

Watershed Activity Sheet:

Streams in Cross Section

Name: _____ Key _____

Date: _____

Please use the terms in the Word Bank to complete the following sentences and fill in the diagram.
Have fun!

The stream bed is the bottom of the channel. Boulders sticking up out of the water can sometimes give you an idea of what this part of the stream looks like under the surface.

The riparian zone refers to the land next to the stream. In the diagram, the floodplain and the forested slopes make up this area.

Bankful refers the place where a specific amount of water flows. The water in the stream gets to this level often enough to give the stream its shape.

