

Useful Links for Georeferencing

Gazatteers and Placenames

- [GeoNames](#): geographical database, crowdsourced
- [Wikimapia](#): online editable map, crowdsourced
- [OpenStreetMap](#): open geographic database updated and maintained by volunteers, crowdsourced
- [Mapcarta](#): an open map that uses data from OSM, Wikipedia, and other sources
- [Statoids](#): current/past administrative area names (generally up-to-date as of 2015)
- [Peakery](#): sometimes useful for mountains, crowdsourced
- [Traveling Luck](#): World Index, crowdsourced
- [Geographic Names Info. System \(US data\)](#): maintains uniform geographic name usage U.S.
- [Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names](#): a comprehensive vocabulary of place names
- [Falling Rain](#): Global Gazetteer

Georeferencing Best Practices Resources

- [Georeferencing Quick Reference Guide](#) (2020)
- [Georeferencing Quick Reference Guide](#) (2012)
- [Georeferencing Best Practices](#) (2023)
- [Biogeomancer Guide to Best Practices for Georeferencing](#) (2017) .
- [Wieczorek, John & Guo, Qinghua & Hijmans, Robert. \(2004\). The Point-Radius method for georeferencing locality descriptions and calculating associated uncertainty. International Journal of Geographical Information Science. 18. 745-767. 10.1080/13658810412331280211.](#)

Web-based Mapping Applications and Tools

- [Google Maps](#)
- [MaNIS Georeferencing Calculator](#)
- [GEOLocate](#)
- [Bing Maps](#)
- [Google Earth](#) (Download to Desktop)
- [Acme Mapper \(U.S. only\)](#)