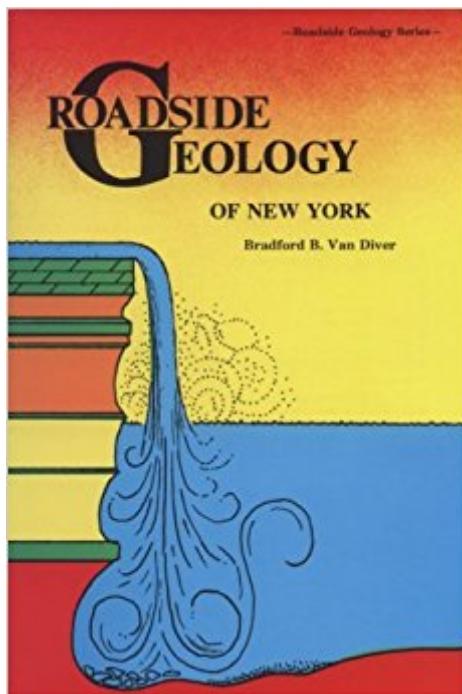


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# Roadside Geology Of New York (Roadside Geology Series)



## Synopsis

Road by road, the author carefully points out in layman's terms the complex bedrock geology and glacial sculpture that combine to create the many landscapes of New York. Anyone interested in geology, general natural history, geography, or history of New York will find this book an indispensable and enjoyable reference at the most fundamental level.

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Brad Van Diver's 1985 work, *Roadside Geology of New York*, explores the state's geology in a series of self guided road trips from one end of the state to the other. Even if you don't plan on taking the tours, the well written book is loaded with well described maps, diagrams, and photos. I consider this book to be one of the essentials for a good understanding of New York's geology.

This book is great for day trips around New York State. If you like to hike, drive or bike your favorite roads and trails, this book tells a little bit more about its history and origin. A great book for kids to read when going on long trips. It is a simple way for kids to learn while not knowing they are. The book is easy to read with general knowledge terms and definitions to help with understanding, if you're not a science buff. This book could be updated with the changing roadways and add some color photos.

This book contains a wealth of knowledge about our local geology and inspires us to search out

some of New York's finest natural wonders. The book follows many of the popular roads we use throughout NY. On LI there is the North Shore route 25A and following the South Shore is 27 (Sunrise Highway). Traveling north is NY 22 and Interstate 87, Interstate 81 and US 62. Traveling East and West is Interstate 90, US 20, NY 3, Interstate 84 and NY 17. These are only a few of the roads mentioned. Roadside Geology truly gives the reader everything they need to understand 1) the type of rock one sees; 2) when it formed according to the Geologic Time Scale; and 3) how this rock was formed. Diagrams point out important features such as faults and joints. The only downside is that all images are in black and white.

Have you ever driven through New York State and have wondered where all those varying rock formations came from? Believe it or not, but New York was a rockin' place for last 500,000,000 years - earthquakes, towering mountains, sandy beaches, and deep oceans...and all of this happened north of New York City! This book is a great introduction to the world of geology in New York, and it covers the roads many of us travel daily. It does help to have some prior knowledge of eras, periods, and epochs...however these are all outlined before you get to the preface of the book, so study these before diving in to read about your part of the state. This, and other books like it, make for great learning if you are just traveling through with children under 18. You may end up taking roads other than the Thruway!

A very interesting and fact-filled guide to the geology of New York. The writer provides a wealth of information about the highly varied topography of New York state, as well as geohistory and biology. Lots of highly descriptive explanations of the different features encountered on the state roadways, with local features of interest, for good measure. Great book!

Copyrighted in 1985 but it is very useful and informative today. I wish there is a similar book of every state. I bought this book and Geology of New York, A simplified Account, 2000 by Isachsen et al together. I like the pictures and descriptions better in Geology of New York. These two books complement each other.

Book is well illustrated and useful but I was particularly interested in mineral resources, petroleum, metals and industrial minerals, and found virtually nothing related to mineral resources. The Balmat, Edwards district was a significant zinc producing area and wasn't mentioned. Also little information on mineral collecting areas, only the Herkimer quartz crystals. .

Easy to read, good pictures. Excellent introduction to the geology of NY by a knowledgeable person with a wife that helps him write intelligibly.

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