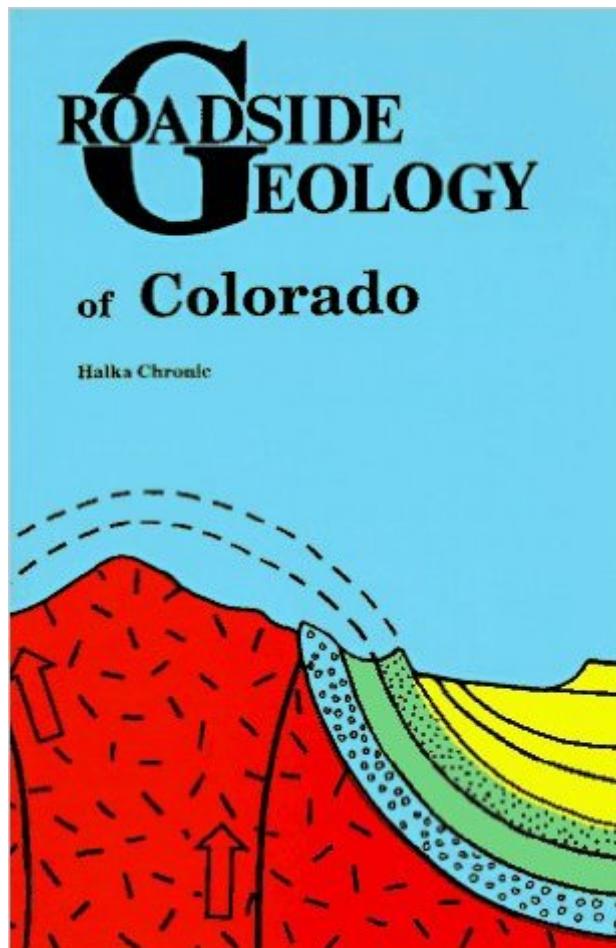


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# Roadside Geology Of Colorado (Roadside Geology Series)



## Synopsis

The rocks and landforms have not changed much since the publication of the first edition of the Roadside Geology of Colorado in 1980, but our understanding of them has. With expanded coverage, updated maps, new photographs, and the latest geologic interpretations, this nontechnical guide introduces you to the tumultuous geological history of Colorado's mountains, plateaus, and plains. The second edition includes tours of Black Canyon in Gunnison National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Dinosaur National Monument, Great Sand Dunes National Monument and Preserve, Mesa Verde National Park, and Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very handy book. It's arranged by road name and by stretch of road--if you find yourself on, say, I-70 westbound from Denver, go to the table of contents and you'll quickly find something like "I-70, Denver to Dillon Reservoir." Go to that section and you'll find a small map, geological diagrams, and probably a photograph. There's also an introductory chapter that gives an overview of Colorado geology and geological history, as well as very clear explanations of geological terms. Driving on Colorado highways you see some pretty amazing rock formations, and visitors to the state are always asking about them. This book will tell them (and you) anything you might want to know, and explain it clearly. I keep my copy in the car, and consult it often.

I like to travel throughout Colorado and have found this book to be very useful in understanding the form and geologic history of the landscape I am travelling through. The book is well illustrated and detailed enough to be useful, at least for the person with a non-professional interest in geology. My major regret is that it is not available on CD or tape so that it could be more efficiently used with only one person in the car!

Intended especially for travelers and vacationers interested in taking in Colorado's geological sites, yet accessible to budding geologists everywhere, Roadside Geology of Colorado is now in an updated second edition with new tours of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Dinosaur National Monument, and much more. Written in nontechnical terminology for lay readers, and featuring numerous two-color maps and black-and-white photographs, Roadside Geology of Colorado is filled cover to cover with eye-opening driving tours. A glossary and index round out this excellent traveling companion for anyone interested in observing the natural rocky beauty of Colorado firsthand.

Not detailed enough for college classes but a great introduction for the visiting student such as myself, worth the money as the information is as accurate as my professors general Colorado geologic knowledge.

Makes any drive in Colorado fascinating. For years we drove past formations and marveled at what geologic events caused such beauty. Using this guide, we now know what geologic period of time we are looking at - and why the rock at the surface in from the time when dinosaurs ruled, while other surface rock is from our more current past.

This is an easy to use book and you can follow along while you are traveling in Colorado. My only disappointment is that there are not enough very basic, layman's pictures. The book has many diagrams, and charts are most are easy enough to understand, but I personally would have liked to see more targeted to the "armchair geologist" driving through the state. In fairness, the book does not say it's for laymen and each chapter is easy to read and follow. But, "pictures say a 1000 words."

An excellent book, it is very concise and the information is very detailed and presented in a way that both the layman can understand and a geologist can appreciate. I highly recommend this book !!

Good read! If you have an interest in geology, then this is a reference that should be kept in the car with your maps at all times. It is great to have this book handy whenever you are out for a drive, because so much of Colorado's geology has been uncovered in the process of roads being cut through the mountains. Very little hiking required, since all sites in this book can be seen from the road and are easily accessible. I purchased this book because I live in Colorado, but it is part of a series that includes a driving geology of many other states. You might want to check to see if they have written one for your state - I am going to buy ROADSIDE GEOLOGY OF HAWAII, because my family is planning a vacation to Maui in a few weeks.

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