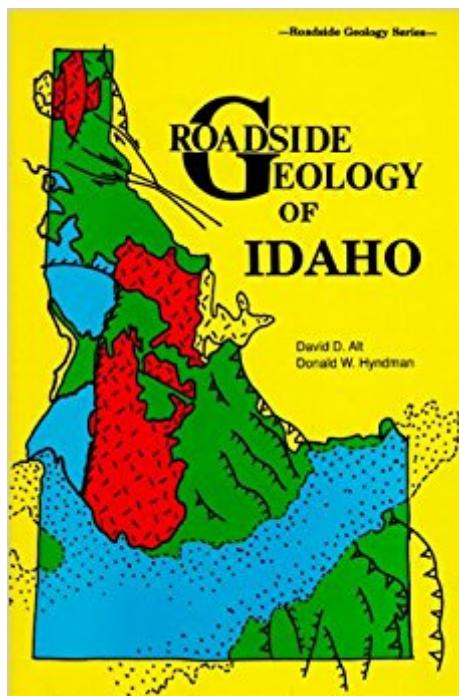


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Roadside Geology Of Idaho (Roadside Geology Series)



Synopsis

From the ancient sedimentary formations in the north through the overthrust belt in the southeast, Idaho's rocks are as interesting as rocks come. The authors know these rocks well through their years of research in Idaho, which led to their theory explaining the flood basalts of the Columbia Plateau and the hotspot track of the Snake River Plain as the results of a giant meteorite impact that happened about 17 million years ago.

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"If you like to stretch your mind, you'll like this book...Continents collide. Giant slabs of rock slide miles down slope. Huge meteorites crash to earth." --Northwest Travel

David Alt is a geology professor at the University of Montana in Missoula. Dedicated to bringing geology to the general public, he cofounded the popular Roadside Geology series. He has written a number of books in the series with coauthor Donald Hyndman, and helps edit others. Alt also teaches elderhostel courses, leads field trips, and presents public lectures about regional geology. He lives in Missoula.

Very well written and enjoyable book, although since geology is one of my favourite subjects, I may be a little biased!The book is very clearly laid out: the first half covers some basic aspects of geology in relation to the North American continent, especially as these facts relate to Idaho. The second half of the book goes road by road to describe the geology of the state. You could take it

with you on a road trip. It's a little outdated (1980's), but the landscape hasn't changed since then, so it doesn't really matter. The only problems you could come across are that some roads have been added since, and aren't in the book. The pictures are black and white; it's no picture book really. It's for older teenagers and adults, judging from the content reading level. I would say that if you want a comprehensive adult beginners' level guide to local geology, this is a great book to get! I couldn't find this much information about Idaho geology online! It's in layman's terms, packed with clearly laid-out, easy-to-find information, and does a very thorough job!

I have only traveled in eastern Idaho in the past, as a byproduct of visits to western Wyoming (Yellowstone and Tetons). This book will not only add to my knowledge of that portion of Idaho, but give me the impetus to travel more widely...as time and fortune permit. There is a lot of unique and fascinating geology in that state, and I hope to travel much more extensively. These books are wonderful eye openers adding richness and understanding not otherwise available to the interested amateur.

With little or no background in geology, I wanted to know more about the basalt columns, lava flows, glacial boulders and striped cliffsides that we pass as we travel around our home state. This is about the only book that deals with geology from a car window, so we got it. The level will satisfy a scientist, an interested and somewhat informed adult, but it's a bit above what a Cub Scout leader would want.

I thought that this was an amazing book. We had driven from Salt Lake City to West Yellowstone many times. The time we took the book opened new eyes! For example, reading about the prehistoric outlet to Lake Bonneville while driving through it, or reading details about the consequences of the explosive volcanic eruption that formed Yellowstone Lake while driving through those detail. That trip with the book at hand was unforgettable.

An interesting read but some of it seems a little dated.

We own 6 of these Roadside Geology series books. This IDAHO book is the best of all of them. It actually gets down and teaches the basic Geology of Idaho. A few of the other States in this series are luke warm on geology facts and are more a tourist guide to pretty rocks. Bottomline, IDAHO edition is a Geology 101 course with Idaho focus. Very well done...

Love these books. This is my second one, but not likely my last. I now entertain my husband with the things I spot in road cuts everywhere we go. Our next trip is North on highway 93 to the Salmon river above Salmon Idaho. There's a lot of exposed rock there and I can hardly wait. At 74 I'm finally learning something about the wonderous rock formations that have fascinated me all my life.

I have read other roadside geology books, but this one is much better. Has more geology about the area as well as what you find where.

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