

Armadillos



Picture It!

Check out these pictures of armored animals and their habitat!



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What's the gist?

- Armadillo is a Spanish word meaning, “little armored one,” and refers to the bony plates that cover the back, head, legs, and tail of most of these mammals.
- Armadillos are related to anteaters and sloths.
- They have long sharp claws for digging as they forage for food.
- Their diet includes grubs, insects like ants, beetles, and termites.
- The armadillos will also use their sharp claws to dig dens, burrowing into the soil near creeks and other moist places.
- While their eyesight is not good, they have a great sense of smell to hunt for food.
- They use their armor-like skin for protection against predators.
- The nine-banded armadillo is the only species that includes the United States in its range.
- To find out more about armadillos, follow the links below.

Learning Links

Take a look at these materials to further your experience!

Read a story, Listen to a story, Take a tour here: <https://bit.ly/30v3yAQ>

View this video about the Nine Banded Armadillo:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x63yFrQjF0A>

15 Amazing Facts about the Armadillos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruSUsJqEiEg>

Armadillos: Animals with Armor!: This is a great video about the different species of armadillos and their habits:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPt0nFem5SY>

Activity Corner

Check out these awesome activities for an enriching learning experience!

Armadillo crafts and learning activities for kids:

<https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/armadillo-crafts.html>

Jan Brett reads her book Armadillo Rodeo:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfjfVdtO5uY>