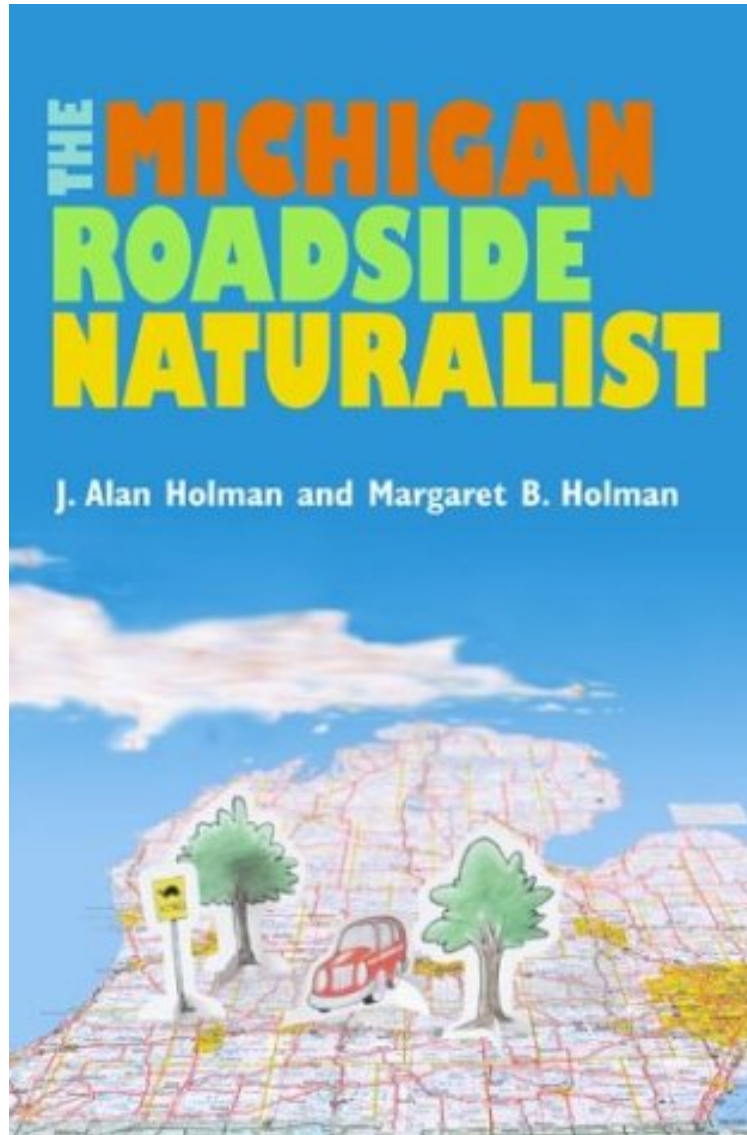


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J. Alan Holman, Margaret B. Holman : The Michigan Roadside Naturalist before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Michigan Roadside Naturalist:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Make the most of your venture through MichiganBy Doug WallaceIf you venture from South to North in the lower peninsula, or East to West in the Upper, you will want to have this book on hand. Going beyond the usual identification of the types of vegetation or soil types you might be traversing, it helps you in Identifying the road kill that you assiduously are trying to avoid. We have found that it helps to have your

navigator available to read the pertinent sections as you motor along at near speed limit speeds. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. TMI, TLIBy Joe Lewis This book is written by a husband and wife team, both of whom are teachers at MSU. Much of this book has interesting and helpful information but it also misses a lot of opportunities. My biggest criticism is that the sections on archaeology, written by the wife, are far too extensive and detailed to make for enjoyable reading unless you are seriously interested in the workaday minutiae of archaeology, by which I mean numerous descriptions of the contents of excavated fire pits and hearths, including such things as fish bones, charred seeds, maize kernels etc., not to mention the fine points of lip-decoration on some rather uninteresting pottery. It is simply too dry for the expectations of a book that proposes to give a route-by-route guide to the visible natural history along Michigan's highways. The average person will simply not care that somewhere across those fields there is a river basin area where this group traded with that group and ate fish at one time of year and picked berries at another. Once or twice, maybe a bit interesting, but over and over again along every route . . . I'd say that it needs summing up in a more lively style. Meanwhile, while the descriptions of the visible geology are good, as are the bits about the mammals, I feel like there could have been much more on the birds and wildflowers, plus more diagrams of the most common types that might be seen along the roads. There are TONS of line drawings in the public domain that could have been used to keep costs down, for instance, a set of line drawings of the ten most common types of fossils found on northern Michigan beaches, the most common wildflowers seen along the roads, better pictures of the common trees (those few in the book are rather poorly reproduced and of no value whatsoever in identification) plus line drawings of their leaf shapes, info about the birds, etc., all of which would have made a welcome replacement to the extensive sections on archaeology. And by the way, I AM interested in archaeology. But in a book called "The Archaeology of Michigan," not in one called "The Michigan Roadside Naturalist." The route descriptions are good and accurate and there IS a lot of interesting detail about history, both human and natural, and the scenery, parks, lakes and such, but my advice would be to seriously edit the ubiquitous iterations of trade patterns and seasonal movements and fire-pit contents of ancient campsites and concentrate more on the things that a person MIGHT ACTUALLY SEE along the roads and lakeshores. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Michigan Roadside Naturalist By charlene fountain Very interesting book but was astounded that the entire eastern tip of the U.P was left out, was a small mention of Sault Ste. Marie (the locks) but Drummond Island..?

Did you know . . . ? Michigan is seventeenth in oil production in the United States. The Great Lakes are said to be the only glacially produced structures that can be seen from the moon. Michigan was once part of a coral reef. The wood frog is one of the commonest true frogs of moist woodland floors in Michigan today and is able to freeze solid during the winter without harmful effects. These and many more amazing facts await the curious traveler in *The Michigan Roadside Naturalist*, J. Alan and Margaret B. Holman's captivating guide to the natural treasures of Michigan. A perfect accompaniment to the classic *Michigan Trees and The Forests of Michigan*, this user-friendly guide offers a Who's Who of the geology, biology, and archaeology of the Great Lakes State, as well as highway adventures along the state's major routes. The book begins with an educational yet accessible tour of important points in Michigan's natural and archaeological history, followed by seven road trips based on commonly traveled state routes, moving from south to north in the Lower Peninsula and east to west in the Upper Peninsula. Readers can proceed directly to the road trips or familiarize themselves with the state's treasure trove of fascinating features before embarking. Either way, an informative and fun odyssey awaits the passionate naturalist, amateur or otherwise. J. Alan Holman is Curator Emeritus of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Michigan State University Museum and Emeritus Professor of Geology and Zoology at Michigan State University. Margaret B. Holman is Research Associate at Michigan State University Museum and Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University.

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