



THE VILLAGES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY – Field Trip Information

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Keokuk Geodes

Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau
428 Main St, Keokuk IO
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Although geodes of different kinds are found all over the world, the greatest abundance and variety are found in the outcropping of the Mississippi lower Keokuk bed within a 70 mile radius of the intersection of the Mississippi and Des Moines Rivers. Southeastern Iowa is one of the state's best Geode collection areas. Geode State Park in Henry County is named for the occurrence of the geode.



The large number of mineral inclusions and the exquisite crystal groups that they form have made the Keokuk geodes the most beautiful and the most sought after of all geodes by museums and collectors the world over. The most common size of Keokuk Geodes is about 3-4 inches across and sometimes reach 2 feet across and larger. Most Keokuk Geodes occur within a 35 mile radius of Keokuk.

Keokuk Geodes should be opened by chisel and hammer. Using a saw could cut through a secondary mineral or crystal, ruining the specimen.

Bevard Collection

The Bevard Collection of Keokuk Geodes found in the tri-state area are displayed at the Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Office, 428 Main St Keokuk IO.

Geode Exploring

Dennis Stevenson Geodes, 625 S 18 St, Hamilton IL 309 337 3089

Fabulous Keokuk Geode Mine, St Francisville, MO 309 313 2077 for appt.

Jacobs Geode Shop & Mine, 251 N 7 St, Hamilton, IL 217 219 1263

Sheffler's Rock Shop Hwy 61 (7 miles S. of Alexandra, MO) 660 754 1134

St. Francisville Geodes, Hwy 27 St Francisville, MO 560 754 6361 randkfireandice.com

Vickers Geodes, 511 S 9 St, Hamilton, IL 319 795 1219

Wildcat Springs Park, Hamilton, IL

Woody's Rock Shop, 924 Broadway St, Hamilton, IL 217 847 3881