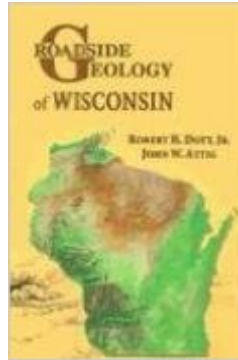


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# Roadside Geology Of Wisconsin (Roadside Geology Series)



## 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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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.

I took this book with on our last drive across the state and put it to good use. The way the book is organized, coupled with the detailed index, made it easy to identify the geological features we encountered. It also includes a glossary and suggestions for additional reading. The writing style makes it accessible to the layperson, but enough information is given to place it on par with the college level geology course I took in the past.

Roadside Geology Of Wisconsin is a travel guide written for casual vacationers and geology enthusiasts alike to exploring and marveling at the wonders of the glacier-changed landscape that has seen billions of years. Extensive maps and directions to visible geological highlights in more than 60 state, county, and city parks make Roadside Geology Of Wisconsin an easy-to-follow, adventurous, informative, and entertaining guide. A highly enjoyable and educational supplement for Wisconsin road trips and family outings.

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.

I have several of the Roadside Geology Series and have found them to be very readable for a novice, and Wisconsin is no exception. As usual I got it after the fact, and wish I had it before. Our trip would have been that much more interesting if I had known all the interesting things I know now. I highly recommend any and all Roadside Geology books.

As a non-scientist I enjoyed this book. It made me want to know more about the geology of Wisconsin and made sense of land formations I have seen on my drives through the state. Wisconsin is more than ordinary rolling hills. Nice pictures and diagrams. Background information and definitions especially helpful to review basic geology.

I once bought a Roadside Geology of Wyoming when travelling there and found it to be really interesting and helpful in our travels there. I have lived in Wisconsin for more than 40 years and decided to get this book. I was really surprised how much I learned about my own state. This book will add interest to any trip we take.

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!

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