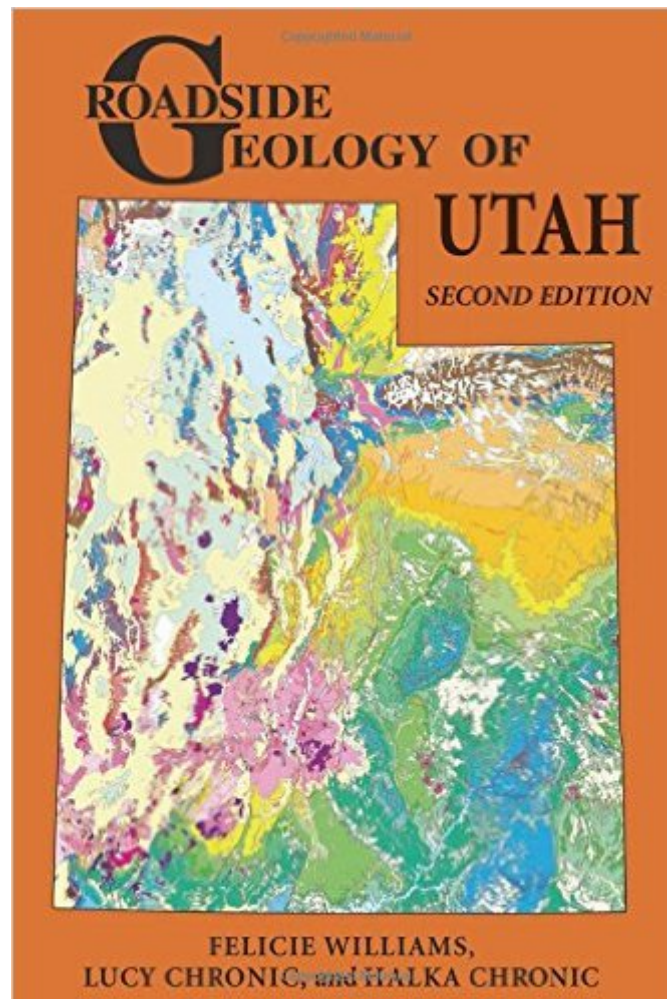


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Synopsis

Arches National Park. Bryce Canyon. Zion. When one thinks of Utah, its rocks and iconic landforms preserved in a nearly endless list of national parks and monuments come immediately to mind. Perhaps more so than any other state, Utah is built for geologic exploration, and geologists/authors Felicie Williams, Lucy Chronic, and Halka Chronic are its expert tour guides. The Beehive State is splitting at the seams with wondrous geological contrast. Utah's high mountains, showcasing the results of what happens as the Earth bends, folds, and breaks itself apart, run like a backbone down the center of the state. To the east, the Colorado Plateau's flat-lying sedimentary rock is wondrously exposed in canyons, arches, and breaks. To the west is the immense Great Basin, a region characterized by rank upon rank of long, narrow, gaunt mountain ranges alternating with desert basins that are among the flattest surfaces on Earth. Roadside Geology of Utah's 65 road guides traverse the state's major thoroughfares as well as its dusty, sleepy, winding two-lane highways. With fresh prose and more than 300 color photos, maps, and figures to boot, you too will become expert at reading Utah's rocks.

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Customer Reviews

A great update to a classic book. It is certainly worth buying the updated version. Most of the photos and all of the graphics are now in color. It does make the book a little heavier than the original. My husband and I really enjoy this series. I read aloud from them while we are traveling. It keeps us both highly entertained during long and short drives.

Great for Travelers. Nice description of the geology while you're driving down the roads of Utah. Color pictures much appreciated vs the former edition I currently have. I used this along with Scenic Driving Utah which describes the attractions along many of the same roads.

Anyone can appreciate the magnificent beauty of Utah's National Parks. The added bonus of knowing what you are looking at adds fascinating dimensions to this experience. What parts of earth's history are you seeing? How did these shapes come to be? What do the layers represent? This book explains in clear detail and ample illustration everything that an intelligent non-geologist might want to know to illuminate their, already rich, experience of this geological wonderland. This is the rare exceptional science book for the non-scientist.

Much more than expected. Every drawing and photo is in full color and it is a beautiful book worthy of such a beautiful place. If you feel that special desire to see "the bones of Mother Earth" as they should be seen and have a hankering take an educational camping and driving trip through the world's most beautiful and interesting region, you need this book. Yes, just looking at dramatic and beautiful scenery is a big reward in itself, but if you can have an insight into how old what you're seeing is, how the formations were laid down and how today's scenery was formed, your experience will be that much more rewarding. I am excited about this book and hope to use this guide book this fall along with my other geology books when I take a long camping trip through the region.

We really appreciated this detailed explanation of the freaky geology of Utah. We both have a science background, but I'm not sure that's required to really understand the explanations. There is more technical information for the geo-geeks (yeah, I used to be one of those), but the descriptions are well written, and it's totally based on the roads you are driving, so it's easy to locate the info. We were mostly in the national and state parks and there is a section devoted to those particular areas, which made it a great resource for our trip.

Just got the book by mail from . A awesome update to a great book. Worth buying the updated version even if you have the older one. The graphics and more importantly the photos are in color. It makes the book more comprehensible and look better. Makes me want to take another very long road-trip to Southern Utah. I wish they bring out color editions of all road-side geology books.

Moved to Castle Valley UT this year and have been looking for something regarding the local geological history. This book was being reprinted, I ordered it but had to wait several months to get it. The color prints, maps and diagrams are fantastic! Also the latest explanation of the history of Utah going back billion of years is great. The only complaint I have is that this is a paperback book and I'm not sure how long the binding will last under constant usage!

I made a google doc of google maps on each of the many routes ... I live far away from Utah - so my knowledge of various town names is limited but growing as we continue to travel and love our time in Utah. may not let me post this link ...so I made it public - you should be able to google "Roadside Geology of Utah" as a google doc.[...]Really appreciate the last pages (pg 277 thru 330) on the National Parks ...If anyone can figure out how to make an interactive google map for routes - that would make my day.... and improve what I have tried to start.

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