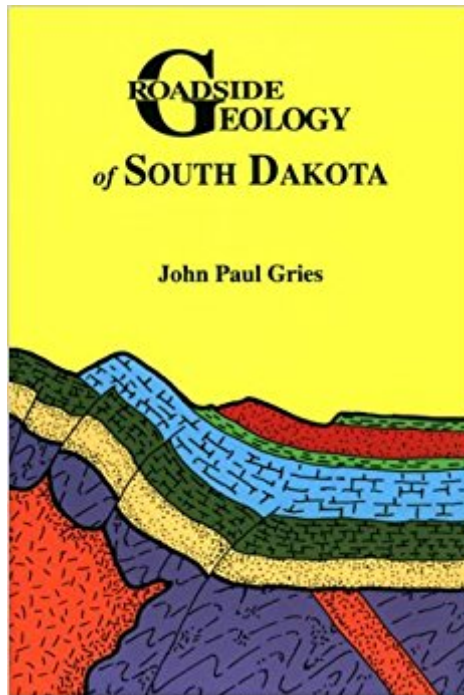


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# Roadside Geology Of South Dakota (Roadside Geology Series)



## Synopsis

South Dakota fills the landscape with geologic diversity, from the glaciated rolling prairies in the east, across the Missouri River, and west to the rugged Badlands Wall and granitic domes of the Black Hills. Written for the layperson and amply illustrated with photographs, maps, and diagrams, this book describes and interprets the rocks and landforms visible along the state's highways and the geology that lies hidden beneath prairie sod and in caves and mine shafts. Included are geologic tours of the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, and many other points of interest.

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## Customer Reviews

If you have ever looked at the landscape and wondered how it was shaped the Roadside Geology series is for you. On a recent motor trip on I-90 across South Dakota we used this book as a guide to magnificent country we were traveling through. We have many books in the series and they are all well written but this particular one is a stand out.

I love this book. I have found things I never knew were in the state. And, believe me, I'm a major booster of SD! I've traveled there, or through there, probably 15-20 times. Great place, reasonably priced (except around Bike Week in Sturgis, First full week in August), lots to see and do.

If you have any interest in South Dakota geology, this is the book to own. How do I know this?

Nearly every rock shop owner I know recommends this book, and has his or her own well used and dog eared copy. It is written in a way that will educate the layman, and is a joy to read.

I used this book as we drove E-W across SD from Sioux Falls to Rapid City and beyond. As in all the roadside geology series the writing is aimed at the interested layman which includes plenty of basic geology principles along with detailed geologic information using the geology of the state as the foundation for the presentation. I am a trained geoscientist by background and find the information presented in the book useful and accurate. The only detraction is that the book is relatively old (1996) so doesn't cover some of the most recent petroleum industry in this part of the country--hence only 4 stars. But if you have an interest in understanding the whys of the scenery you are passing, even if you are not a scientist, these books are really the ticket. Makes the time go by a little faster too!

Even though the topography of South Dakota can be flat and uninteresting, this book helped me to delve into the underside of I-90 and the Badlands to see the rich complexity of the state. I found it to be very interesting as the author wove a bit of history into the mix as well. Good Book! I'd recommend it for the lay geologist or anybody simply curious to learn more about South Dakota.

I took a chance and purchased this book in addition to a travel guide. It is organized by highway east to west and north to south. I seemed to be travelling just opposite, so it was a little hard to follow. The information was interesting, although I had a hard time following what is a Brule formation versus a Pierre formation. It includes some facts and history that I enjoyed. To put it in perspective, I am not a geologist and only somewhat interested in rocks and sediment.

The only thing missing is a electronic version, so I can have it on my tablet when I'm out in the field and don't have to carry yet another paper book :) Otherwise wonderful and going to make this summer's hiking even more enjoyable! Andy Black Hills, SD

Like the entire series, this book could only be improved if a list of fossil and mineral collecting sites were included.

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