



World's first geological map in this region, based on the country around Bath. The region also hosts some well-known geological sites including Cheddar Gorge, the Bath Hot Springs and the Avon Gorge. Exploitation for mineral resources including lead, zinc, iron, coal and limestone (for aggregate and building stone) has taken place since Roman times. Consequently, there is a long heritage of geological research. The surface geology is reasonably well known, particularly from surface outcrops and especially in coalfield areas where records from coal mines, deep boreholes and exploration surveys provide information on the geology up to 300 m below the surface. Although geophysical seismic surveys, which provide information on the rocks by sending sound waves through the ground, have provided some data, the lack of deep boreholes means much of the geological structure and details of the rocks themselves below this depth remains poorly understood.

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