

# QGreenland Core Quick Start Guide

## v3.0

### 1. [Download](#) and Install QGIS

QGIS is free Geospatial Information System (GIS) software available for Windows, macOS, Linux, and Android. QGIS version 3.28 is the oldest version supported by QGreenland.

### 2. [Download](#) the QGreenland Core package

You may download the package from the National Snow and Ice Data Center ([primary server](#)) or the Polar Geospatial Center ([partner server](#)). After downloading, unzip and save the folder in a location of your choice.

### 3. Open the 'qgreenland.qgz' file and start exploring!

To open the full QGreenland Core data package in QGIS, go to your QGreenland folder and open the 'qgreenland.qgz' file (this will automatically open QGIS). Or, you can first open QGIS and then open the 'qgreenland.qgz' project file from there.

### 4. New to QGIS or QGreenland? Use our ~1-hour [video tutorial series](#) to get started.

### 5. Take advantage of QGreenland resources and community to learn more:

- Continue to learn via the complete QGreenland [Documentation](#) and [Teach](#) resources.
- Use [Troubleshooting](#) guides or bring questions to the [GitHub Discussions](#) boards.
- Stay informed about new releases, tutorials, and opportunities by [signing up](#) for the Newsletter.

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