Coastal Georgia is a region rich in history, beauty, mystery and natural wonders. Cultures have mixed here for ages, just as the ocean meets the sea. With its large tidalflumes, coastal marshes and picturesque barrier islands, coastal Georgia has drawn people throughout history. Behind the barrier islands—and protected from the forces of the Atlantic Ocean—estuaries are formed where freshwater from rivers mixes with the salt water of the sea. Salt marshes lie along the edge of the nutrient-rich estuaries.

Georgia’s coastal marshlands and shoreline provide natural recreational resources that are vitally linked to many aspects of life in the state. The marshlands serve as a nursery for many species of fish and shellfish, while the shoreline provides a buffer against waves and currents that are constantly reshaping this dynamic landscape.