

Crazy Craters Around The World



Craters are bowl-shaped depressions in the ground caused by the high velocity impact of a meteorite or asteroid. Here are some of the most well-known craters all over the world:

Lake Bosumtwi crater

- Located in Kumasi, Ghana
- The impact of the meteorite opened up a crater that slowly filled with water, creating Ghana's only natural lake.
- Lake Bosumtwi crater is 10.5 kilometers across.



Lake Bosumtwi crater

Kumasi
Ghana



Barringer crater

- Located in the state of Arizona, USA
- Best preserved impact center
- Also known as Meteor Crater, Coon Butte and Canyon Diablo
- Barringer Crater is relatively small. It measures only 1.2 kilometers in diameter.



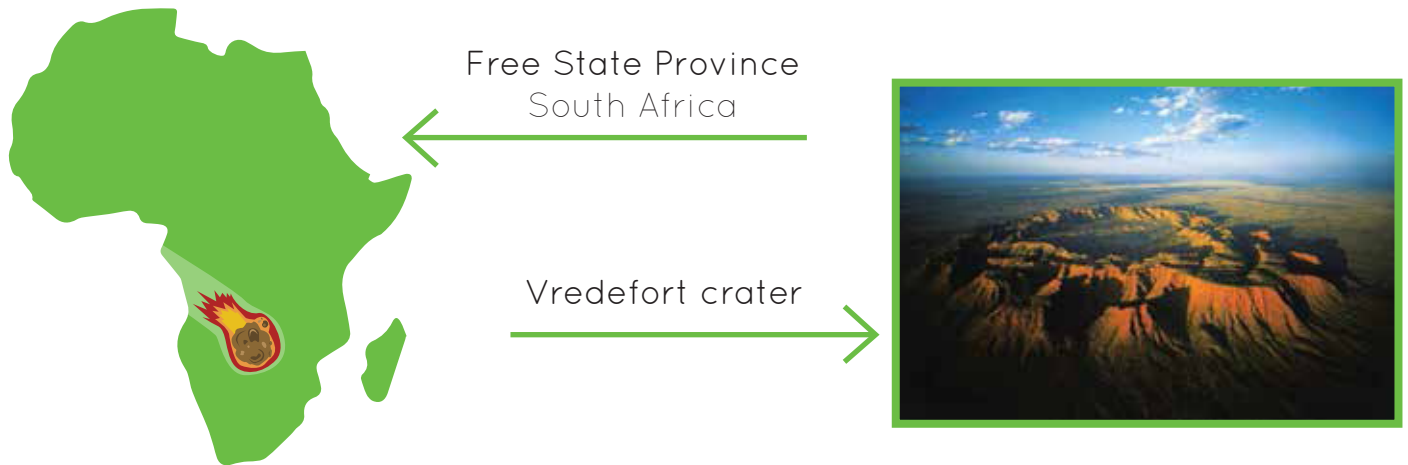
Barringer crater

Arizona
USA



Vredefort crater

- Located in the Free State Province of South Africa and named after the town of Vredefort, which is situated near its center.
- Largest verified impact crater on Earth
- Scientists estimate that Vredefort crater was created by an asteroid roughly 5-10 kilometers in diameter.
- Vredefort crater is about 300 kilometers wide, and more than 2 billion years old!



Clearwater Lakes

- Located in Quebec, Canada
- These two lake craters were caused by a pair of asteroids that crashed into Earth simultaneously
- West Clearwater Lake has a 32 kilometer diameter, and East Clearwater Lake has a 22 kilometer diameter.

