

# Bringing NYSGA Guidebooks to Google Earth

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123 Trips

2160 Placemarks

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1956	University of Rochester	Rochester	121	Free pdf	1984	Hamilton College	Clinton	352	\$30.00
1957	NY State Museum	Wellsville	66	Free pdf	1985	Skidmore College	Saratoga Springs	268	\$25.00
1958	City College of CUNY	Peekskill	51	Free pdf	1986	Cornell University	Ithaca	279	\$30.00
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1973	SUNY Brockport	Rochester	177	\$25.00	2000	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Geneva	178	\$25.00
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1976	Vassar College	Poughkeepsie	297	\$30.00	2003	SUNY-Oneonta + Hartwick College	Oneonta	292	\$30.00
1977	SUNY Oneonta	Oneonta	455	\$30.00	2004	SUNY-Potsdam	Potsdam	283	\$30.00
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1980	Rutgers at Newark	Newark, NJ	400	\$30.00	2007	SUNY-Cortland	Cortland	187	\$30.00
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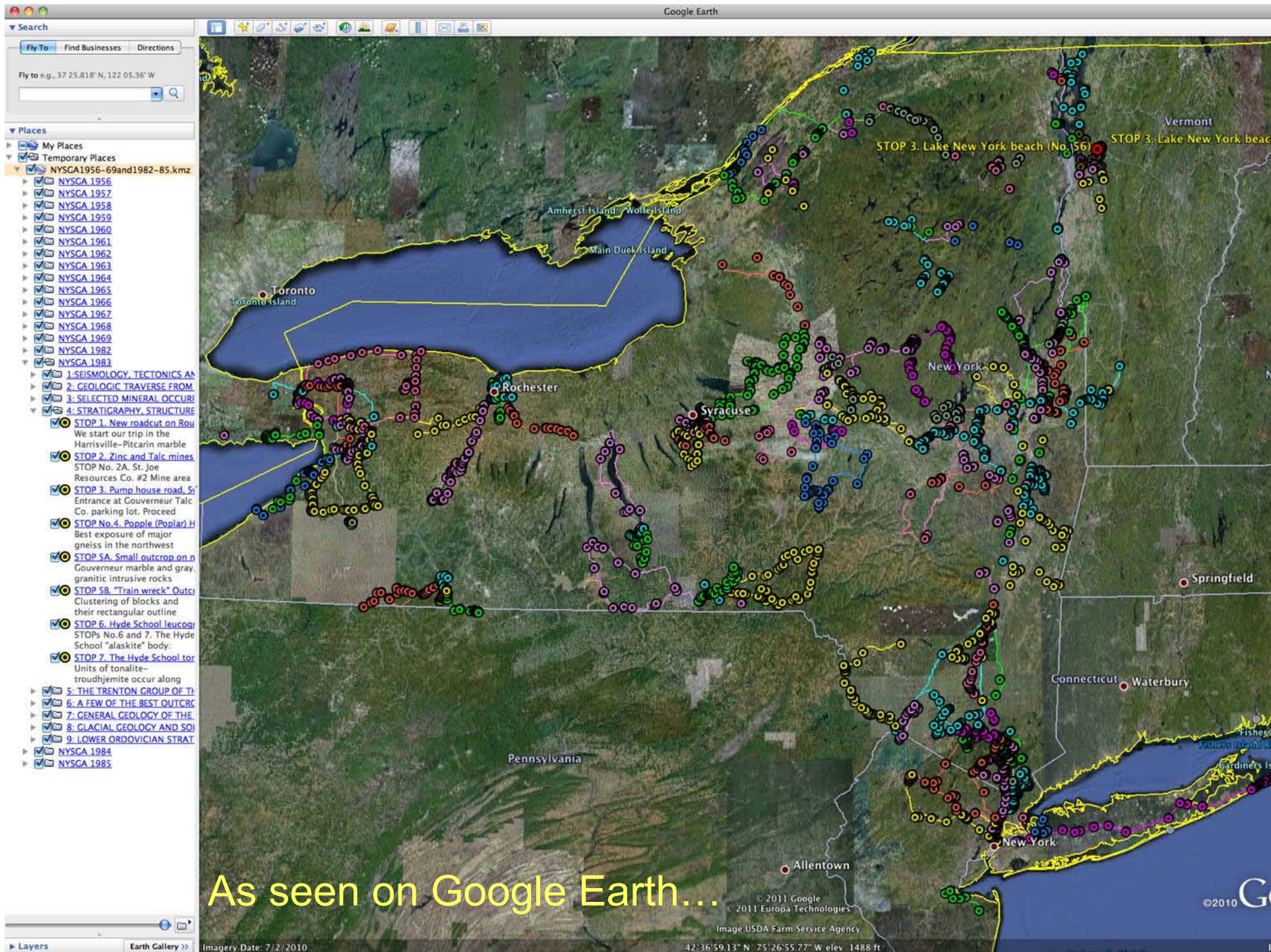
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STOP 2. Bridgewater and Solsville Members of Marcellus Formation.

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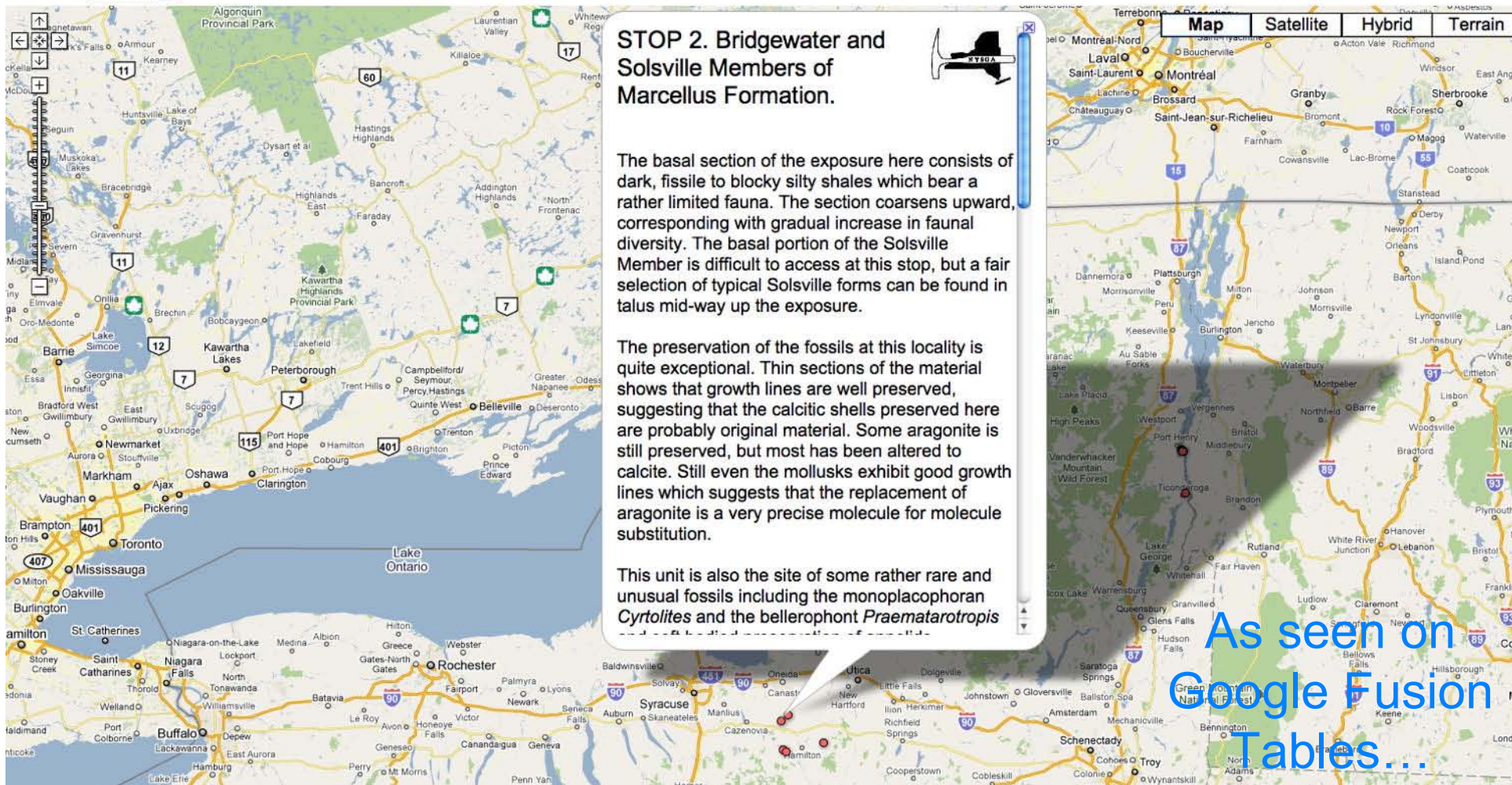
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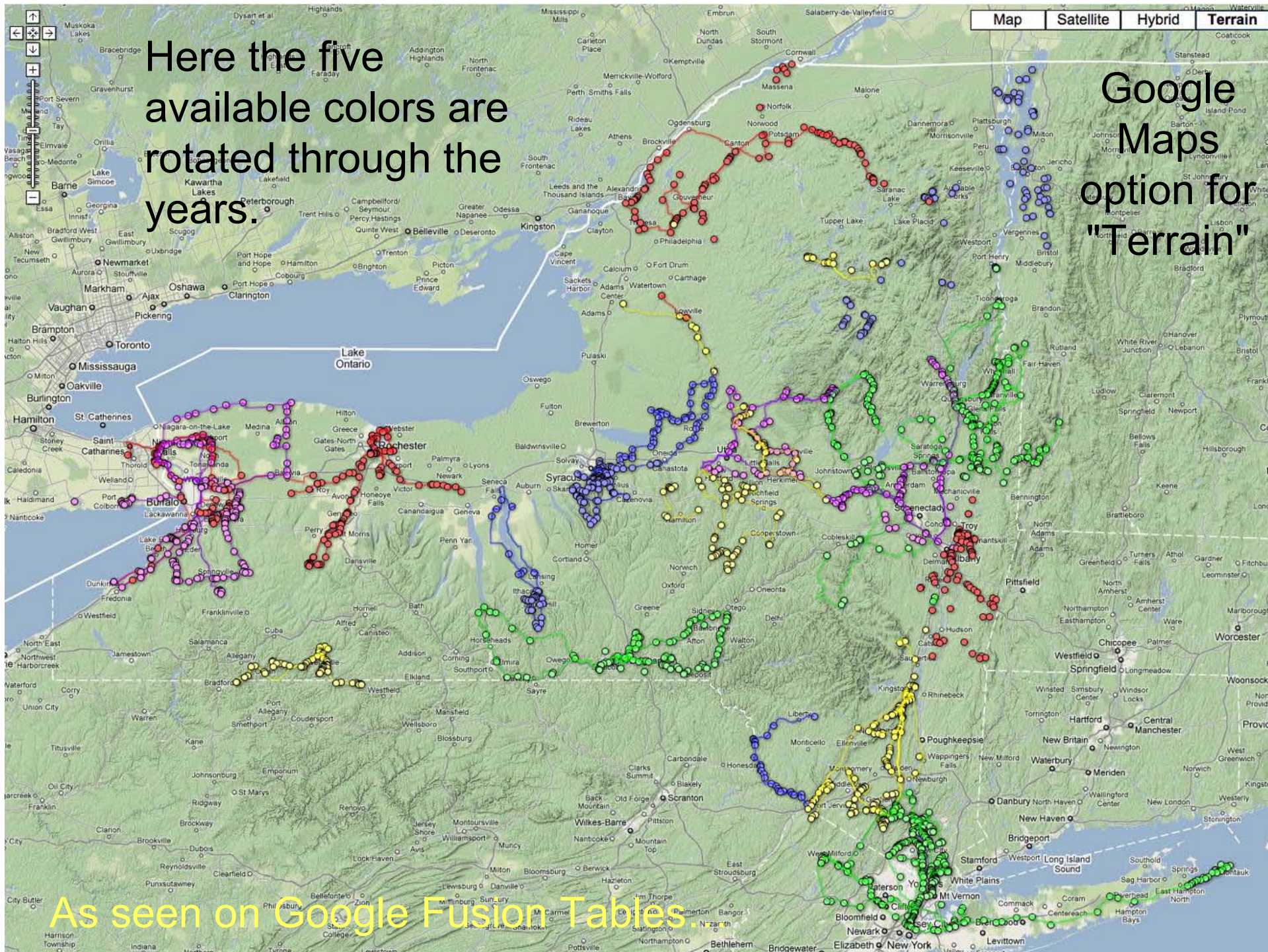
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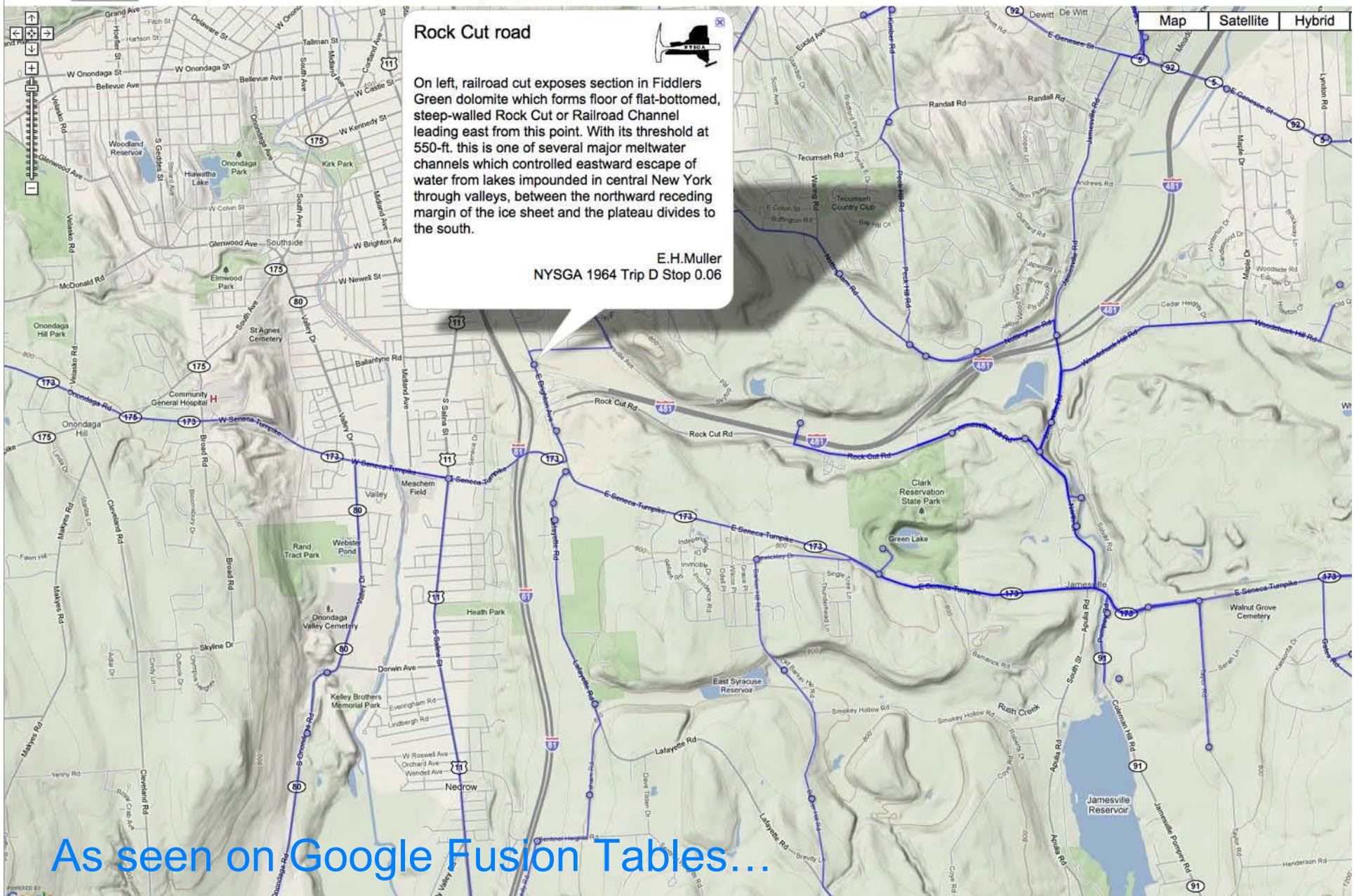
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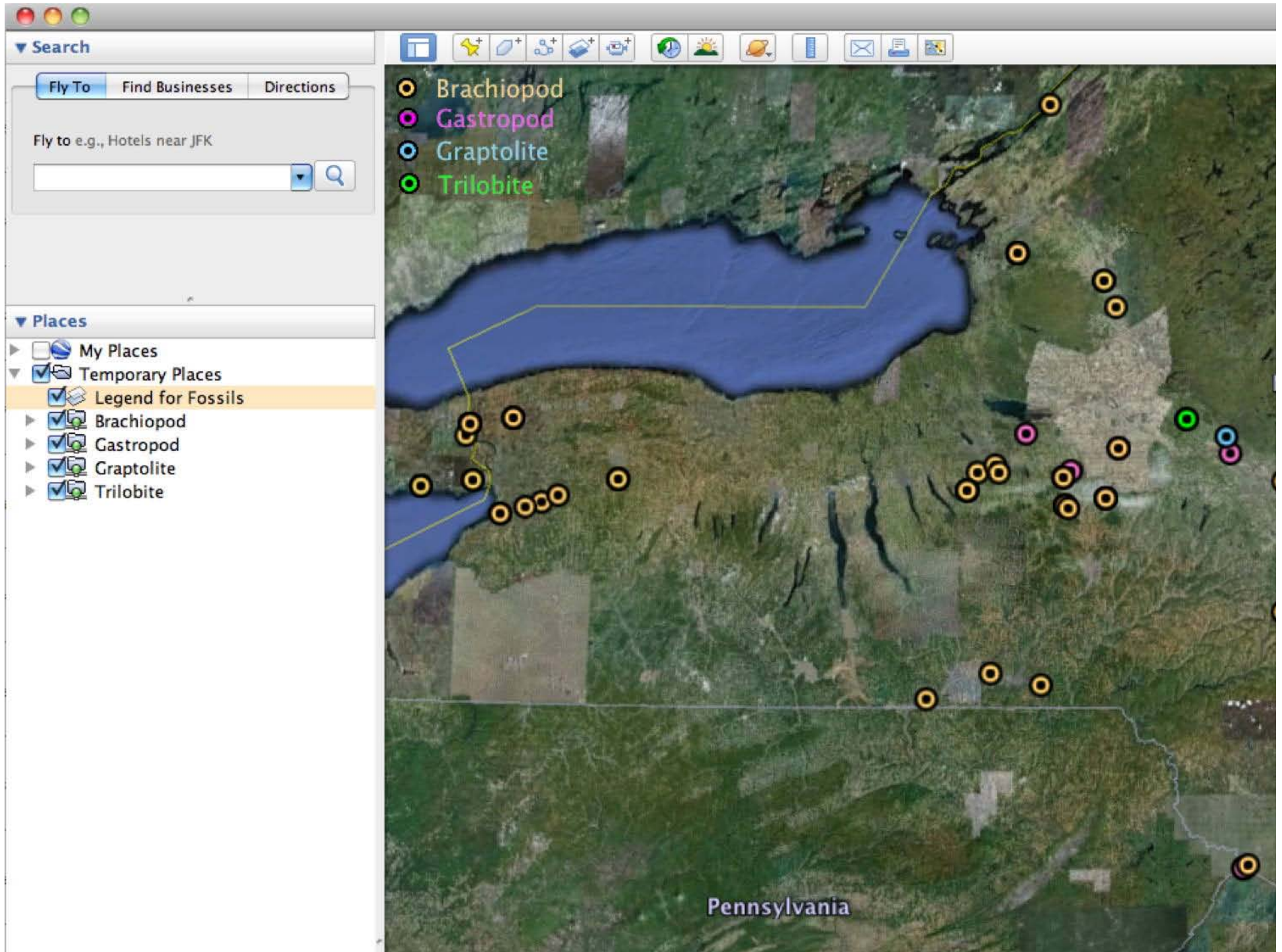
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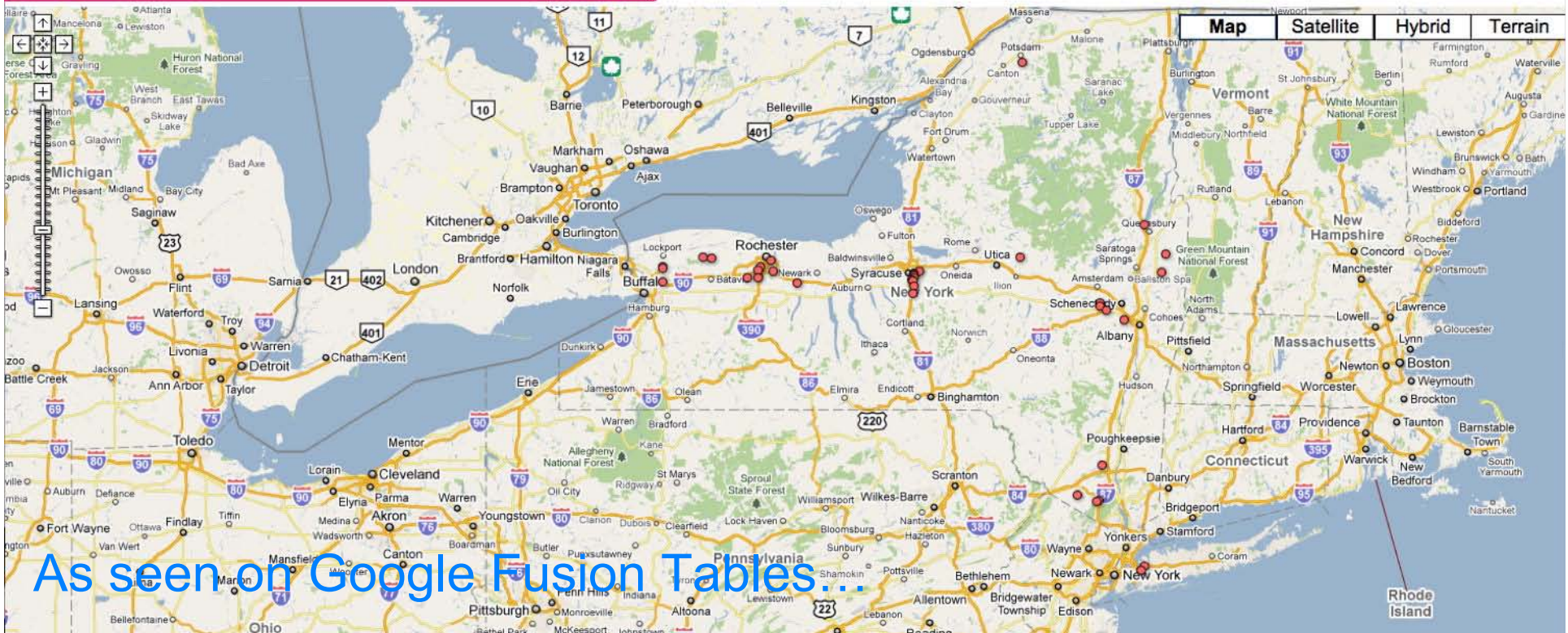
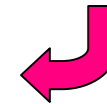
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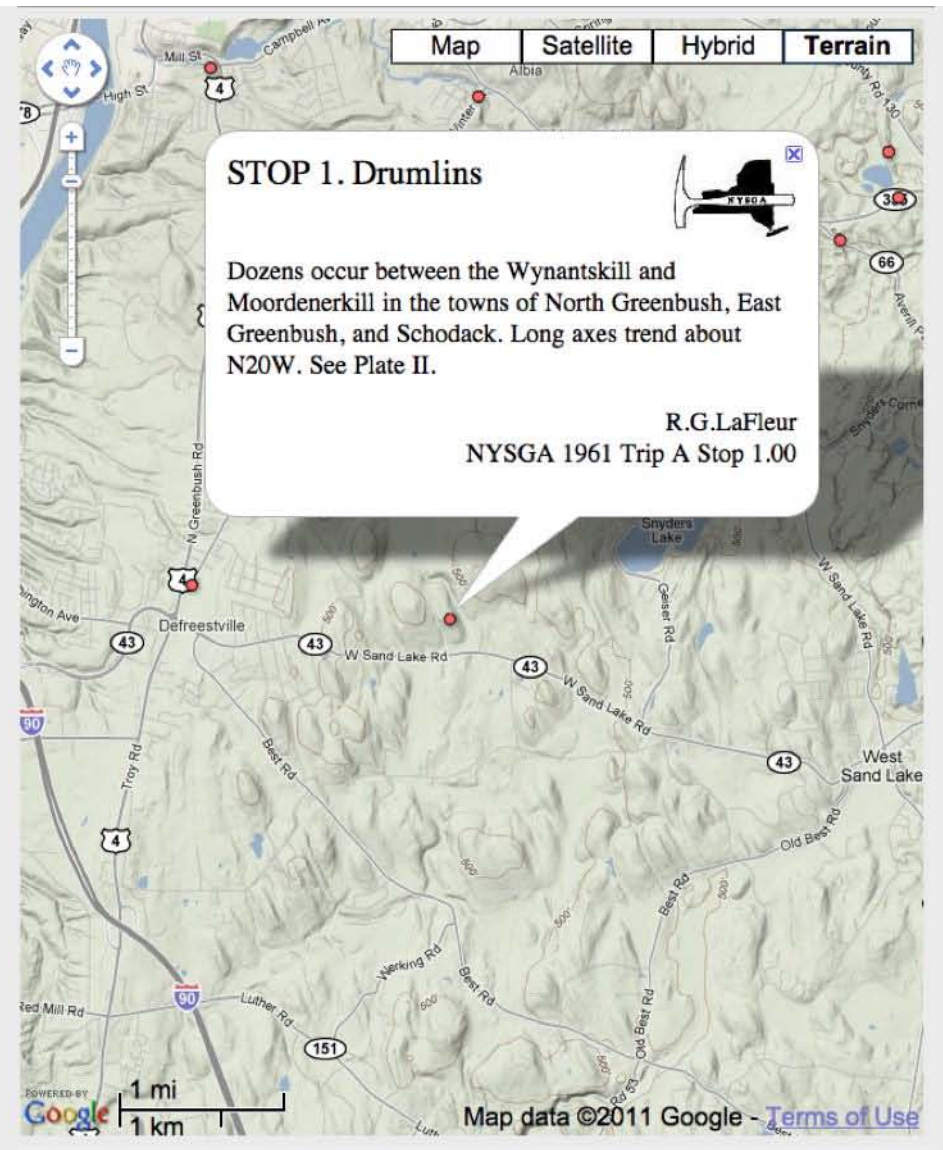
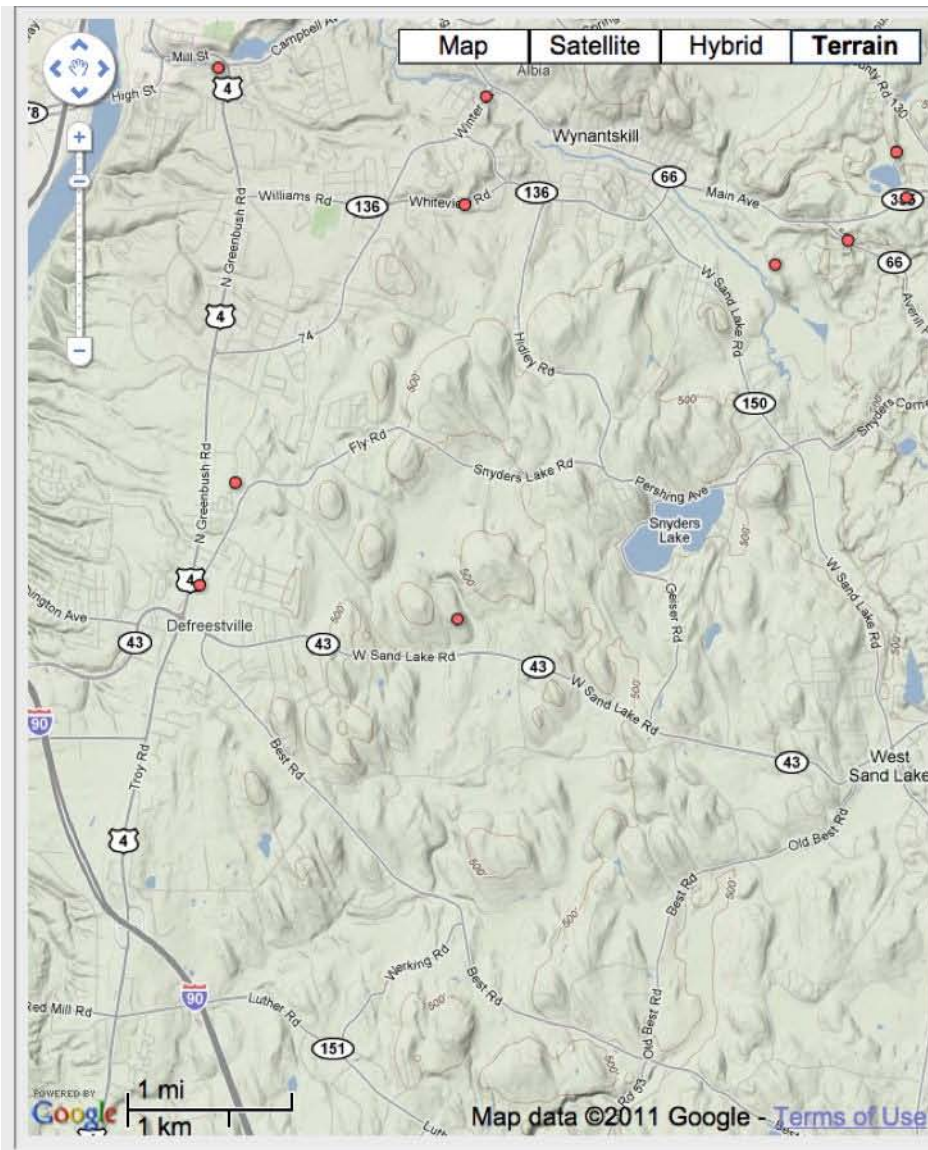
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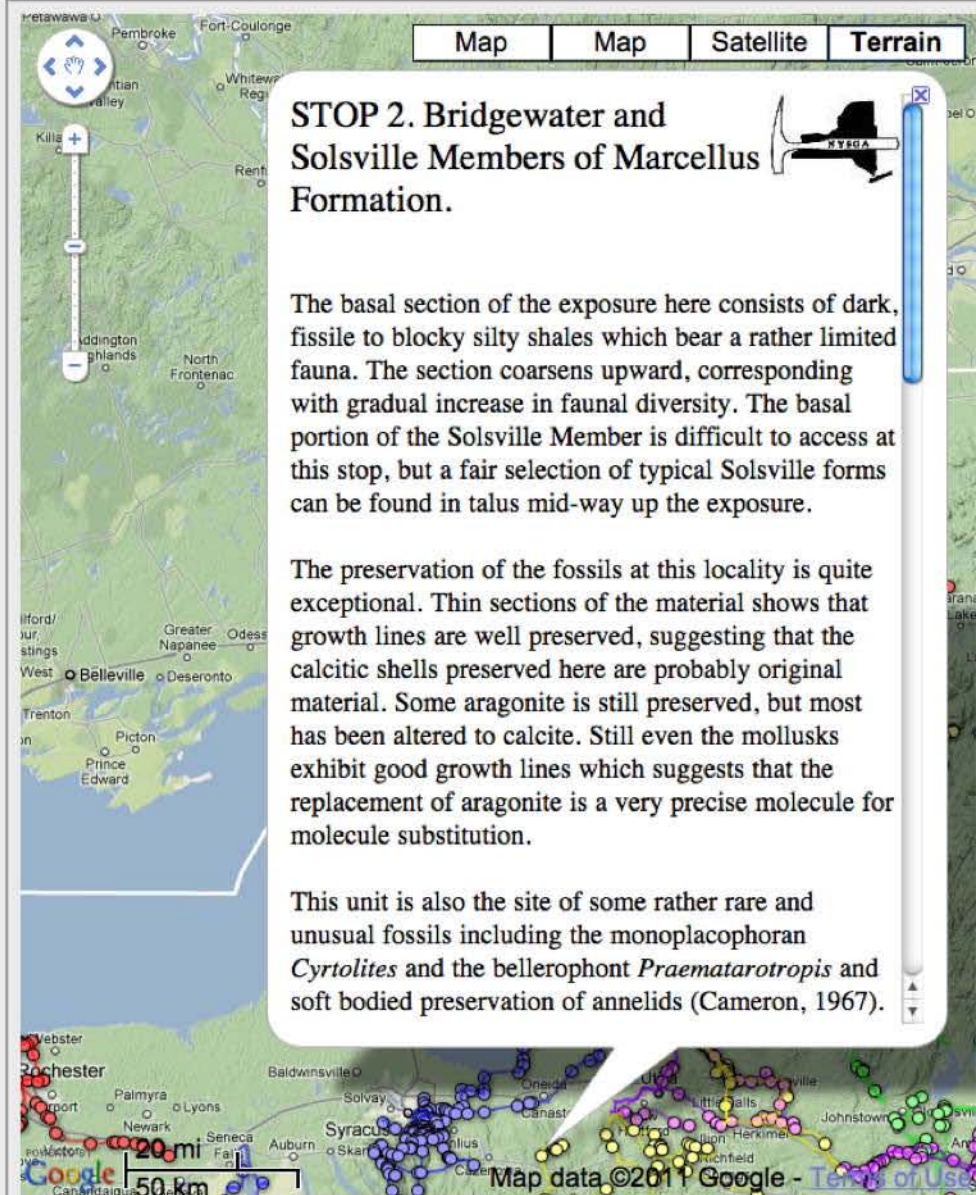


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The preservation of the fossils at this locality is quite exceptional. Thin sections of the material shows that growth lines are well preserved, suggesting that the calcitic shells preserved here are probably original material. Some aragonite is still preserved, but most has been altered to calcite. Still even the mollusks exhibit good growth lines which suggests that the replacement of aragonite is a very precise molecule for molecule substitution.

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Many faunal elements in this unit are restricted to single bedding planes that may repeat throughout the quarry. For example, *Palaeozygopleura* has been found on only three horizons, but within those horizons they may be very abundant. The axis of colling of the shells of *Palaeozygopleura* in this quarry are randomly oriented allowing us to infer that they have not been aligned by current action. Yet twice as many are found in an aperture down position as in an aperture up position. Since all positions of this shell exhibit equal hydrodynamic stability, we infer that the shells were occupied at the time of death, and the orientation of the shells reflects the life position.

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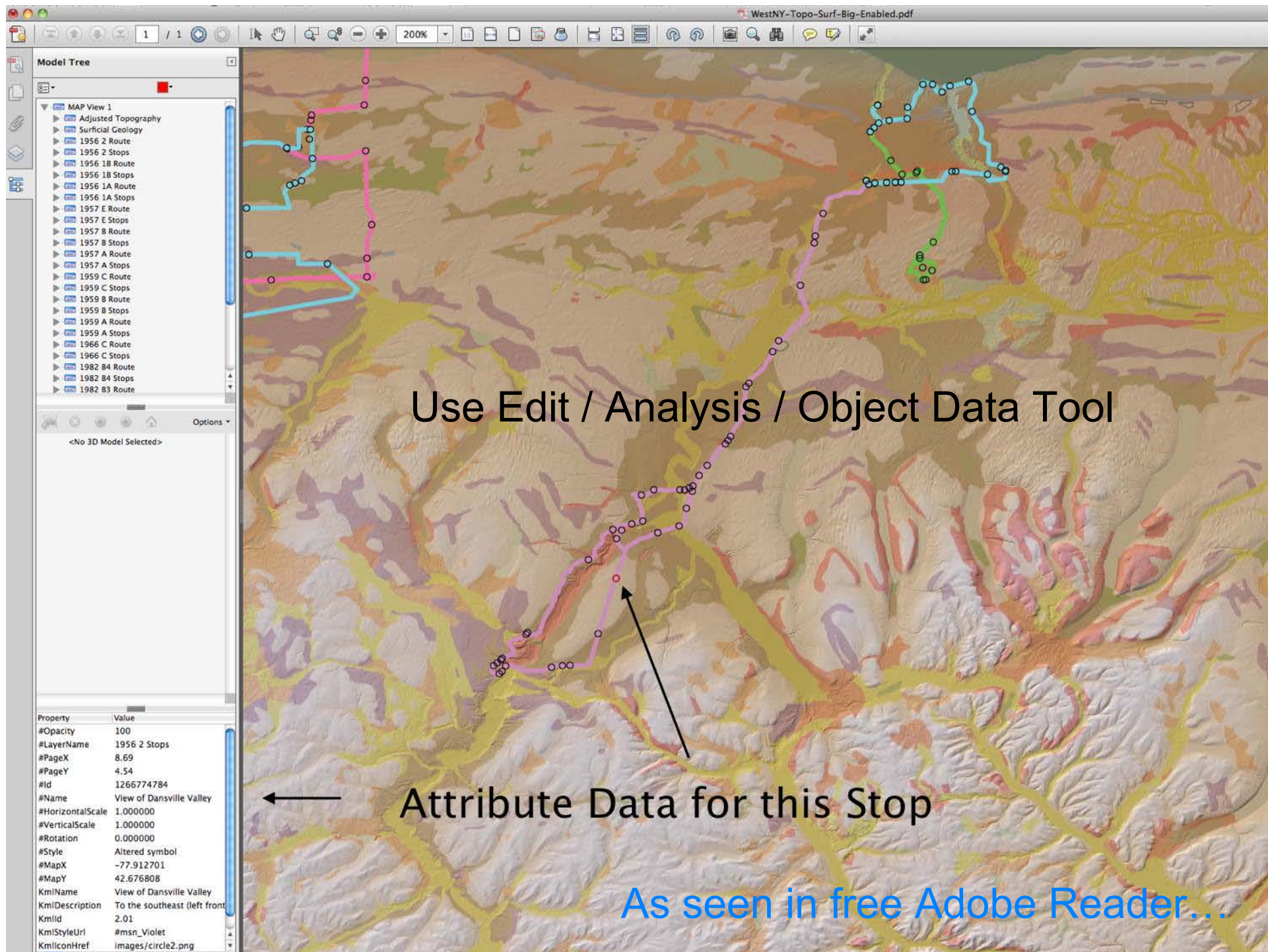


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