



Earth and rock – touch

Touching silky shale or rough limestone reminds us of process and rock composition. Feeling rock is like touching the bones of the earth. Running sand through fingers makes us acutely aware of time and process, or it can just feel pleasant. Rock is hard underfoot. Sand and earth are giving.

Earth and rock – sound

A dominance of rock surfaces in a landscape creates an echo. Earth muffles sound. Stone surfaces clatter with hard-soled boots and hoofs. Stone and earth are sound barriers.

Earth and rock – smell

Rock and earth smell when damp, but not so much when dry unless dust is raised. Earth smells are very distinctive and rely on close contact with ground. Humus-rich soils have sweet rich scents. The smell of damp stone can be either attractive or unattractive.