



ARKANSAS



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MAJOR CITIES:

Central Arkansas
 North Arkansas
 South Arkansas

Little Rock, Conway, Hot Springs, Pine Bluff
 Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Jonesboro
 Texarkana, El Dorado

ARKANSAS – CLIMATE

The **weather in Arkansas** is mild and typically pleasant. No matter what time of year you plan on visiting Arkansas, you'll find The Natural State offering beautiful scenic views and plenty of opportunities for outdoor adventure. With four distinct, yet temperate, seasons, Arkansas is the perfect year-round vacation destination. Spring and fall are particularly mild with the most extreme temperatures occurring in late summer when days are hot and humid and during winter months when temperatures occasionally dip into the teens or below.

The Arkansas weather forecast often changes dramatically due to surrounding weather influences. When two or more weather systems merge, clouds form, temperature changes and precipitation often follows. Arkansas's central location allows weather systems from all directions to influence its climate.

Month	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Mean	Avg. Precip	Record High	Record Low
<u>May</u>	81°F	61°F	71°F	4.87 in.	98°F (1998)	39°F (1903)
<u>Jun</u>	89°F	69°F	79°F	3.65 in.	107°F (2012)	46°F (1969)
<u>Jul</u>	93°F	73°F	83°F	3.27 in.	112°F (1986)	54°F (1972)
<u>Aug</u>	93°F	72°F	83°F	2.59 in.	114°F (2011)	52°F (1986)
<u>Sep</u>	86°F	65°F	76°F	3.18 in.	106°F (1947)	37°F (1942)

<http://www.weather.com/weather/wxclimatology/monthly/72201> click here for more information on climate in Arkansas.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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- - **Bathhouse Row – Hot Springs**
 - Comprised of eight bathhouses, these stately structures owned by the National Park Service were constructed between the years of 1892 and 1923. The Row, described as “the grandest collection of bathhouses of [their] kind in the nation,” along with the Grand Promenade was designated as a National Historic Landmark District in 1987. Check out these unique vacation ideas for Hot Springs:
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 - **Clinton Presidential Library– Little Rock**
- The Clinton Presidential Library and Park -- America's 12th Presidential Library is located on the banks of the Arkansas River in the River Market District of downtown Little Rock. The \$160-million-dollar structure contains 20,000 square feet of library and museum space, including an authentic replica of the Oval Office and the Cabinet Room. Exhibits in the Clinton Library museum are designed by Ralph Appelbaum and Associates of New York. Among its numerous notable achievements, Appelbaum and Associates created the powerful exhibits at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. The Clinton Library contains the largest collection of presidential papers and artifacts in U.S. history. The Clinton Presidential Library is situated in a 30-acre city park, which replaces an industrial site of old warehouses and vacant space. Also part of the Clinton Library and Park, the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service is located within the park in the renovated 1899 Choctaw Station. An abandoned Rock Island Railroad Bridge near the Clinton Library has been converted to the Clinton Presidential Park Bridge allowing pedestrian traffic between downtown Little Rock and North Little Rock.

Crater of Diamonds State Park – Murfreesboro

Talk about unique vacation ideas: Get the ultimate souvenir when you dig for diamonds at the Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro. The only diamond mine in the world that allows the public to dig for diamonds, this prolific field has been giving up gems since the first one discovered by John Huddleston in 1906. It became a state park in 1972. Diamonds of all hues are found at the Crater but the most common colors unearthed by park visitors are white, brown and yellow. Along with diamonds, more than 40 types of rocks and minerals, such as amproite, amethyst, banded agate, jasper, peridot, garnet, quartz, calcite, barite, and hematite, are found here. Other park facilities are a campground, visitor center with exhibits, interpretive programs, wildlife watching area, and the Diamond Springs Water Park.

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art – Bentonville

Founded by Alice Walton, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art is a LEED project which opened November 11, 2011, in Bentonville. The museum is a premier art institution dedicated to American art and artists, learning and community gatherings. The main pavilions house a permanent collection of American art masterworks from the colonial era to modern day, and touring collections from national art institutions. Visitors can enjoy the collection within the state-of-the-art galleries and throughout the surrounding park. A dynamic temporary exhibitions program complements the holdings of the permanent collection and exemplifies the diversity of American artists. The museum takes its name from a natural spring on the museum's wooded site as well as the unique glass-and-wood building design created by world-renowned architect Moshe Safdie. The innovative building design – reflective of its forested creek-side home and linked by landscaped trails and paths connecting area neighborhoods – captures the interplay of nature, art and culture in the region. The museum property and grounds are within walking distance of the Bentonville town square.

- **Quartz Crystals**
- According to geologists, Arkansas and Brazil have the best quality quartz in the world. In the Ouachita Mountains of west-central Arkansas, the area around Mount Idea and Hot Springs is a prospector's delight. Many dig-your-own miles are open to the public where you can hunt to your heart's content. Numerous rock and gem shops offer crystals for sale, ranging from nominal prices to those in the thousands of dollars. For those who want to try their luck at winning some prize money, the World's Championship Quartz Crystal Dig at Mount Ida is held the second weekend in October. During the dig, contestants compete for cash prizes and trophies and can keep all the crystals they mine during the contest..

- **Famous Arkansas – Pine Bluff**

The list of Famous Arkansans never ceases to surprise people. Arkansans, whether native or adopted, have played and continue to play profound roles in arts and entertainment, sports, business, writing, politics, architecture, and history.

From Bill Clinton to Mary Steenburgen, several famous and well-known people have roots in Arkansas. The following list highlights some of the country's most prominent people who were either born in the state or lived here at some time in their lives.

Selected Arkansans that have made a name for themselves in the entertainment world are enshrined in the Arkansas Entertainers Hall of Fame in Pine Bluff. Inductees run the gamut from Billy Bob Thornton and Johnny Cash to John Grisham and Louis Jordan

GROCERY SHOPPING

Wal-Mart Supercenters Harp's Food Stores Publix Super Market Whole Foods Market	The Kroger Company ALDI Grocery Stores Albertsons Big Star (Piggly Wiggly)
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http://www.manta.com/mb_45_B619B02T_04/supermarkets_chain/arkansas

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SHOPPING

Area	City	Mall	# of Stores
Northwest AR	Fort Smith, AR	Central Mall Fort Smith	151
Central	Hot Springs, AR	Hot Springs Mall	55
Central	North Little Rock, AR	McCain Mall	78
Central	Little Rock, AR	MidTowne Little Rock	20
Northwest AR	Fayetteville, AR	Northwest Arkansas Mall	89
Central	Little Rock, AR	Park Plaza Mall	87
Northwest AR	Rogers, AR	Pinnacle Hills Promenade	98
Northeast AR	Jonesboro, AR	The Mall at Turtle Creek	68
Central	Pine Bluff, AR	The Pines	31

<http://www.mallseeker.com/arkansasmalls.aspx>

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PHARMACIES

Walgreens

CVS Pharmacy

Target

Kroger

Rite Aid

Wal-Mart

<http://www.superpages.com/yellowpages/C-Pharmacies/S-AR/> click here for locating other pharmacies in Arkansas.

POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/AR.html> click here for more information



<http://local.fedex.com/ar/> click here for more information



https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US click here for more information

TIME ZONES

Arkansas Time Zone – Arkansas -- Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time

Arkansas is in the Central Time Zone
November 3 to Mar 9 CST
March 9 to November 2 - CDT

http://localtimes.info/North_America/United_States/Arkansas/ click here for more information

COST OF LIVING IN ARKANSAS

Cost of Living	Arkansas, AR	United States
Overall	83	100
Grocery	94.8	100
Health	90	100
Housing	61	100
Utilities	93	100
Transportation	93	100
Miscellaneous	95	100

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Arkansas, AR is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Arkansas, AR is more expensive.

Overall, Arkansas, AR cost of living is 83.40.

http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/state/arkansas
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MINIMUM WAGE

State	2017 Minimum Wage	2017 Tipped Wage
AR	\$8.50	\$5.87

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/labor-and-employment/state-minimum-wage-chart.aspx#1>
click here for more information

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION

<http://www.awcc.state.ar.us/>
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

SEAT – Southeast Arkansas Transportation – Pine Bluff
Ozark Regional Transport – Bentonville
Intracity Transit – Hot Springs
Black River Public Transit – Pocahontas
T Line – Texarkana Urban Transit District - Texarkana

<http://www.apta.com/aptasearchcenter/results.aspx?k=arkansas> click here for more information