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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE PALMETTO STATE

South Carolina Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about South Carolina for kids in grades 2 to 8, with a fast-facts page and every answer key.

Crossword · Word Search · Word Fill-In · Word Scramble · Cryptogram · Fast Facts · Answer Keys

Welcome to South Carolina!

Grab a pencil and a glass of sweet tea: we're exploring South Carolina! In these pages you'll stroll the beaches of the Grand Strand, paddle through a forest of giant trees, and climb to the top of Sassafras Mountain. You'll meet a tiny bird with a big song, a sea turtle that nests in the sand and a plant that snaps shut on bugs. Then crack a code about the Palmetto State's birthday. While you breathe, you hope, so let's go!



SOUTH CAROLINA FAST FACTS

Capital	Columbia
Largest city	Charleston
Nickname	The Palmetto State
Statehood	May 23, 1788 (the 8th state)
Region	South
State bird	Carolina Wren
State flower	Yellow Jessamine
State tree	Sabal Palmetto
State Dog	Boykin Spaniel
State Reptile	Loggerhead Sea Turtle
State Carnivorous Plant	Venus Flytrap
Motto	Dum spiro spero (Latin for "While I breathe, I hope") and Animis opibusque parati ("Prepared in mind and resources")

For parents and teachers: This South Carolina pack fits grades 2 to 8, and the answer keys are at the back. Print as many copies as you need for your home or classroom.

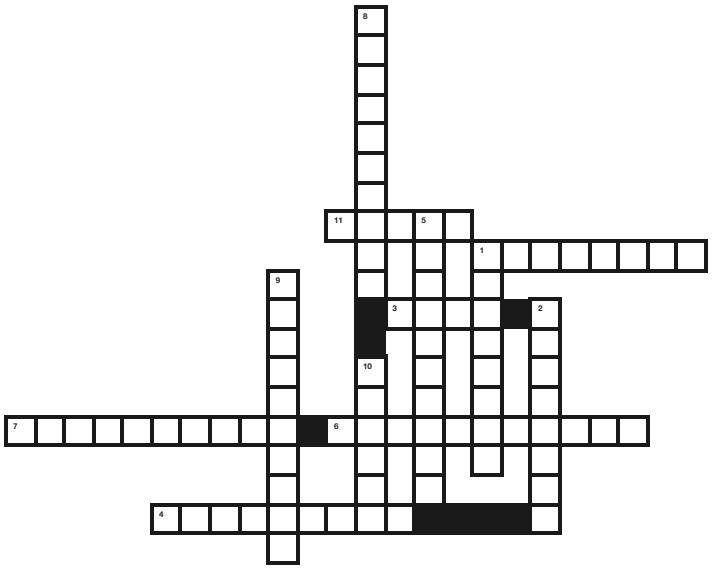
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

South Carolina Crossword

12 clues about the state

Read each clue and write the answer in the matching squares, one letter per box.

Puzzle Guide: Start with the clues you are sure of. Every letter you write is a free hint for the words that cross it.



ACROSS

1. The state capital, in the Midlands

3. Carolina ___, the small, loud-singing state bird

4. Yellow ___, the sweet-smelling state flower

6. Busy beach city on the Grand Strand

7. Fort in Charleston Harbor where the Civil War began

11. Fuzzy summer fruit that is the state fruit

DOWN

1. National park with giant trees in a river floodplain

2. State tree, shown on the state flag

5. The largest city, a historic port on the coast

8. Island near the Georgia border, known for beaches

9. Kind of sea turtle that is the state reptile

10. ___ spaniel, a brown hunting dog and the state dog

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

South Carolina Places to Explore

Cities, islands, lakes and parks from the mountains to the sea

Find every word in the list. Words go across, down and on a slant.

Puzzle Guide: Hunt for an unusual letter like Q, X, J or Z first, then check all eight directions around it.

O	L	Z	O	H	P	B	E	A	U	F	O	R	T	J
Q	K	F	E	U	B	T	A	B	L	E	R	O	C	K
U	W	O	R	N	J	G	M	Y	S	O	C	Q	Z	K
W	M	R	G	T	G	E	O	R	G	E	T	O	W	N
L	F	T	R	I	A	K	U	B	N	J	I	L	L	G
A	R	M	E	N	M	W	N	A	F	J	Q	T	A	X
K	O	O	E	G	O	B	T	D	L	U	K	A	K	R
E	C	U	N	I	R	O	P	H	O	T	I	I	E	A
M	K	L	V	S	Z	M	L	G	R	H	A	K	M	S
U	H	T	I	L	P	K	E	R	E	G	W	E	A	U
R	I	R	L	A	V	Y	A	L	N	O	A	N	R	M
R	L	I	L	N	D	D	S	Y	C	E	H	U	I	T
A	L	E	E	D	L	Y	A	D	E	U	C	V	O	E
Y	S	P	A	R	T	A	N	B	U	R	G	J	N	R
Q	J	C	G	L	V	U	T	M	X	D	E	Q	R	Z

Word List

MOUNTPLEASANT
SPARTANBURG
LAKEMURRAY
ROCKHILL
SUMTER
HUNTINGISLAND
GREENVILLE
LAKEMARION
FLORENCE
KIAWAH
FORTMOULTRIE
GEORGETOWN
TABLEROCK
BEAUFORT
AIKEN

THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPER PACK

20 more South Carolina puzzles are waiting for you

Want more? The South Carolina Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: Lowcountry islands, rivers and lakes, Native nations, Gullah Geechee sweetgrass baskets, sea turtle nests, swamp creatures and Lowcountry foods. Twenty puzzles, one sunny road trip, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	South Carolina Lowcountry Coast	Word Search
2	South Carolina Lowcountry Foods	Word Scramble
3	South Carolina Cities and Towns	Word Fill-In
4	South Carolina Palmetto Fort	Cryptogram
5	South Carolina Rivers and Lakes	Word Search
6	South Carolina Weather and Seasons	Word Scramble
7	South Carolina Swamp and Forest	Word Fill-In
8	South Carolina Forest Fact	Cryptogram
9	South Carolina Native Nations	Word Search
10	South Carolina State Symbols	Word Scramble
11	South Carolina Ocean Life	Word Fill-In
12	South Carolina Motto Fact	Cryptogram
13	South Carolina Famous People	Word Search
14	South Carolina Gullah Geechee Heritage	Word Scramble
15	South Carolina Farm Country	Word Fill-In
16	South Carolina Astronaut Fact	Cryptogram
17	South Carolina Upstate Mountains	Word Search
18	South Carolina Sea Turtle Nest	Word Scramble
19	South Carolina Road Trip	Word Fill-In
20	South Carolina Basket Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying South Carolina so far? The Super Pack has 20 more puzzles, and every one has its own theme: 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 word scrambles and 5 word fill-ins. Not one of them repeats a puzzle in this free pack.

For grown-ups: it is a one-time payment of $1.99, not a subscription. Every puzzle comes with an answer key, and the personal and classroom license lets you print unlimited copies for your own home or classroom.

- ✓ 20 new South Carolina puzzles, each with its own theme
- ✓ 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 scrambles and 5 fill-ins
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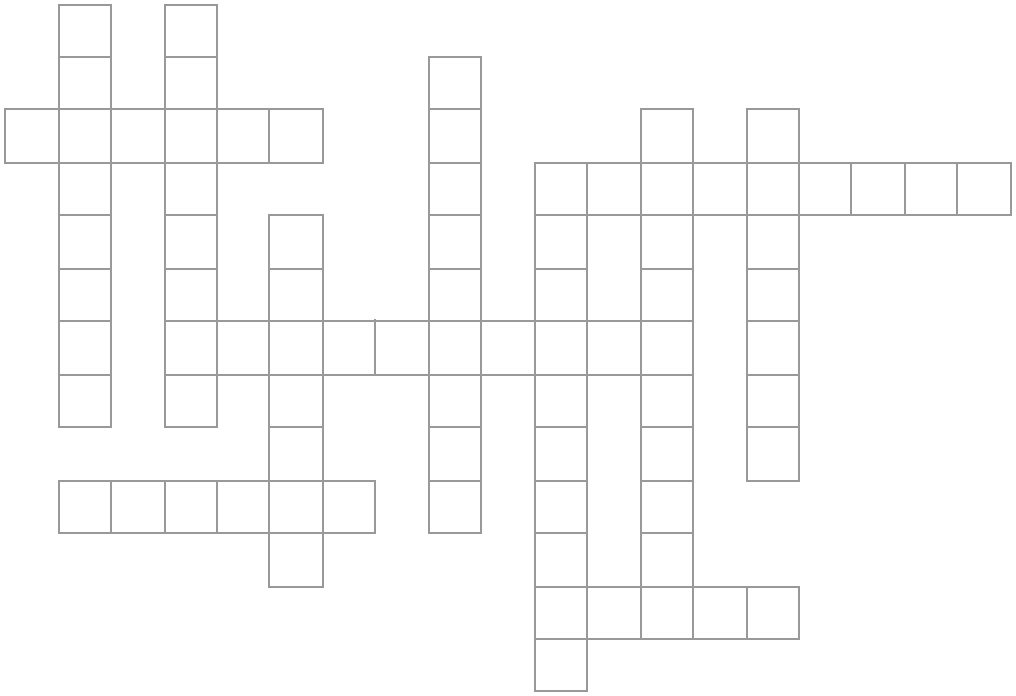
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

South Carolina Animals

Creatures of the marshes, forests and ocean

Fit every word from the list into the grid. Start with the longest words and the ones that only fit one place.

Puzzle Guide: Count the boxes first. A word that is the only one of its length can go in right away.



Word List

5 letters:	EGRET
6 letters:	BOBCAT, MANTIS
7 letters:	DOLPHIN, PELICAN
8 letters:	ROCKFISH, WOODDUCK
9 letters:	ALLIGATOR, WHITETAIL
10 letters:	RIVEROTTER, SALAMANDER, WILDTURKEY

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

South Carolina Fun

Things to eat and do in the Palmetto State

Unscramble each word. Every answer is from this state's story.

Puzzle Guide: Find the vowels, then try a starting letter. Say your guesses out loud: South Carolina words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	ATPEUNS	_____
2.	TETSAEEW	_____
3.	RTGIS	_____
4.	PSHMRI	_____
5.	GASH	_____
6.	GRIBCNAB	_____
7.	SSALSLEEH	_____
8.	BGNIOTA	_____
9.	LIRESEFIF	_____
10.	ABORAWKLD	_____
11.	CAKHMMO	_____
12.	INCCPI	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

South Carolina Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when South Carolina became a state

Each letter stands for a different letter. Use the given letters to crack the code and read a true fact.

Puzzle Guide: Look for one-letter words first. They are almost always A or I, and that unlocks a lot of the code.

X	V	H	G	P		T	R	I	V	F	J	M	R

Q	K	T	R	E	K		G	P	K		K	J	N	P	G	P

X	G	R	G	K		V	M		E	R	B		G	C	K	M	G	B

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G	P	J	I	Z		X	K	D	K	M	G	K	K	M	

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K	J	N	P	G	B		K	J	N	P	G	

Hints:

`P = H` `R = A` `K = E`

FINISH LINE

You did it, South Carolina explorer!

You solved your way across South Carolina, the Palmetto State. Check your work on the answer pages that follow, and give yourself a star for every puzzle you finished.

One more challenge: tell someone three things you learned about South Carolina. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Columbia.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA

- South Carolina became the eighth state on May 23, 1788, when it approved the U.S. Constitution.
- On June 28, 1776, a fort built of palmetto logs and sand on Sullivan's Island held off an attack by nine British warships.
- Congaree National Park protects the largest old-growth bottomland hardwood forest left in the southeastern United States.
- Sassafras Mountain, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, is the highest point in South Carolina at more than 3,500 feet.
- Charleston is the largest city, with about 150,000 people at the 2020 Census. Columbia is the capital.
- About 5.1 million people lived in South Carolina at the 2020 Census, up more than 10 percent from 2010.
- The sweetgrass basket, a Gullah Geechee tradition, is the official state Lowcountry handcraft.
- Loggerhead sea turtles, the state reptile, crawl onto South Carolina beaches to lay their eggs.
- South Carolina has two state mottoes, and both are in Latin: Dum spiro spero and Animis opibusque parati.
- The Venus flytrap became South Carolina's official state carnivorous plant in 2023.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the South Carolina lessons going

Every puzzle in this pack was made with PuzzlePage. The same tools are at puzzlepage.app: type your own words, preview the page and print. Here are four ways to use them for South Carolina.

Word Search Maker

Turn a spelling list of South Carolina cities, rivers and landmarks into a word search.

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Columbia and the Palmetto State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

Put a South Carolina word search, scramble and crossword on one page for a quick review sheet.

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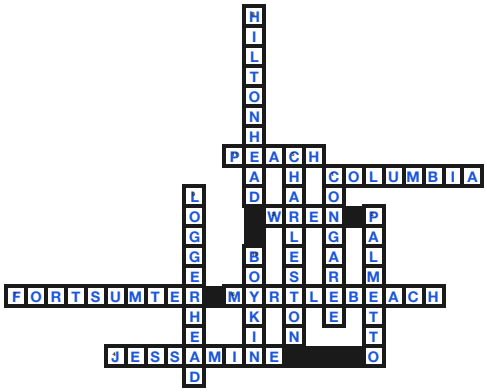
Flash Card Maker

Make printable cards for South Carolina facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. South Carolina Crossword (Crossword)

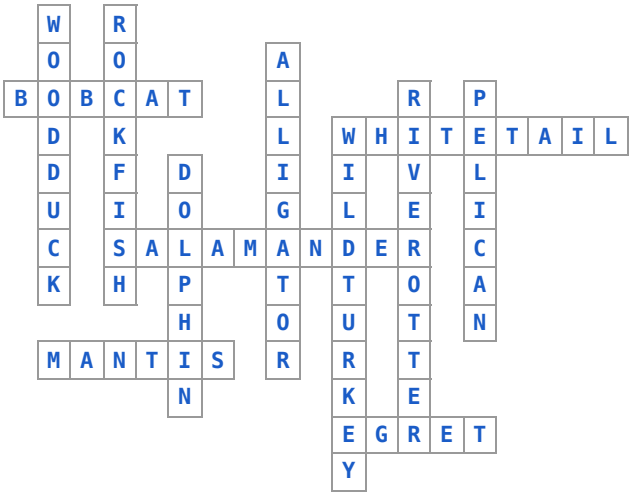


2. South Carolina Places to Explore (Word Search)

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A	R	M	E	N	M	W	N	A	F	J	Q	T	A	X
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R	I	R	L	A	V	Y	A	L	N	O	A	N	R	M
R	L	I	L	N	D	D	S	Y	C	E	H	U	I	T
A	L	E	E	D	L	Y	A	D	E	U	C	V	O	E
Y	S	P	A	R	T	A	N	B	U	R	G	J	N	R
Q	J	C	G	L	V	U	T	M	X	D	E	Q	R	Z

Answer Key

3. South Carolina Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. South Carolina Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	ATPEUNS	**PEANUTS**
2.	TETSAEEW	**SWEETTEA**
3.	RTGIS	**GRITS**
4.	PSHMRI	**SHRIMP**
5.	GASH	**SHAG**
6.	GRIBCNAB	**CRABBING**
7.	SSALSLEEH	**SEASHELLS**
8.	BGNIOTA	**BOATING**
9.	LIRESEFIF	**FIREFLIES**
10.	ABORAWKLD	**BOARDWALK**
11.	CAKHMMO	**HAMMOCK**
12.	INCCPI	**PICNIC**

5. South Carolina Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

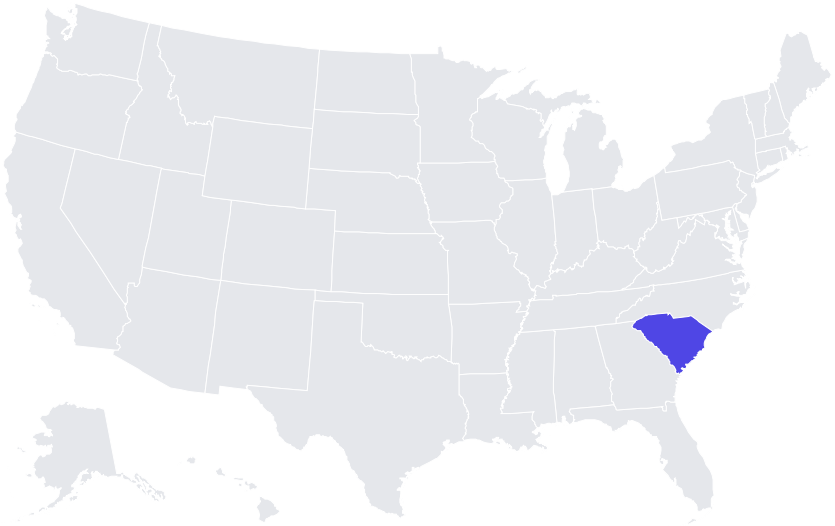
SOUTH CAROLINA BECAME THE EIGHTH STATE ON MAY TWENTY THIRD, SEVENTEEN EIGHTY EIGHT.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 8 of 50

South Carolina was the 8th state to ratify the Constitution. Every state has its own free puzzle pack, so you can solve your way across the whole country. Next stop in statehood order: New Hampshire.

Learning capitals too? Our 50 States: Capital, Abbreviation & Nickname flash card deck covers every capital, postal code and nickname in 150 cards for $1.29.



- [ ] Alabama
- [ ] Alaska
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