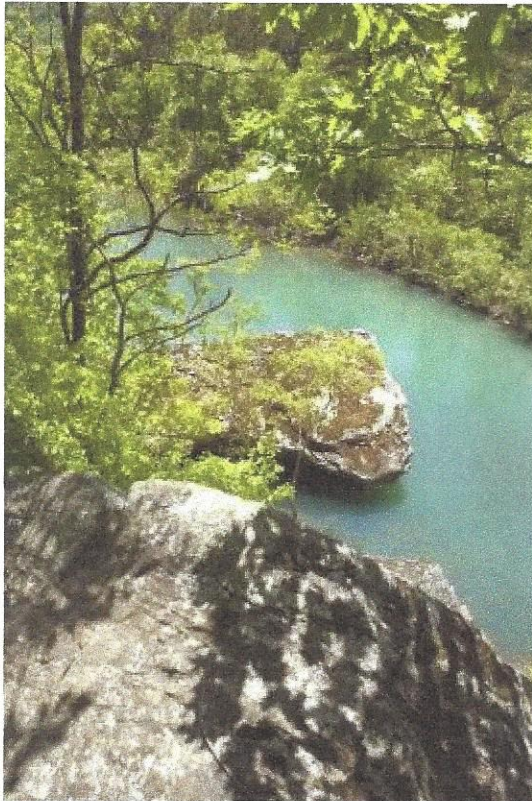


# Things for Couples to Do in Arkansas

## TRAVEL TIPS(/)

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*Go paddling with your beloved on one of Arkansas' many rivers and creeks.*

From the Ozark Mountains to downtown Little Rock, Arkansas has a broad range of sights to offer visitors. Couples seeking a romantic getaway or just a quiet weekend away can enjoy urban pleasures or explore Arkansas' natural scenery. Many of the state's smaller towns are also well-prepared for visitors, with numerous spas and natural hot springs.


## **For Active Couples**

If you and your sweetheart enjoy nothing more than adventure and activity, head to one of Arkansas' many rivers; the state has over 9,000 miles of streams, many well-suited to paddling. The Little Missouri River is ideal for white-water rafting, with a descent of 1,035 feet spread over 29 miles. Much of the river is inside the Ouachita National Park. Go in the spring to catch the wet season. The Ouachita River, which also passes through the national park, offers exceptional scenery and multiple access points for launching your canoe. Other amenities include picnic sites and campgrounds along the river's banks.

## **A Tour of the Finer Things**

To celebrate an engagement or a wedding anniversary, go hunting for an Arkansas diamond. The Crater of Diamonds State Park ([craterofdiamondsstatepark.com](http://craterofdiamondsstatepark.com)), located in Murfreesboro, lets anyone hunt for diamonds, and visitors get to keep anything they find. Since 1906, visitors have found more than 75,000 diamonds; the largest diamond ever found at the site was over 15 carats. Round out your tour of Arkansan elegance with a trip to one of the state's many wineries. The town of Altus makes a convenient base for exploring the Post Familie Vineyard and Winery ([postfamilie.com](http://postfamilie.com)), Mount Bethel Winery ([mountbethel.com](http://mountbethel.com)) and Chateau Aux Arc ([chateauauxarc.com](http://chateauauxarc.com)). All the wineries offer tours and tastings.

## **Luxurious Getaways**



For an indulgent getaway, book a spa retreat for two at one of Arkansas' many spa destinations. At Hot Springs National Park ([nps.gov/HOSP](http://nps.gov/HOSP)), you can choose among multiple bathhouses and spa facilities, from rustic to sleekly modern. In Mount Ida, Turtle Cove Spa at Mountain Harbor Resort ([turtlecovespa.com](http://turtlecovespa.com)) is a full-service spa that regularly receives high ratings from [SpasOfAmerica.com](http://SpasOfAmerica.com). The historic town of Eureka Springs is another popular destination for spas and mineral baths. With over 125 years of heritage as a spa destination, the town's local spas now offer an enlarged menu of treatments, from reflexology to aromatherapy.

## **City Sightseeing**

The urbanite couple has plenty of options for a trip in Arkansas. In Little Rock, listen to the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra ([arkansassymphony.org](http://arkansassymphony.org)) or see a performance of Ballet Arkansas ([balletarkansas.org](http://balletarkansas.org)), the only professional ballet company in the state. Finish off a day in the city with a ride aboard the Arkansas Queen, ([arkansasqueen.com](http://arkansasqueen.com)), a riverboat outfitted in traditional style. Dinner cruises are available.