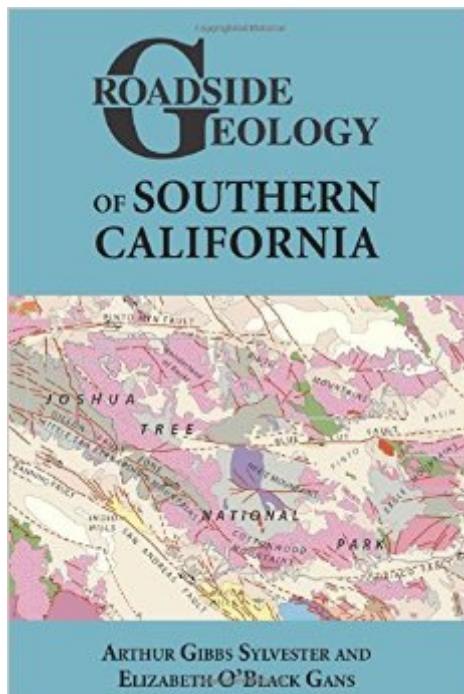


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# Roadside Geology Of Southern California



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Finally! I've been waiting for this book since the early 1990s, and it was worth the wait. You won't often see a more beautiful geology handbook. It is profusely illustrated with wonderful color photographs and really helpful color maps, charts and diagrams. These are so critical for we mere mortals trying to understand the landscape before us. The book is up to date and incorporates new

findings. It has a list of natural history sites and museums, a glossary and an extensive bibliography. I highly recommend it. I can't wait to hit the road and I'll be taking my copy with me.

I have been waiting for this book to come out for years!!! It was worth the wait!! The colorful diagrams and explanations make this a great read for geology professionals and non-geology people alike. Sylvester and Gans did a wonderful job explaining a region of very complex geology!!

This book is a "must have" for anyone who drives the highways of Southern California and wonders about the landscape along the way. Dr Sylvester's text includes interesting history about the area as well as information about the geology. The beautiful photos and maps help the reader to identify each landform.

I echo the sentiments of others...at long last! This is the definitive book on our area's geologic history. It's a great read, written for the lay-person, even if you are not a geophysicist or a geologist. My husband and I are FEMA certified instructors for the C.E.R.T. program in Southern California. If you are at all concerned about preparing for the next "big one", you'll want to read this book. It helps you understand the great mysteries of just how our topography was formed and how it continues to evolve. BTW, there was a series of 18 books printed by the University of California Press, which I happen to be blessed with, that is also very informative, written by Arthur C. Smith, circa 1966. If you can find the series of books, intact, it will prove to be a valuable set in your library.

I often walk in the San Gabriels. I'm no geologist. The rocks have been a mystery to me. As far as I know, there are no other books for laymen about the San Gabriels. Every page explains a new mystery. Color photos are a real boon. Only partly through and the book has been a treasure.

very good geologic summary of Southern California region. Readable and handy for anyone wanting to get a better idea of Southern California's wonderfully complex geologic history.

It's not every day that you get to go on a road trip with a local legend, but if you buy *Roadside Geology of Southern California* you will be riding in style with one of Southern California's best geologists. Art and Libby have crafted a book that will remind you why owning a hardcopy is so important! Why wasn't there a *Roadside Geology of Southern California* before? Because it was said to be impossible. I mean, somehow there is a *Roadside Geology of Kansas* and it is almost 400

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I've driven these highways for years and often wondered how these formations came to be. Now I know. I can't wait to get out there with book in hand to get a better understanding of my surroundings. A great book with many diagrams and photos. I had no idea there were so many different rock formations. A very complex geologic area very well explained.

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