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UT Austin experts name top places to appreciate Texas geology

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Landscape marvels abound in Texas.

That's why experts at the University of Texas at Austin's Bureau of Economic Geology have put together a book that highlights some of this state's great geological sites "**Great Places to View Texas Geology.**" >>>See the top nine in the gallery above.

The bureau, founded in 1909, is part of the Jackson School of Geosciences at The



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University of Texas at Austin. It serves by executing objective geoscience research and is the oldest organization unit at that university. It's also the Texas State Geological Survey.

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"We wanted the typical traveler to Texas, and our own citizens, to have a little better understanding of why our state has so many beautiful vistas and natural features," said Mark W. Blount, who adapted the this from the bureau's "Texas Through Time."

The new book includes more than 50 must-see Texas destinations, their locations, historical backgrounds and scientific descriptions:

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"Texas has been shaped over millions of years by geologic processes – oceans, volcanism and the formation and movement of the rocks below its surface," Blount explains. "The result has been the creation of these fantastic places to see, to enjoy, and, with this new travel pamphlet, to understand."

Among the highlights are the Glen Rose area, where "dinosaur footprints and trackways have been found in at least 50 places in the Glen Rose area."

UT describes the Palo Duro Canyon as "a great gash in the Texas Panhandle cut by the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River." It's also the second largest canyon in the nation, just after the famous Grand Canyon.

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