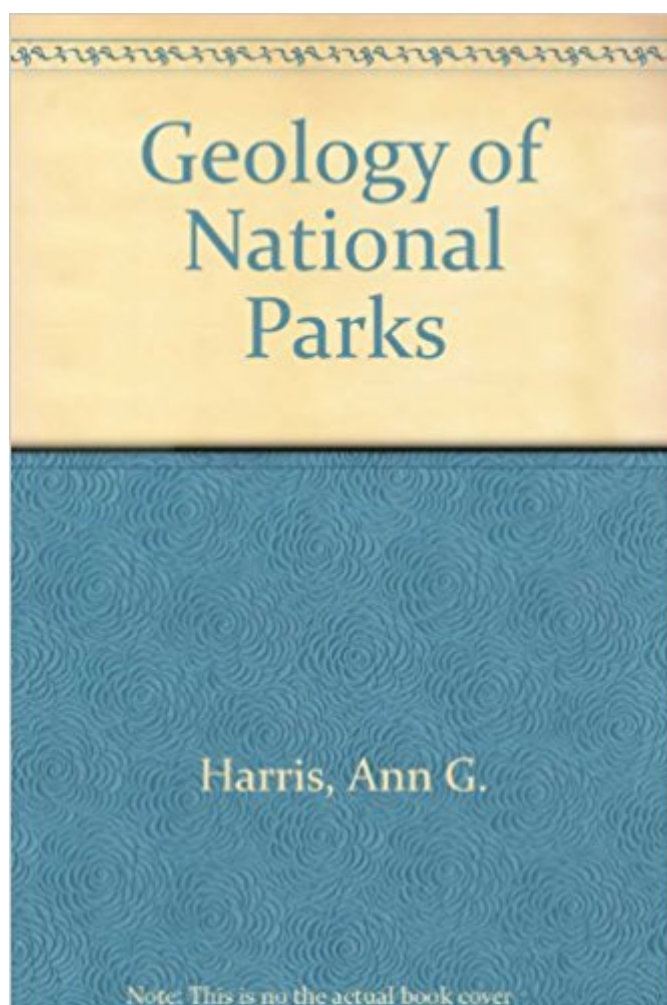


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# Geology Of National Parks



## Synopsis

Highlights the local history as well as the geologic features and developments of national parks formed by stream erosion and weathering, glaciers and wave action, igneous activity, mountain building and uplift, and ground water.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent textbook of geology and some history of our national parks. The text is organized by each park within geographic regions. This is great and helps one to read up on a specific park BEFORE visiting it so as to get the most out of the trip. The layout, font size and pictures are great. The explanation of the geology behind the landscape is just beautiful and quite meaty. There is a CD that comes with the text and this is where I have a problem. The CD has great pictures of the parks but that is it. It would have been great if the CD came with some interactive stuff. With the book size being formidable it would have been great to have a folded handout along with the CD so that one could actually use it on a field trip. But all in all this is an excellent book and very useful to a non-geologist like myself. I would have given it a 5-star except that there is no handy cutout that effectively summarizes the book for use in the field.

"Geology of the National Parks" is filled to the brim with information, but it is less a textbook than a nice desk reference. The book organizes the national parks according to their major geographical features. This works, but since many parks have the same or similar features, the same information is often repeated. Furthermore, the information on the parks is extremely detailed and extends

beyond the geographic features that the book is organized by. A straight geographic or alphabetical ordering might have worked better. The index is adequate, though, which make up for this somewhat. The writing is clear and understandable, though packed with information. If there is a geological process in a NP, it is in this book. The only problem is that the student never really gets an idea of geological processes on a continental or global scale because of the organization. Each park comes off as isolated. Still, if you are an amateur geologist who enjoys the national parks, this is a great book to have in your collection. It really makes a person appreciate how unique and special each park is. But any professor looking to use this as a text really needs address the material like they would a GEOL 101 course and use the parks to address these larger geological processes. A biology or chemistry teacher wouldn't teach from an encyclopedia of those disciplines and the same care needs to be taken with this text.

I found this book very informative and also a very easy fun read. It provided so much useful information that keeping it after my class to accompany me while I travel to different national parks has crossed my mind!

Harris et al. have produced a weighty tome that will appeal to the geologist on vacation who wants to get more out of the National Park experience. There are plenty of maps and cross-sections to interest the informed reader, particularly the increasing number of retired geologists. Unfortunately there is not enough in the way of more modern data such as reflection seismic, potential fields or, surprisingly, geothermal data. Also, considering the price, more color satellite images would have been appreciated. One point: I am not sure how much this book would appeal to the lay reader, whose enjoyment of the National Park system would be considerably enhanced by knowledge of the underlying geologic processes that produced the beautiful scenery.

Ever wonder about the earth science behind what you see in our parks? This book is for you. Wish there was an e version for my iPhone and iPad.

I needed this book for my National Parks class. Was a very interesting read, and a great tool for the material that was being learned.

I have learned so much about our National Parks because of this book. I would recommend to anyone who is interested in geology.

There was very interesting parks it was very pretty, some day I want to visit some of the parks that we went over in this book.

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