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Geology Talk and Walk November 11 at Providence Canyon State Outdoor Recreation Area

Geologist Dr. Bill Witherspoon, co-author of *Roadside Geology of Georgia*, will present a slide show and lead a geology walk November 11 at Providence Canyon, followed by a book signing. *Roadside Geology of Georgia* “takes the general reader to Georgia’s natural wonders and explains the science that lies behind the scenery,” according to Witherspoon.

Providence Canyon was eroded into colorful layers of sand and clay less than 150 years ago, because of poor farming practices in the 1800’s. The layers themselves, in nearly every color of the rainbow, were deposited more than 60 million years ago, when much higher sea level brought the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico into the area. Hiking into the canyon, you can stand on the boundary that represents the time when dinosaurs became extinct.

The walk is free with park admission, but registration at georgiarocks.us/events is appreciated. Witherspoon will present the short slide show in the visitor center at 12:30. The walk will conclude by 3:30. More information on Providence Canyon events is at <http://www.gastateparks.org/ProvidenceCanyon>.

Witherspoon, who taught geology to K-12 teachers and their students for 17 years at DeKalb County Schools’ Fernbank Science Center, says *Roadside Geology of Georgia* appeals to families who travel in Georgia. “If you’ve visited an overlook in north Georgia, left tracks in the sand on Tybee Island, or floated the rapids along the Columbus Riverwalk, you’ve had a rock adventure. This book lets you spice those adventures up with a little science, by understanding the geology behind the landmarks we encounter whenever we go outside in Georgia.”

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