Welcome to Virtual Field Trips for Geology’s Student User Guide! This guide will help you get started with Virtual Field Trips by providing in depth, step-by-step instructions, created specifically for the student user.

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Benefits of Using Virtual Field Trips for Geology

An online, interactive way for you to explore geology, Virtual Field Trips allows you to have a hands-on lab experience from your computers. Enhance your understanding of the scientific method with the Virtual Geology Laboratories. Focusing on 15 of the most important concepts in geology, the labs offers you hands-on exercises that complement text topics.

Where to Buy

- **Bookstore**: Virtual Field Trips for Geology is available bundled with your textbook for a valuable savings at the bookstore.

Logging In

To get started, navigate to: [www.cengagebrain.com](http://www.cengagebrain.com) to register an access code to Virtual Field Trips for Geology. If you already have a CengageBrain account, you may log in. Otherwise, click Sign Up to create an account.

If you’ve already purchased access, either with a textbook, as a printed access card, or online, enter it into the registration box and click Register. If you don’t have an access code, check with your instructor about which to order.
Once you’ve registered, you may access the Virtual Field Trips, or click on the Free Study Tools link for additional resources such as Frequently Asked Questions.

To access the Virtual Field Trips for Geology product which you just registered, press.

Your instructor should provide you with a Course Key so that you may register to receive assignments and submit grades. It should look something like E-Y5RKWWZMPSY55. Enter it under the Courses tab.

Walkthrough

You may check for assignments. If you have an assignment, click Take when you are ready to begin.
If you are unable to finish a field trip in one sitting, you may click **Save and Exit** to save your work to return to later. You will receive a confirmation it was saved, and will be brought back to the same point in the field trip upon your return. Both new and in-progress assignments can be found under the **Assignments** tab.

### Completing an Assignment

Before you begin your field trip, you may want to review the top tabs, including the **Objectives** for the field trip, the master itinerary (**Destinations**), and the basic concepts you should understand for the field trip (**Concepts**).

Below is an overview of the field trip’s layout, including:

- **The media window**. This will display maps, images, videos, and panoramas for you to explore as part of the field trip.
- **The text pane**, which acts as your field guide, explaining what you see in the media window, providing directions, and posing questions for you to answer.
  
  **Note:** Orange words are key terms. Virtual Field Trips is equipped with a hover glossary, so you can easily access the definition. To reveal the definition, simply hover your mouse over the word. Rocks and minerals also contain thumbnails of lab specimens.
- **And the table of contents**, which outlines all of the points of interest on your field trip. It will track your progress and you go through and answer the questions. Once you have submitted answers to the question at a point of interest, a red check mark will appear in the box next to it, indicating you may move on. Once all check boxes are marked, the field trip is complete. You may hide the **Contents** to expand the text pane.
Each Hotspot will have a Critical Thinking Question for you to answer. Most photographs also have an Interactive Question. All questions must be answered before you submit your field trip for grading, or the system will not record a grade.

To answer an Interactive Question, click on the area of the photograph that answers the question. You will get immediate feedback upon clicking. Though this question type is not graded, you must answer them to complete the field trip. Your instructor will be able to see if you got it correct or not.

To answer a Critical Thinking Question, type in your answer to the box underneath the question and click Submit.

In some instances, a question may refer to Outlines. To reveal these notations, click the Show Outlines button below the photograph.

After you’ve completed a section of the field trip, you will be presented with a Quiz. Each question has a thumbnail you may expand to see the related image to refresh your memory. Use this to answer the question, if needed. Select an answer for each question and click Submit. You will receive immediate feedback. Note: Quiz scores will be recorded in the Gradebook, so answer carefully.
Once you have answered all of the questions for the Hotspot, you will get a red check mark in the box in the Contents window (Figure A, below). Once you have submitted answers to all questions, you will see check marks in all of the boxes, including the field trip’s name (Figure B, below).
Once you have answered all of the questions and have check marks in all of the boxes, click **Submit Assignment for Grading**.

Once confirming your submission, you will receive a confirmation it was submitted, along with a score. You can find your grades later under the **Grades** tab.

### Product Support

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