

Hunting for Geodes

The Keokuk Area Convention and Tourism Bureau is the sponsor for Geode Family Festival held at the **First Christian Church Parking Lot at 3476 Main Street in Keokuk from September 22-24, 2023**
<https://keokukiowatourism.org/event-calendar/geode-fest/>



A geode is a non-descript (mostly) spherical but hollow rock, lined with sparkling, quartz crystals. Although geodes can be found in many states throughout the country, one of the most famous geode collecting areas is known as the Keokuk Geode Bed, located within a 70-mile radius between the towns of Keokuk Iowa and Warsaw, Hamilton, and Nauvoo, Illinois. Keokuk's geode beds are among the very top places to hunt geodes and rock hounds from across the country visit for that sole purpose. While late summer is often

considered the best time of year to hunt geodes due to low water levels in creeks and riverbeds, some prefer late spring when the runoff washes away the silt and upper layers of dirt exposing the geodes and before the prime locations are picked over. We maintain a list of private property owners who will welcome you to search along their creek beds for a nominal fee. Just ask at the office. And you might want to consider reserving a campsite now for the annual Geode Festival!