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Geology talk [past event] features Atlanta area parks

Dr. Bill Witherspoon, co-author of the popular guide, *Roadside Geology of Georgia*, will explain Atlanta's geology as seen in its parks, in an [past event] presentation in Johns Creek.

The Atlanta metro area has at least ten favorite rocky destinations for those who hike, paddle, or climb boulders. In "Monadnocks, Rejuvenation, and Quartzite: the Geology of Atlanta's Outdoor Recreation Spots," Witherspoon shows what places such as Kennesaw, Panola, Arabia or Stone Mountain, Chattahoochee Palisades, Sweetwater Creek and Boat Rock Preserve have in common, and how their geology differs. He will explain how a quartzite ridge is different from a granite or gneiss monadnock, and why rushing streams and gorges highlight the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

Roadside Geology of Georgia, a full-color 320-page guide, is the 25th book in a Mountain Press Publishing series for the general reader that has sold over one million copies. "Our goal is to take the reader to Georgia's natural wonders and explain the science that lies behind the scenery," says Witherspoon, who taught geology to K-12 students and their teachers for 17 years at DeKalb County Schools' Fernbank Science Center, and co-authored the 2013 book with Dr. Pamela Gore of Georgia State University.

The 8:00 PM program, hosted by the Chattahoochee Parks Conservancy at Chattahoochee River Environmental Education Center (CREEC), 8615 Barnwell Road, Johns Creek, GA 30022, is free and open to the public.

Attendees who register for *Roadside Geology of Georgia* author events can pick up the COOL BILLION-year-old rock described at georgiarocks.us/corbin. Register at georgiarocks.us/events or "Join" in [facebook.com/RoadsideGeologyGA/events](https://www.facebook.com/RoadsideGeologyGA/events). Contact for information: Dr. Bill Witherspoon, bill@georgiarocks.us.