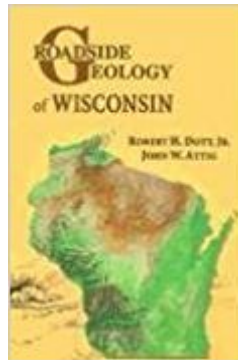


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# Roadside Geology Of Wisconsin (Roadside Geology Series)



## Synopsis

Robert H. Dott Jr. and John W. Attig wrote *Roadside Geology of Wisconsin* to help residents and visitors alike "envision mastodons roaming in front of glaciers 12,000 years ago, feel storm waves pounding sea cliffs 500 million years ago, and hear volcanoes exploding 1,900 million years ago." With lively prose, detailed maps, black-and-white photographs, and shaded-relief images, the authors succeed in their goal: unraveling the 2,800 million years of geologic history recorded in Wisconsin's rocks. Introductory sections describe the geology of each region, and thirty-five road guides locate and interpret the rocks, sediments, and landforms visible from the state's highways, including the Great River Road in the Mississippi Valley. *Roadside Geology of Wisconsin* delves further into the geologic history of specific sites such as Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, the Wisconsin Dells, the geologically renowned Baraboo Hills, and more than twenty-five state parks. Features of and access points to the Ice Age National Scenic Trail are noted.

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## Customer Reviews

After Robert H. Dott Jr. fell in love with the mountains of the western United States at an early age, he studied geology at the Universities of Oklahoma and Michigan and earned a PhD at Columbia University in New York. He spent two years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force and then joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin in 1958. Among his many publications is *Evolution of the Earth*, a pioneering undergraduate textbook now in its seventh edition.

Where can you find a Wisconsin glen that cuts through 500 million years-old strata deposited near

sea cliffs as alternating layers of surf-rounded pink quartzite boulders or stones and colorless sandstone? Where can you find a Wisconsin natural bridge composed of the same sandstone with pink quartzite pebbles dispersed through the sandstone rather than forming alternating layers? Dott and Attig will tell you. They will also tell you that the latter probably represents deposits some miles offshore from those same sea cliffs. The authors will tell you about the broad sweep of Wisconsin geological history, from its tectonic collisions and mountain building era, to its long era just above or below shallow seas, to its recent era of glacial deposits. Illustrated with frequent photos and drawings, this recent addition to the Roadside Geology series continues the tradition of authoritative very readable presentations of current geological interpretations of local as well as regional geology. In addition, historical and fossil aspects may be included. You will want to include this modestly-priced book in your car and on your bookshelf.

Given as gift to relative in Wisconsin and she loved it.

I love this series. And this one made traveling in WI recently much more interesting!!

Living in the great lakes areas it's very meaningful

Fascinating for us rock-hounds

The geological history of Wisconsin is presented in a logical order by Wisconsin region. The information is presented on a level that is easy to read and understand for those who have little understand of geology. Reading the book has helped to make all road trips across Wisconsin a bit more interesting.

Very good, written in layman's terms. Daughter is an environmental/biology teacher - she uses all the time because the wording is so clear and understandable to her students. I personally love rocks. Collect them from everywhere I go - love to know history of anything!

Bought it per my husbands request and he takes it wherever he goes. He is a Wisconsin born native and has many books on many topics about his home state. He is what we call an information buff. He gives this book two thumbs up.

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