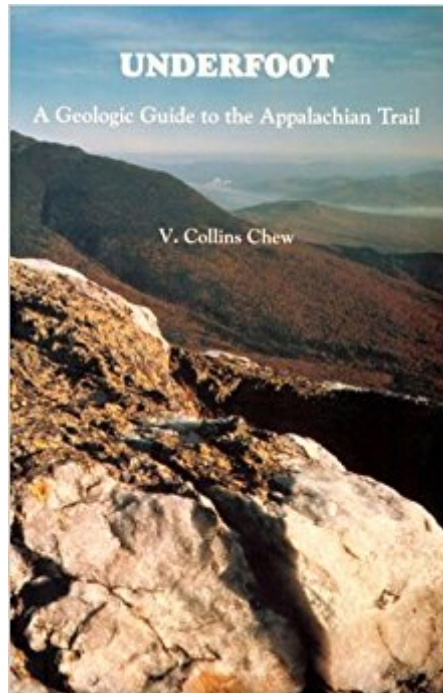




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A longtime trail maintainer with the Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club, Chew is also the author of *Underfoot: A Geologic Guide to the Appalachian Trail*.

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This is an excellent overview of the rocks which are found along the Appalachian Trail for the general public. Chew has an excellent grasp of the history of the Appalachian mountains, highlighting the major "orogenies" or mountain building periods. Some of the details of bedrock structure and tectonics are no doubt inaccurate as these are hotly debated among scientific experts. The maps and drawings are quite good but the book might be improved by more photographs. That would undoubtedly raise the price, however.

I bought this book as a trail companion for my section hikes along the AT. After browsing through it, I decided not to take it on my hikes because of size/weight and lack of pictures. The book is OK for background info on sections, but is written for a geology student rather than a hiker who likes to be aware of the earth's diversity along the AT.

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