

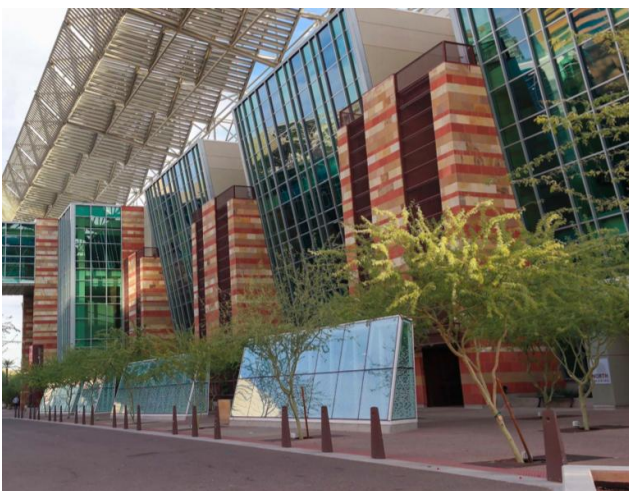


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In September, the Geological Society of America held its annual meeting in Phoenix. As part of the meeting the Arizona Geological Survey made a map and list of places a geologist might visit in Phoenix. This is a different kind of field trip and if you are going to be around downtown Phoenix take time to check out some of the places. The guide is at <https://uagis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=cc927f3ddc95409b9724a97842137374>.

There are 18 stops on the walking tour with a good description of each in the guide. Here are a few examples. The Phoenix Convention Center wanted to use the natural colors of native Arizona rocks in building. Turns out Arizona rock is expensive and the rock used came from India. It is quartz sandstone with some features like ripple marks, parting, and manganese dendrites.



Phoenix Convention Center

The Bioscience High School at the corner of McKinley and N 5th Street has a fossil wall with impressions of fossils: brachiopods, trilobites, crinoids and many more.



Bioscience HS

One that is on my list to visit is the Wells Fargo History Museum, at 145 W. Adams Street, open from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday. It has a gold nugget collection from the Bradshaw Mountains, a copper ore display from Bisbee, and much more. Even the floor is geological, made from garnet mica schist from South America. There are many other unusual rocks used in different buildings in Phoenix.



Wells Fargo Museum