## **Bone Markings**

To start understanding the bones of our body, we need to know where they are and how they are being used. How they are used is usually a function of their particular features. Holes allow tendons or nerves to pass through. Outward growths allow muscles to attach and create a lever for locomotion or manipulation. When you understand a bone's features and markings, you will know how the body uses it. So, lets take a quick look at the possible bone markings we'll find throughout the body.

## **Projections for muscle and ligament attachment**

name	description	example	
tuberosity	large rounded projection	ischial tuberosity	The Pelvis  Hip bone Sacrum Coccyx
crest	narrow ridge; usually prominent	illiac crest	
trochanter	large, blunt, irregular-shaped process	only found on femur	Greater Trochanter  © www.sports-injury-info.com
line	narrow ridge; less than a ridge	femor intertrochanteric line	

tubercle	small rounded projection/process	femur's adductor tubercle	Femoral artery  Femoral artery  Adductor tubercle
epicondyle	raised area in/above condyle	femur medial epicondyle	Ant/Lat. view distal humerus Lateral epicondyle Capitulum Trochlea Medial epicondyle
spine	sharp, slender, pointed	vertebrae spinous process	Superior articular surface  Articular pillar  Anterior tuberele of transverse process  Sulcus for nerve Posterior tuberele of transverse process
process	any bony prominence	vertebral spinous process	

## **Projections for joints**

name description ex	xample	picture
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head	bony expansion on narrow neck	rib head	
facet	smooth, nearly flat articular surface	rib facet	
condyle	rounded articular projection	mandible condyle	mandibular head and condyle
ramus	armline bar of bone	mandible ramus	Mandible

name	description	example	picture
groove	furrow	mandible inside groove	
fissure	narrow, slitlike opening	inferior orbital fissure	
foramen	round/oval opening	foramen magnum	foramen magnum

notch	indention at edge of structure	supraorbital notch	Frontal Bone  Supraorbital Notch (foramen)
meatus	canal passageway	inside skull near temple indent	Temporal Bone  External Auditory Meatus
sinus	cavity filled with air lined with mucosae	4 pairs around nose	
fossa	shallow, basin depression,		

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