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[Print](#)**Rocks, Minerals, and Geology of the Pacific Northwest: A Timber Press Field Guide.****By Leslie Moclock and Jacob Selander.**

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This field guide will help both beginners and rockhounds identify rocks, minerals, and rock formations in the Pacific Northwest, and it is also a great introduction to geologic processes and the geophysiographic regions of the area. The authors make sometimes dry and complex material accessible through succinct explanations and color images and photos. Chapters on identifying rocks or minerals are preceded by a scientific framework that includes shape, color, and other physical properties critical to the identification process. Notable are extended descriptions that highlight key features, including distinctions between similar rocks or minerals. Colorful images also aid in the identification process. On a larger scale, two additional chapters, “Rock Structures and Deformed Rocks” and “Landscapes and Geomorphology,” help readers identify and understand larger rock bodies and landscapes. Tying everything together is the chapter “Telling the Story,” which shows a step-by-step process to connect field observations to geologic history. Although identifying rocks and minerals isn’t easy for beginners, this book is an invaluable resource, and will likely be appreciated by anyone with an interest in rocks, minerals, and geology of the Pacific Northwest.

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