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EARTH: Travels in Geology: Stonehammer Geopark

Alexandria, VA – Geoparks strive to connect people with the landscape, highlighting the intersection of society and geology. They also encourage sustainable economic development, most often through geotourism. The result is a fun and picturesque travel destination where geology can be experienced in many ways. The first of these parks in North America is Stonehammer Geopark, a 2,500-square-kilometer site along the rugged Bay of Fundy on Canada's southeast coast, centered on Saint John, New Brunswick.

Explore the rapids, fossils, millions-of-years-old petrified forests and billion-year-old rocks along with EARTH in June's feature "Stonehammer Geopark: A Billion Years of Stories." Plus, read other stories on topics such as what scientists are learning from the Japan and New Zealand earthquakes, what researchers are doing to get ahead of the mysterious disease that's killing bats by the millions, and how NASA's MESSENGER mission to Mercury is bringing much-needed good news to the space agency. Don't miss the story about how researchers have found no evidence that one large earthquake can cause another large quake thousands of kilometers away.

These stories and many more can be found in the June issue of EARTH, now available digitally (http://www.earthmagazine.org/digital/) or in print on your local newsstands.

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