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Maryland's Geology



Synopsis

Maryland has been called a oeAmerica in miniature, a because the state embodies a wide range of our nation's landscape features. From sandy beaches on the Atlantic Ocean, across flat fields of the Coastal Plain on the Eastern Shore, to the rolling hills and tumbling rivers of the state's central counties, and concluding with the mountainous terrain of Western Maryland, the Free State's diverse scenery is a result of eons of geological activity. Written for the interested layman or student with no specialized training, this book explains the basics of geological processes, and then shows how they worked to create Maryland's beautiful and fascinating landforms. A wealth of diagrams and maps clarify further a text peppered with enlightening analogies. Whether the discussion concerns the different types of weathering, for instance, or the basic kinds of faults or events of plate tectonics, the text and figures combine to help the reader understand how long-ago events produced what we see today. The author not only focuses on the actual landforms and their underlying geology, but also describes the patterns of settlement, farming, mining, manufacturing, and transportation that are all results of the state's unique underlying structures.

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Great book that does a wonderful job of explaining Maryland's several geologic regions and how they formed. The book starts with basic geologic concepts so you don't need a geologic background to read and understand it. It does not go into the deeper detailed.

Just completed the Maryland Master Naturalist training program where the author taught a couple of our classes. Martin is an awesome instructor and his book is just as fantastic!

Great quick reference info !

This book is an excellent resource. As someone without a geology background, I found the text easy to follow and understand. The writing is clear and concise and the diagrams are very helpful.

This is a extremely well written resource for anyone interested in Maryland's geologic features and geologic history!!

The book presents a complicated topic about as clearly as can possibly be done, without watering it down excessively. Quite a superb job, all in all. If you think you might be interested in the subject matter, you will probably be happy with this book.

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