern Shore is located on a peninsula bordered by the Chesapeake Bay to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. It is part of the Delmarva Peninsula which is shared by three states:</p> <p>Del = Delaware Mar = Maryland Va = Virginia</p>		
<p>The Blue Ridge Mountains and the Valley and Ridge Regions are part of the Appalachian mountain system</p>		