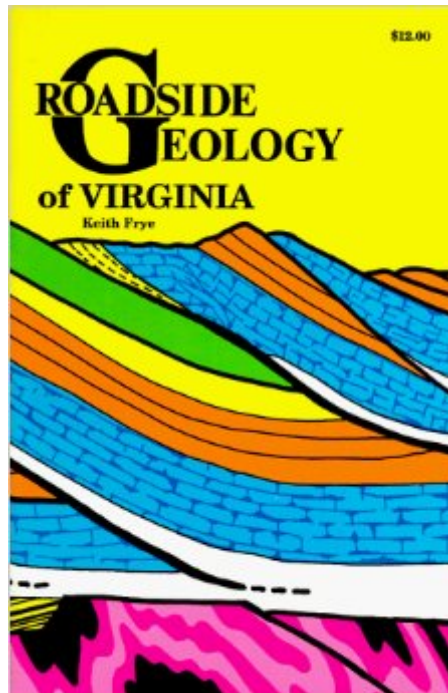


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Synopsis

The geologic features seen in Virginia are as varied as any in the country. Indeed, in 1985 the highway east of Natural Bridge was identified as the most geologically interesting 24 kilometers of roadway in the southeastern United States and one of the four most interesting in the country. In addition to Natural Bridge, you can see caverns still developing their unique architecture, geologic structures developed at the end of the Paleozoic era, fossils of Paleozoic life, preserved beaches from late Precambrian shores, and more, all in a single stretch of highway.

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Customer Reviews

Great detail and very comprehensive - this is the third of this series I have owned. Be warned, however, the writing is geared towards those with some knowledge of geology or to those willing to learn as they go.

I purchased this book after enjoying the Wyoming and Yellowstone volumes. However, the Virginia book pales in comparison to the Wyoming and Yellowstone toms. Unfortunately, you have to leave the road to see some of the features and some are not so easy to find. While this volume is not as deficient as the Florida volume in allowing the car traveler to see some of the unique features while passing through the area, since some are visible, more detail would be appreciated. For example, the author fails to cover the Potomac at the Great and Little Falls, between Virginia and Maryland. The geology and natural features of this area is certainly interesting, yet it was is not covered.

Covering this area as it pertains to Virginia should have been included. Also while the book is geared towards the natural landscape, detail could have included some information as to what the early settlers encountered in Virginia when establishing the various settlements at certain locations, as the Florida volume deviates from the standard geology and goes beyond. An example is Norfolk, a natural harbor. Should the publisher consider revising this issue or adding other states such as Maryland and West Virginia, it would be suggested that the Wyoming/Yellowstone formats be followed, as well as adding a bit more detail. I could not give this volume more than 3 stars since it is lacking and not up to the standard established by the Wyoming and Yellowstone books. Otherwise, while the book is a bit technical for the non-scientific reader, it is an interesting guide to Virginia's natural landscape for the traveler seeking to experience a different side of Virginia.

The Roadside Geology series is a must have if you like to travel. Each state is unique and so is its geology. Most of the books in the series are divided by highways and what you can observe by traveling each highway. Some of the books also include historical tidbits. Even if you are not into geology you will find wonderful places - state parks, waterfalls, places of interest. Each book is well written, has photos, and clear directions. I own most of the series and have never been disappointed.

Good overview and enough detail for novice me. I expected better photos. It does get you to a lot of good places and offers a lot of good resources for additional info. The Virginia Division of Mines has a lot of good photos and color graphs that work well with this book. They are free on line.

I have a number of books from this series and this ranks right up there. Readable, technical but not so much as to make me glaze over yet doesn't "dumb down". Very happy with it..

We have used and re-used this book. It is a good resource for teaching children geology and also for reminding us of what is here in our home state.

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