

ARKANSAS MAPS

The University of Arkansas Libraries maintain a sizeable collection of maps relating to the history, culture, and development of Arkansas and neighboring regions as part of the Arkansas Collection within Special Collections. Additional copies of some maps may be found in the Map Collection (Government Documents Department) or in the Reference Department. Some maps of Arkansas are available online through the Libraries' Web page as selected internet resources by subject – Maps – Arkansas Maps. The maps, dating back to the eighteenth century, record political boundaries, geologic surveys, and transportation routes. Others represent development of towns, roads in the counties, topography, and other natural and cultural features. The maps range from broad (statewide) to specific area (local) coverage. A map may be either an individual item, such as most historical maps, or may be part of a series, such as the *General Highway Maps* of counties, as represented below. Please check InfoLinks, the GIS Web page, and the Special Collections Web page, or ask at the Reference desk, in Special Collections, or in Government Documents for the latest information and assistance with maps.

State Maps

Arkansas maps represent the state's history from the time of Arkansas Territory to the present, recording early land surveys and changing political boundaries as well as tracing growth of towns and transportation networks. A number of maps were published as part of atlases and were frequently updated.

Access: In InfoLinks, search by subject or by local call number (numerous historical maps are shown with area/date/cartographer call number):

SUBJECT – Arkansas – Maps (limit/sort by year of publication)

Local call number: ARK (list to browse in date order) or **ARK [date]**.

Online through the Libraries' Web page, select and view **Arkansas maps** through:

Electronic Resources & Databases – By Subject – Maps or

GIS Web page – Online Maps

County Maps

Detailed maps of the 75 counties of Arkansas are provided in several map series:

- **General Highway Map: [Arkansas counties]**
REF-MAP CASES G 4001 .P2 A62
Latest maps in REF-MAP CASES, earlier maps in ARK COLL-MAPS
Online: AHTD Maps
- **Soil Survey of [name] County, Arkansas**
In InfoLinks, search by **SUBJECT – Soils – Arkansas – [name] county – maps**
Online: Arkansas Digital Soils Atlas
- **Aerial Photographs of Arkansas [manuscript]: county sets, 1980-1987**
SPEC COLL MC 735, 889, 935, 1080 available for 51 counties
Finding aid through InfoLinks

Individual maps, atlases and plat books are available for some counties in Arkansas.

Access: In InfoLinks, search by: **SUBJECT – [name] county, Ark – maps**.

City and Town Maps

Street maps are available for numerous cities and towns in Arkansas.

For current maps, ask at the Reference Desk. Access: **REF DESK U.S. MAPS** file.

For historical maps, Access: In InfoLinks, search by:

SUBJECT – [town name], Ark – maps or

OTHER SEARCHES - local call number – ARK [city name]

For the most comprehensive coverage of 186 towns in Arkansas during the 1880s through 1970:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Arkansas

Online: **Sanborn Digital Maps for Arkansas [Alma – Yellville] (1885-1951)**

(Remote access limited to UA students, faculty and staff.)

Microfilm: PER-MFILM G4001 .G475 1983 .S35 (1880S-1940)

PER-MFILM G1356 .G475 S3 1995 (1944-1970)

Original print maps in Special Collections: Use is restricted.

U.S. Geological Survey Topographic Maps

Topographic maps produced by the U.S. Geological Survey provide complete coverage of Arkansas in quadrangle series of different scales. The most detailed is the standard 7.5 minute series (1:24,000 scale). Regional coverage is displayed by the 30 x 60 minute series and 1x2 degree series. Current editions are found in the Map Collection (Government Documents) and the Reference Department. Superseded editions and the older 15 or 30 minute series are maintained in Special Collections.

7.5 minute series (topographic), [Arkansas]. [quadrangle name]. (Collection undergoing catalog clean-up project.)

MAP COLL-CASES G3701 .B5 U54: AR [quadrangle] or I 19.81: AR [quadrangle].

Also in REF-MAP CASES and ARK COLL-MAPS.

See also series record for list of numerous quadrangles by item record; search:

Arkansas: 15 minute series and 30 minute series (topographic)

Special Collections Maps A 557.67084 Un3t

Arkansas: 30 x 60 minute series (topographic)

REF-MAP CASES G4000s100.U6 Also in ARK-COLL MAPS

[Arkansas]: 1:250,000-scale topographic map: 1 x 2 degrees series (topographic)

REF-MAP CASES G3700s 250 .U5 Also in Special Collections.

To identify map quadrangles, use the *map index* found in the top drawer of each map series in the Map Collection, at the Reference Desk, in the finding aid notebook in Special Collections, or online:

<http://cast.uark.edu/local/site/GeoLibraryCatalog.htm> - catalog.

To locate places of features on topographic maps, query the GNIS Online database:

U.S.G.S. Mapping Information: Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)

<http://geonames.usgs.gov/index.html>

or use **Arkansas Geographic Names: [alphabetical finding list]**

REF F409 .U58 1981 v.1 & v.2 Also in ARK COLL

Thematic Maps

A variety of subject information about Arkansas is shown in thematic maps. For example, railroad lines, highways, natural resources (e.g., geology), and population are mapped statewide.

Access: In InfoLinks, search by:

SUBJECT – Arkansas – [topic] – maps or [topic] – Arkansas – maps

Thematic information is also provided by state atlases of Arkansas, through the years:

Atlas of Arkansas, 1989 REF DESK G1355 .A73 1989

Atlas of Arkansas, 1973 REF-ATLAS CASE G1355 .A& A75

Both also in MAP COLL-SHELVES and ARK COLL; 1989 *Atlas* in electronic format in Reference.

Online in the *selected internet resources – maps – Arkansas maps*, access maps of various themes for Arkansas. Included are links to maps showing population, socio-economic, and housing characteristics, state legislative districts, highways, geology, and land cover/vegetation among other topics. Also online, generate thematic maps of areas in Arkansas using the **Arkansas Interactive Mapper** and the **Arkansas Economic Atlas**.

To develop customized display and analysis of spatial data through GIS (geographic information systems) for any area in Arkansas, use **GeoStor**. **GeoStor** is the innovative on-line data delivery system that allows “seamless access to digital map data (geospatial) of any area in Arkansas.” With the Arkansas GeoStor, you may select, download via email, and then use the spatial data in specialized GIS software. These specialized GIS resources and services are identified on the Libraries’ GIS Web page.

America and United States Historical Maps

Original, facsimile, and photographic copies of maps of America and the United States, dating from the 1700s and 1800s, include the current area of Arkansas.

Access: In InfoLinks, search by:

LOCAL call numbers – America or U.S. (list to browse).

Online: view both historical and contemporary maps in links identified through:

Electronic Resources & Databases – By Subject – Maps or
GIS Web page – Online Maps.