

Arkansas State Symbols - Geology

Arkansas has 6 natural regions each with its own geology. Much of our landscape is the result of differential erosion, the varying resistance of individual rocks to wearing down. Another way Arkansas was shaped, was through new settlements being developed. Lands used for farming, towns, roads, railroads, and eventually payment roads for vehicles. Natural occurrences through heavy rain, flooding, earthquakes, and climate changes can also shape the land.





Use the 6 Regions listed below to color the map of Arkansas.

- Ozarks** – Orange,
- Arkansas River Valley** – Blue,
- Ouachitas** – Red,
- Coastal Plains** – Yellow,
- Mississippi Alluvial Plain** – Green,
- Crowley's Ridge** – Purple.



Draw a line from the minerals below to the county they come from.

(You will need a county map to help you.)

<p>Arkansas Mineral: Quartz</p>  <p>Quartz are mined in the Ouachita Mountains. They can be found in Scott County and are usually clear or white, but can also be pink, yellow or even purple.</p>	<p>Arkansas Rock: Bauxite</p>  <p>Bauxite is an important part of making aluminum, a metal used for soft drink cans. Saline County has the largest bauxite deposits.</p>	<p>Arkansas Gemstone: Diamond</p>  <p>The Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro is the only place in the world you can dig and KEEP diamonds.</p>	<p>Arkansas Soil: Stuttgart Soil</p>  <p>Stuttgart soils named after the City Stuttgart, in Arkansas County, are best at producing rice, soybeans, small grains, and corn.</p>
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Stuttgart Soil



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