

Here's a great family adventure! Discover the "deep history" hidden in the rocks and landscapes!

## Don't Miss the G.O.A.T.\* Geology Field Trip

\* (Greatest Of All Time) <> Sunday,

SPEND A FEW HOURS....



JULY 12, 2026 <> 10:30 am to 4:30 pm <>

...and DRIVE A FEW MILES to...

**See** dramatic evidence of immense tectonic collisions that created the supercontinent of Pangea with Himalaya-size ancient Appalachian Mountains! **Stand** on the Eastern Border Fault formed as Pangea's split created the Jurassic "Dinosaur Valley" where the Connecticut flows today! **Find** dinosaur footprints and rare Jurassic Armored Mud Balls (JAMBs)! **Climb** (in 2 minutes) a mini "roche moutonnee" glacial landform of granite! **View** a swarm of glacial *drumlins*! **Understand** Glacial Lake Hitchcock! It has been gone for 14,000 years and few people realize its importance for human history, economy, resources and scenery. **Cruise** on the 44 person "Heritage" pontoon boat from Northfield to Turners Falls through the French King Gorge, dramatic 90 degree river bends and, deep below, mysterious 100+-foot holes in the riverbed! The Connecticut is one of the world's most unique rivers, thanks to Lake Hitchcock! **In summary, no other geo field trip on the planet has such diversity and uniqueness to be seen in just a few hours.**

**THE TRIP** (1) Meet at the Riverview Boat Dock Parking Area, 144 Pine Meadow Rd, Northfield, MA 01360 promptly at **10:30 am**. BOAT LEAVES AT 11 am. [If you miss the boat, we will be back in 90 minutes.] (2) Picnic (on your own) on the riverbank (3) Car caravan along rte. 2 *easterly* to the "Erving Great Wall" and then *westward* with selected stops & short walks. (4) End at the Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls with option to continue to Greenfield's Poets Seat Tower, perched on a 200 million year old lava flow.

**YOUR GUIDES:** Geo. Profs. Richard Little (organizer) & Steve Winters

**TO REGISTER:** Contact [RDLITTLE2000@AOL.COM](mailto:RDLITTLE2000@AOL.COM) to confirm space availability, then send participants' names and emails. Mail **\$25 per person** (limited \$10 spaces for "kids" with paid adult) to **Richard Little, 6 Grand View Ln, Easthampton MA 01027**. Checks preferred, but you may go to the Go Fund Me site below and pay by CC & **Add 5% CC service fee**  
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-armored-mud-balls>

**PLEASE NOTE!! Participants assume all risks during this event. Be advised that there are potential roadway, footpath and other dangers and the organizers of this tour assume no liability. If the Heritage boat is not able to run, we will visit "land" sites. No refunds after July 5<sup>th</sup> unless the tour is cancelled due to unsafe weather or other conditions.**



This event is a fund raiser for the Jurassic Armored Mud Balls "State Sedimentary Structure" legislative effort.

Bill Numbers: S.2115 & H. 3438 Contact your State Legislators

See <https://ArmoredMudBalls.rocks> for more information and a movie!



Left: Jurassic Armored Mud Ball with dime for scale from Turners Falls. Right: Podokesaurus, our State Dinosaur.

YOU can support the JAMBs by contributing via the Go Fund Me site above! (Postage is expensive.)

**Want to learn more?** See the book "*Exploring Franklin County*" (2023) by Richard Little (<https://EarthView.rocks>)