

The GeoTour website is:

<http://alliances.nationalgeographic.com/detail/geotours/ednFDB1602C981FEB CD2>

Early in 2014 the Network of Alliances for Geographic Education was given a challenge to use a new tool; MapMaker Interactive from National Geographic, to develop 50 “state tours” of the United States. Presently there are 31 states plus Canada that are active.

1) How do I learn to do this myself or with my students?

- To access a state/tour use the above web address and click on the state’s name where information is desired.
- A map of the selected state will open in a new tab.
- The bottom portion of the page holds “bookmarks”. Clicking on a bookmark will access a different portion of the state’s map.
- Within each bookmark there are photographs, links, and additional information about that particular landmark within the state.

2) Has NGS made a tutorial available to help teachers with GeoTours?

- Although there is no tutorial on how to specifically use the site, following the above directions will allow teachers or students to gain access to the various state’s information.
 - There is a short “Getting Started” pop up when a state is first accessed. It describes three features of MapMaker. How to save a map, bookmark your customized map, and how to use the drawing tools to add location markers and other information. See below for additional information on how to add data points.

3) Can I or my students add data points to the Tennessee Tour? If so, what is the process?

- Use this URL to learn the basics of how to create a GeoTour:

<http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/media/creating-content-mapmaker-interactive/?ar a=1>

4) I found an error or want to add information to a data point. Who do I contact about this?

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