

The nicknames of some states of the USA



Places get their names in a variety of different ways . Sometimes, a place is named after the people who live there. Other times, a location is named after the person who discovered it or after a famous person. There are even places that are named after the way they look.

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The state Maine

- Four-fifth of Maine is covered by forest that feed its wood-processing industry . Hence its nickname the “Pine-Tree State”



The state New Hampshire



- The official nickname of New Hampshire is the “Granite State” because of her extensive granite quarries, and the people there are called “Granite Boys”



The state Vermont

- Vermont, the only New England state lacking an ocean coastline, is famous for its green mountains. Vermont is generally, by simple translation of the original French name, called the “Green Mountain State” and Vermonters- “Green Mountain Boys”



The state Rhode Island



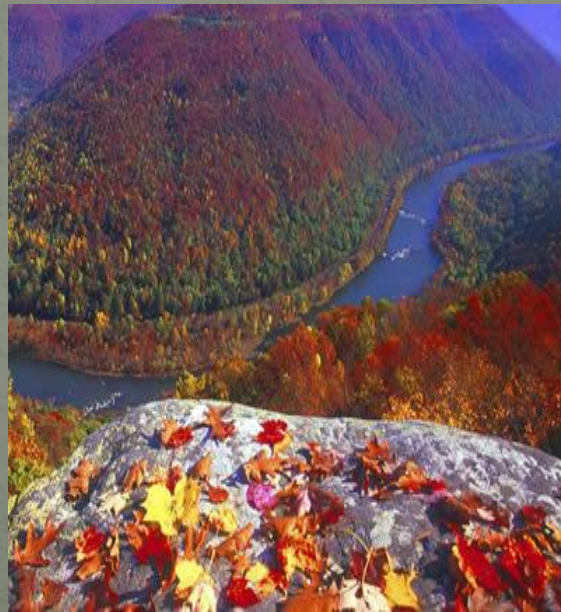
- The name “Rhode Island” is derived from the Dutch, and means ‘the island’. Rhode Island, the nation’s smallest state, is not an island. “Little Rhody” is the nickname of Rhode Island.



The state West Virginia



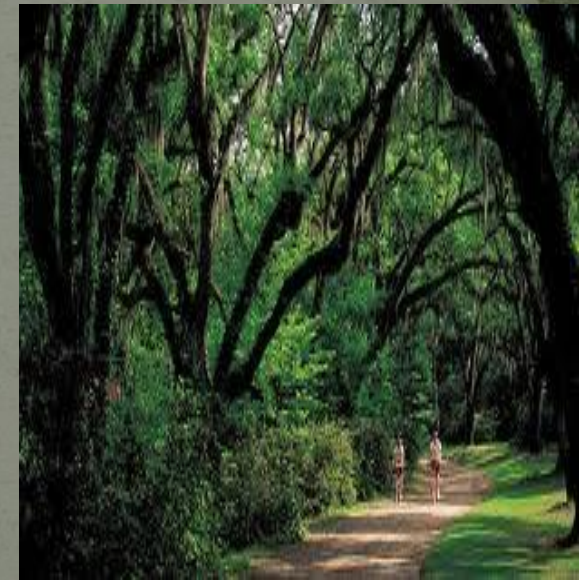
- Because more than one-third of the area of the state are the Allegheny Mountains, West Virginia is called the “Mountain State”. It’s also known as the ‘Panhandle State’ because the shape of the state is like a pan with a handle on it.



The state South Carolina



- The palmetto grows abundantly in South Carolina, especially along the coast, and is pictured on her coat of arms; as a result it has given the nickname to South Carolina-the 'Palmetto State'.



The state Florida



- Florida was named by Ponce de Leon in 1512 due to the fact that the whole region which he saw was covered with flowers. Florida's nicknames are: the 'Alligator State', the 'Everglade State', the 'Land of Flowers', the 'Mocking-Bird State', the 'Orange State'.



The state Virginia



- The state Virginia is named after the Queen of England Elizabeth I (the 'Virgin Queen'). The names the 'Ancient Dominion' and the 'Old Dominion' are still widely applied to Virginia, having originated in colonial days, when Virginia was the oldest British colony in America. Because Virginia is the most northern of the South Atlantic State, located South of the Potomac River, radio broadcasters call it 'Down Where the South Begins'. Her nickname the 'Mother of Presidents' is thanks to the fact that so many of the early presidents of the United States were native Virginians, and because Virginia has produced such a great number of statesmen, she is called the 'Mother of Statesmen'.



The state Pennsylvania



- Pennsylvania was named after William Penn, the founder of the colony. The term means 'Penn's woods', or 'Penn's forest'. Five nicknames are given to the State of Pennsylvania: the 'Coal State', the 'Keystone State', the 'oil State', the 'Quaker State' and the 'Steel State'.



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