

How to Access the Georgia GIS Data Clearinghouse

1. Open internet explorer and go to the Georgia GIS homepage which is <http://www.gis.state.ga.us/>.
2. Next, click on the Georgia GIS Clearinghouse icon on the top right of your screen.
3. You will then be at the clearinghouse login screen. If you are already registered then you may type in your e-mail and password in the space provided at the bottom of the screen. If you have not registered click the “please click here to register” sentence just above the login.
4. Fill out the requested information and the clearinghouse will e-mail you a password. You can then return to the login page and use the password they just gave you and your e-mail to login.
5. You are now inside the Georgia data clearinghouse and are able to access a vast amount of GIS information.
6. You can search by region, county, etc. and by file type (shp, e00, coverage, etc)
7. While searching the list of available files for your particular search, you can see the date the data was created and you can preview the file to see what it will look like.
8. Sometimes, the files are zipped You can download these and unzip them on your desktop. Files such as e.00 will have to be converted into a shape file, but this can be done easily. Images and maps not geo-reference can be converted into a shape file, but you will have to spend some time applying coordinates to them and they will still appear in a map project as opaque objects.