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### **Geologist-Led Walk and Talk May 7 features “Gorges Atlanta”**

Dr. Bill Witherspoon, co-author of the popular guide, *Roadside Geology of Georgia*, will present a walk and talk, “Gorges Atlanta: Geology along the Chattahoochee and its Tributaries,” Thursday evening, May 7, at the monthly meeting of the Sierra Club Centennial Group on Life University’s Marietta campus.

The Atlanta region’s sense of place and history are tied to the river and its tributaries, which have etched their pattern into the Piedmont upland. Rushing streams and gorges highlight the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, and roads with “mill” in their names are a reminder of abundant waterpower. Witherspoon will explain the geologic story behind this landscape in a walk along Rottenwood Creek at 6:00 PM, followed by a 7:30 slide show.

*Roadside Geology of Georgia*, a full-color 320-page guide, is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Perimeter College.

The program, at 1269 Barclay Circle, Marietta 30060, is free and open to the public. Attendees should park at the Center for Athletics & Sport Health Science, south of Barclay Circle, and cross the bridge to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Village along Rottenwood Creek, where the 6:00 walk will begin. The talk and a book signing will follow the club’s 7:00 business meeting in the Center for Athletics, Room 311.

Attendees who register for *Roadside Geology of Georgia* author events can pick up the COOL BILLION-year-old rock described at [georgiarocks.us/corbin](http://georgiarocks.us/corbin). Register at [georgiarocks.us/events](http://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](mailto:bill@georgiarocks.us).