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- VIDEO #1: **THE FLOW OF TIME**  
**500 Million Years of Geohistory in the Connecticut River Valley**,  
Richard D. Little, 1994 – digitally reedited & revised 2000, 45 minutes ISBN 0-9616520-3-9  
(Includes a 4 min. program "Introduction to the Rock Cycle" at the beginning of the video)

With animations and a bit of humor, geologist-educator Richard Little takes you through the amazing events of the last 500 million years in the Connecticut River Valley region, and shows you why this is the best place to study geology in the world. Learn about glacial Lake Hitchcock, **unique** armored mud balls and take a tour of the dinosaur resources of the Amherst College Pratt Museum and Dinosaur State Park, Rocky Hill, CT. This video has been seen by thousands and is in use in classrooms from upper elementary school through college. "A ten-million-years-a-minute thriller!"-- Sy Montgomery, Boston Globe Columnist

- VIDEO #2: **THE RISE AND FALL OF LAKE HITCHCOCK -- New England's Greatest Glacial Lake**  
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Prof. Richard Little hosts this 45-minute program, filled with air views, diagrams, animations, spectacular glacial locations from Canada to Alaska, some humor, and interviews with geologists, investigating such things as groundwater, varved clay, concretions, sand dunes, pingos, and the building and destruction of the Lake Hitchcock dam in central Connecticut. You will join a Tufts University glacial geology class to see how varved clay is collected and analyzed and learn why Lake Hitchcock was the most important event to shape the natural and human history of the Connecticut Valley.

\*\* [both videos now available in DVD format] \*\*

- **Roadside Geology of Massachusetts**, by James W. Skehan, 2001, (published by Mountain Press), 380 pages, 6 x 9 inches. This is a classic -- a "must-have" for any geology enthusiast! There is no other book that gives you the diverse geology of Massachusetts as illustrated by our roadside outcrops. Well written and illustrated. ISBN: 0-87842-429-6

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