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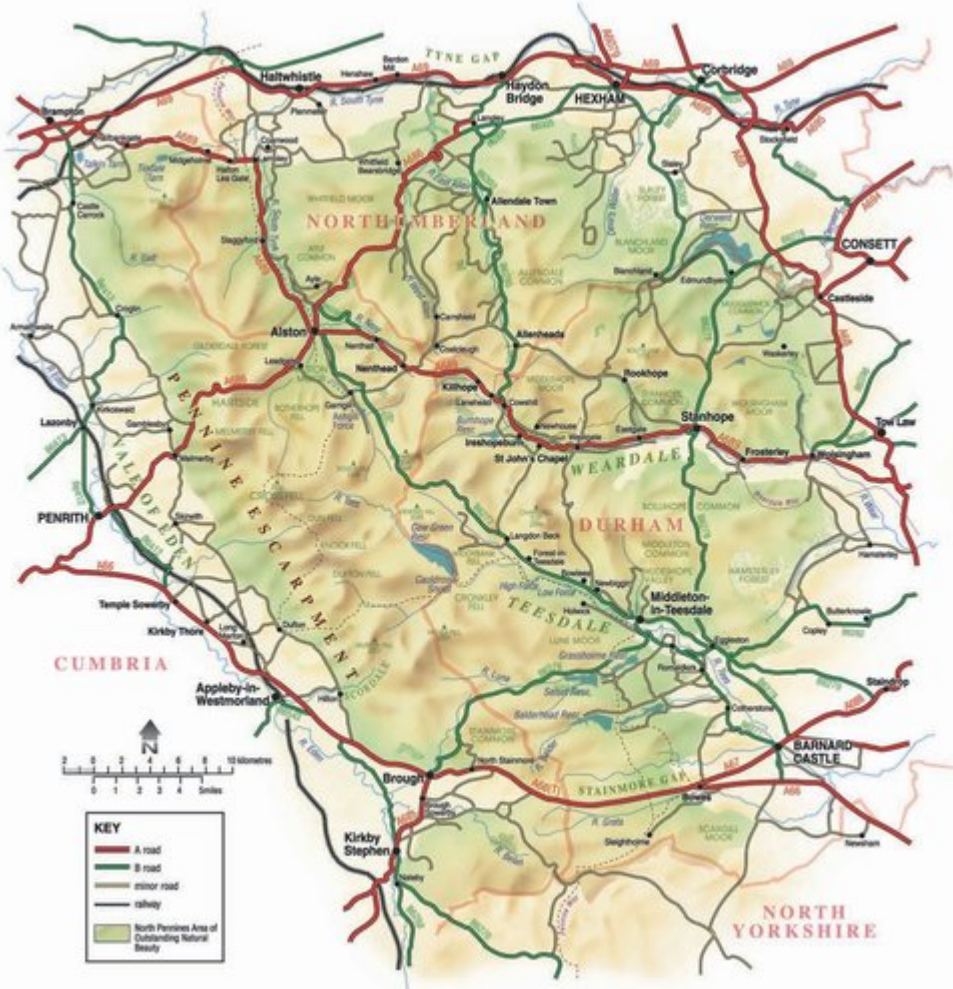
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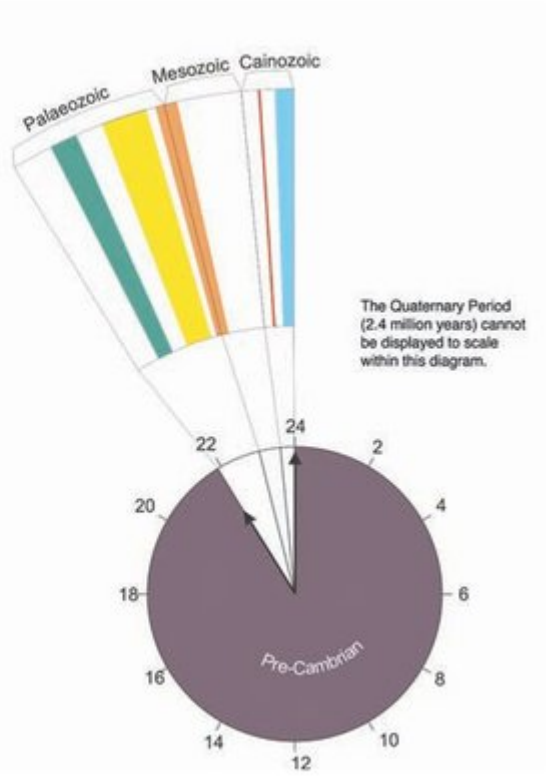


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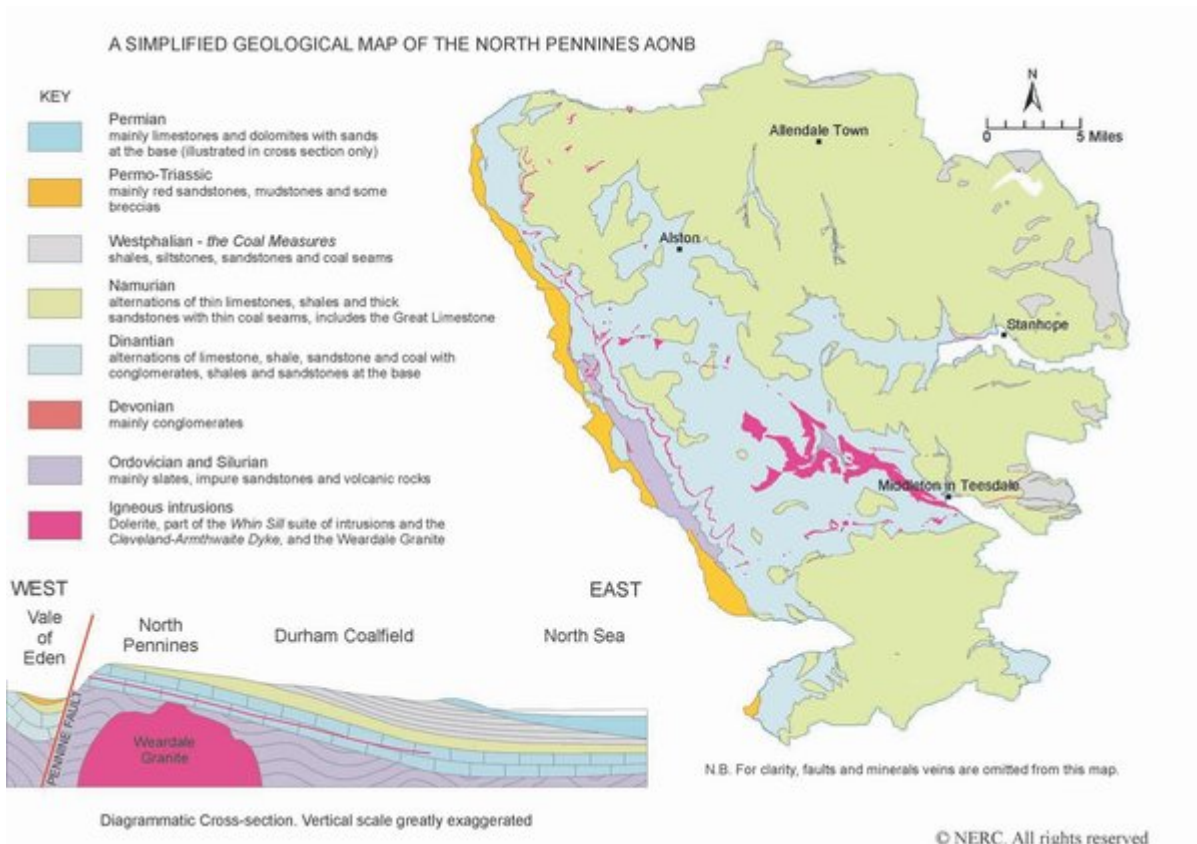


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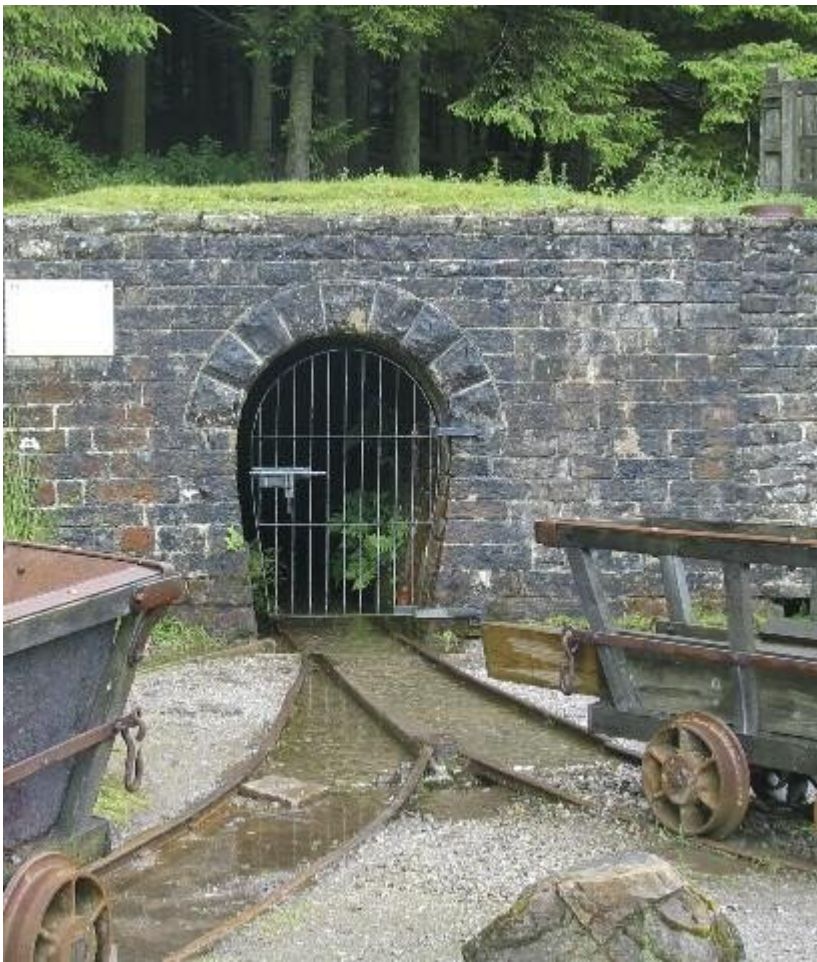
Era	Geological Period	Age (millions of years)	Events	
Cainozoic	Quaternary	Holocene		
		Pleistocene		
	Neogene		Tertiary dykes intruded	
		Palaeogene		
Mesozoic	Cretaceous	6.5		
	Jurassic	142		
	Triassic	205		
	Permian		248	Formation of mineral veins
		Carboniferous	290	Whin Sill intruded
	Palaeozoic	Devonian	Stephanian	Weardale Granite intruded
Westphalian				
Namurian				
Dinantian				
Silurian		362		
Ordovician	418			
Neo-proterozoic	Cambrian	443		
	Pre-Cambrian	495		
		c. 4200		



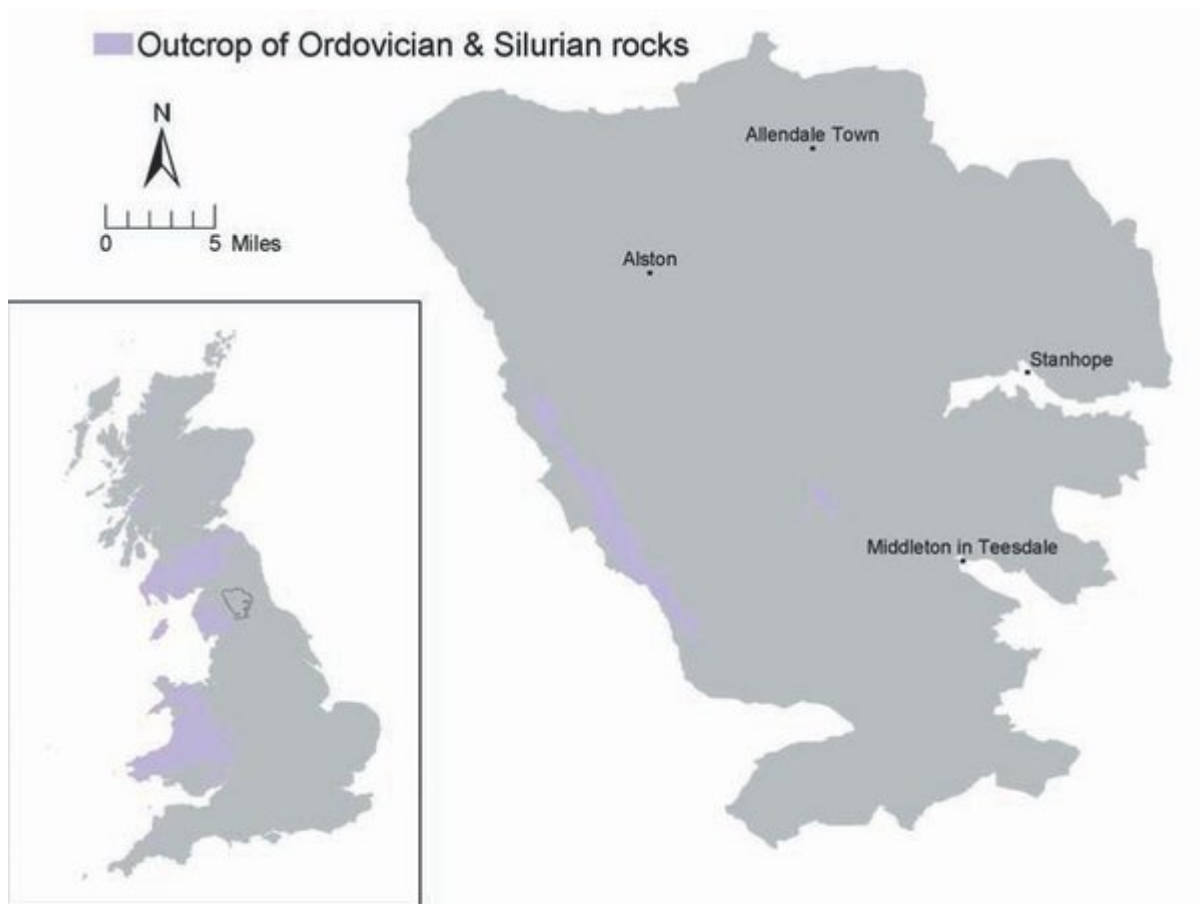
Geological time. Stratigraphic column.



A simplified geological map of the North Pennines AONB



Park Level, Killhope © Elizabeth Pickett/NPAP



Outcrop of Ordovician and Silurian rocks

Period	Group		Formation	Main Rock Types
SILURIAN	WINDERMERE SUPERGROUP	Stockdale	Brathay	Dark bluish grey, laminated graptolitic mudstones and siltstones with sporadic calcareous nodules
			Browgill	Pale greenish grey unfossiliferous mudstone with a few thin black graptolitic mudstone beds, succeeded by red mudstone
			Skelgill	Dark brown to black shaly or blocky mudstones
ORDOVICIAN		Dent	Ashgill Formation	Calcareous mudstone with beds and lenses of decalcified limestone; shelly fauna
			Swindale	Mid-grey calcareous mudstones, with bands and lenses of greenish grey fine grained limestone commonly decalcified at outcrop to brown rottenstone
			Dufton Shale	Dark grey, partly calcareous siltstones and mudstones, with thin bands or lenses of silty limestone
		Borrowdale Volcanic	Harthwaite	Volcanic sandstone and siltstones and tuffs
			Knock Pike	Lapilli-tuff and tuff
			Studgill	Lapilli-tuff and volcanoclastic sandstone
	Skiddaw	Kirkland	Mudstones interbedded with many thick bands of tuff (volcanic ash) and lavas	
		Murton	Siltstones and mudstones with some sandstones	
		Catterpallot	Siltstones and interbedded sandstones	

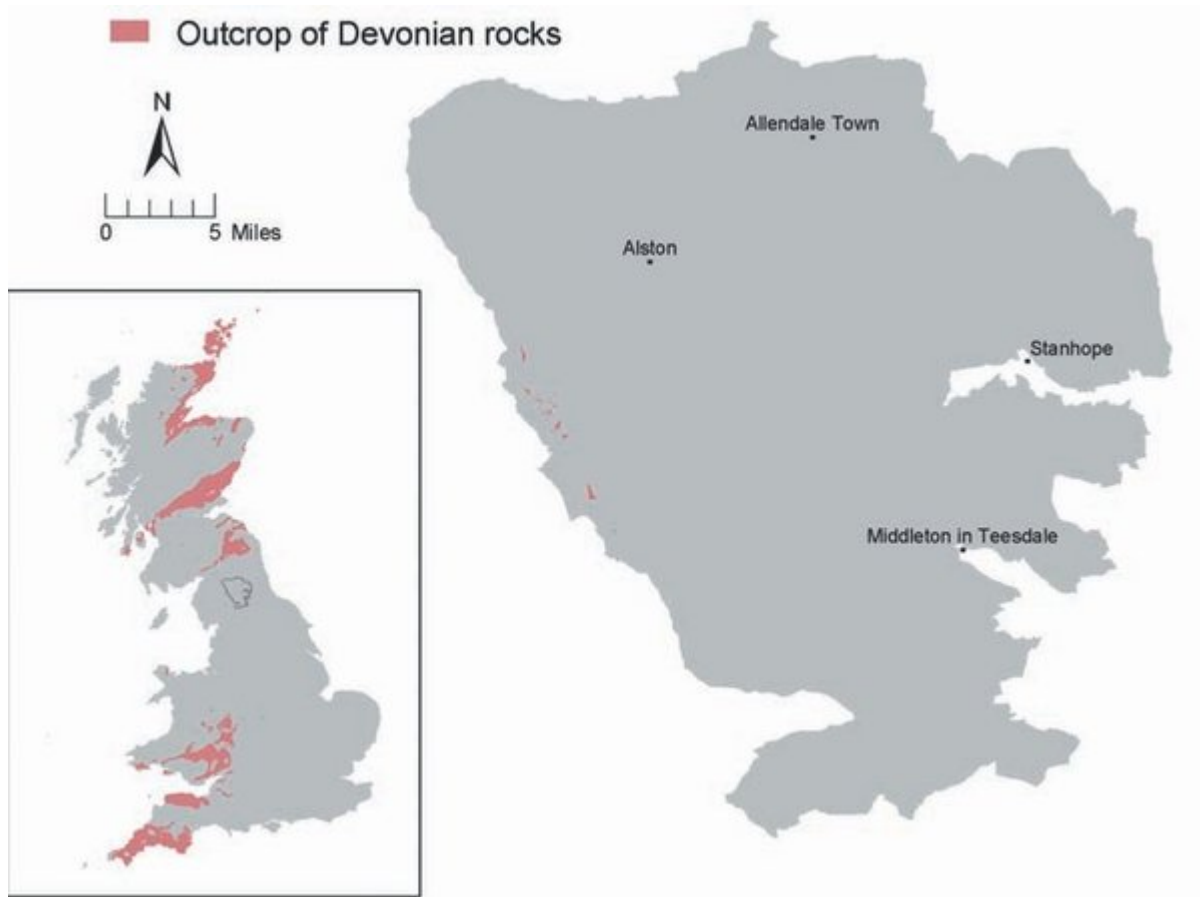
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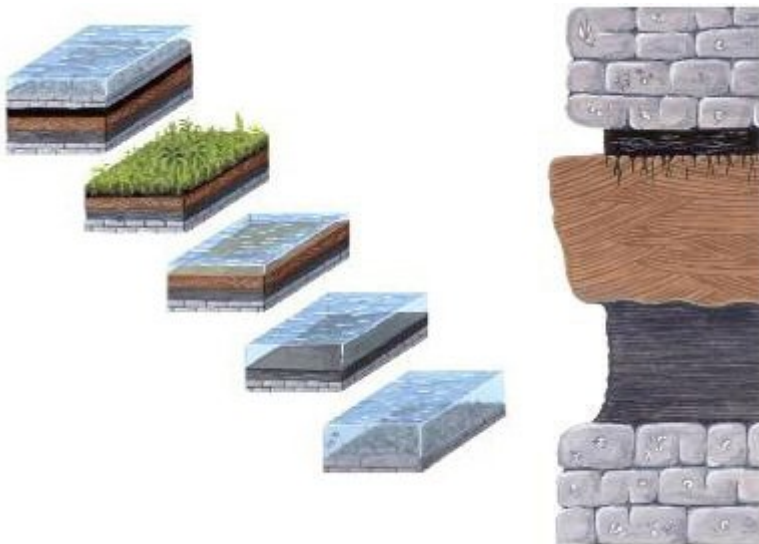
*Outcrop of Devonian rocks.*



*Exposure of the 'polygenetic Conglomerate' near Melmerby. © B. Young, BGS, NERC.*

Old-fashioned terms	Modern Chronostratigraphical divisions		Divisions used on existing 50k geological maps and this document	Divisions likely to be used on maps and descriptions of the area in the future	
Coal Measures	Upper Carboniferous	Westphalian	Coal Measures	Coal Measures	
Millstone Grit		Namurian	Stainmore Group	Stainmore Formation	Yoredale Group
Carboniferous (or Mountain) Limestone	Lower Carboniferous	Dinantian	Great Limestone	Alston Formation	Great Scar Limestone Group
			Alston Group	Robinson Limestone	
			Melmerby Scar Limestone	Melmerby Scar Limestone Formation	
			Orton Group		
			Basement Group		

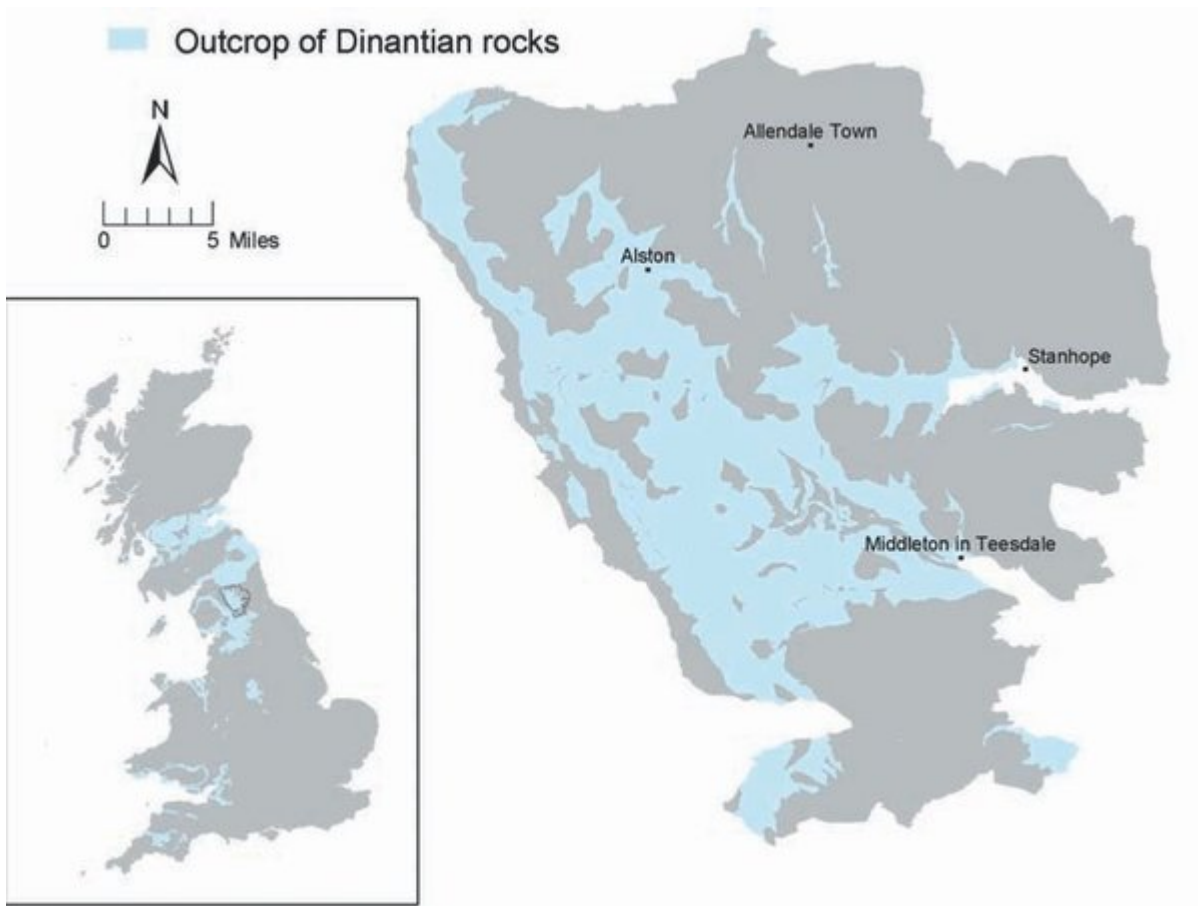
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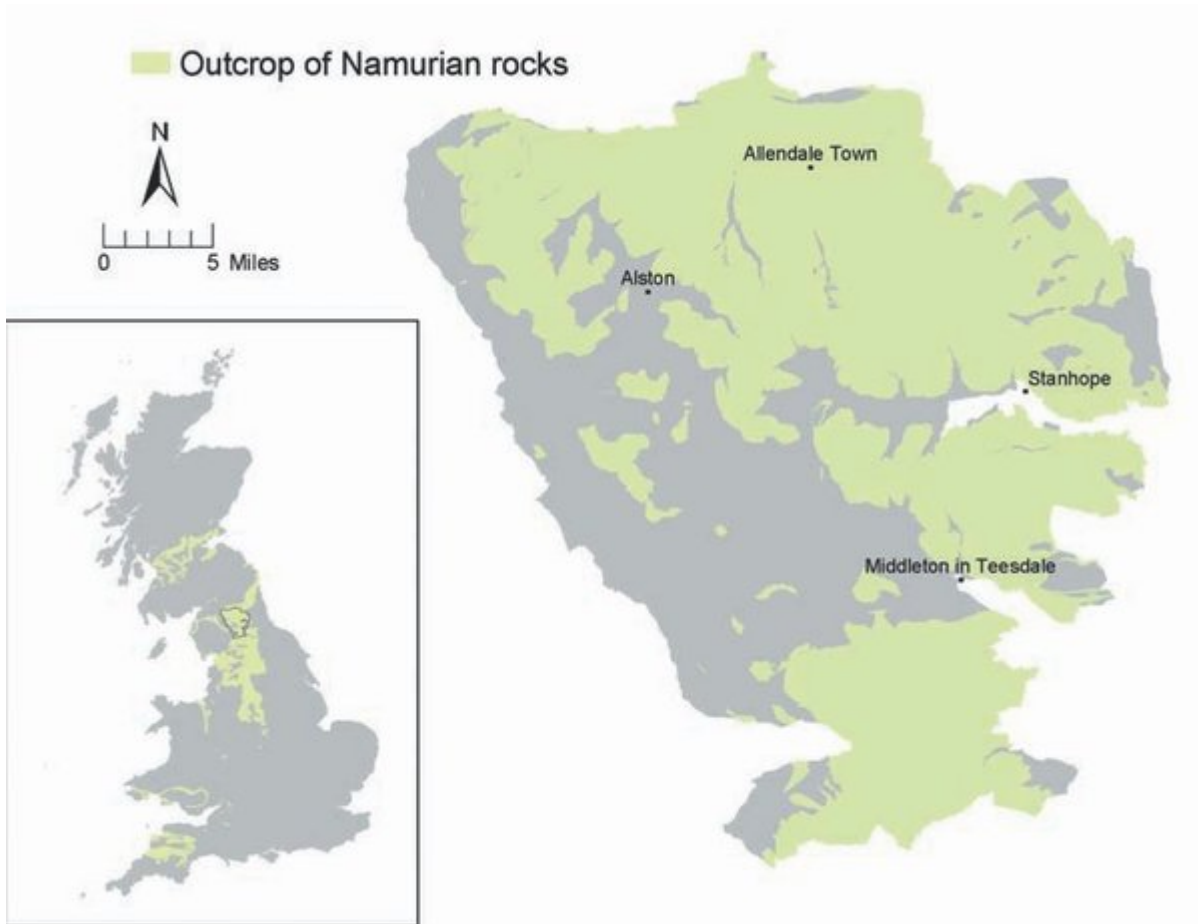
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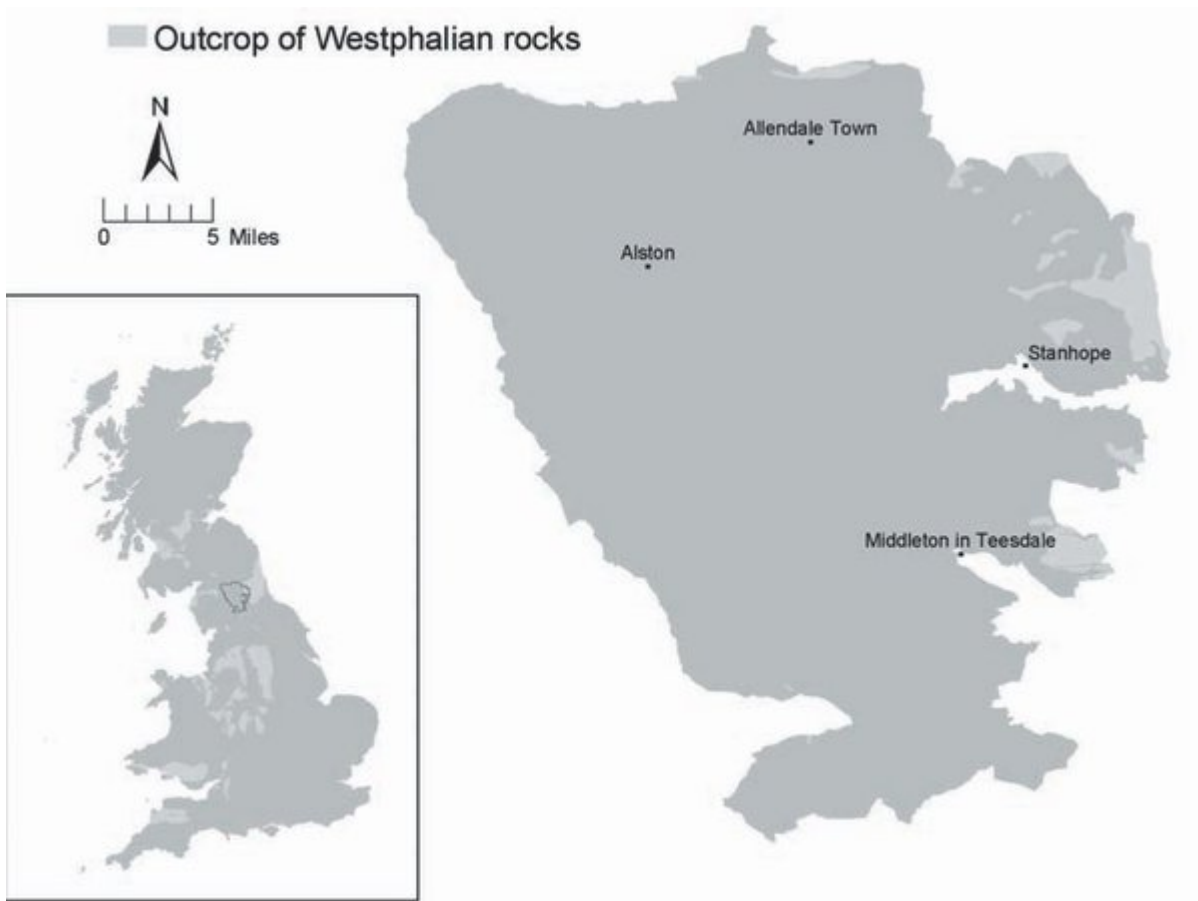
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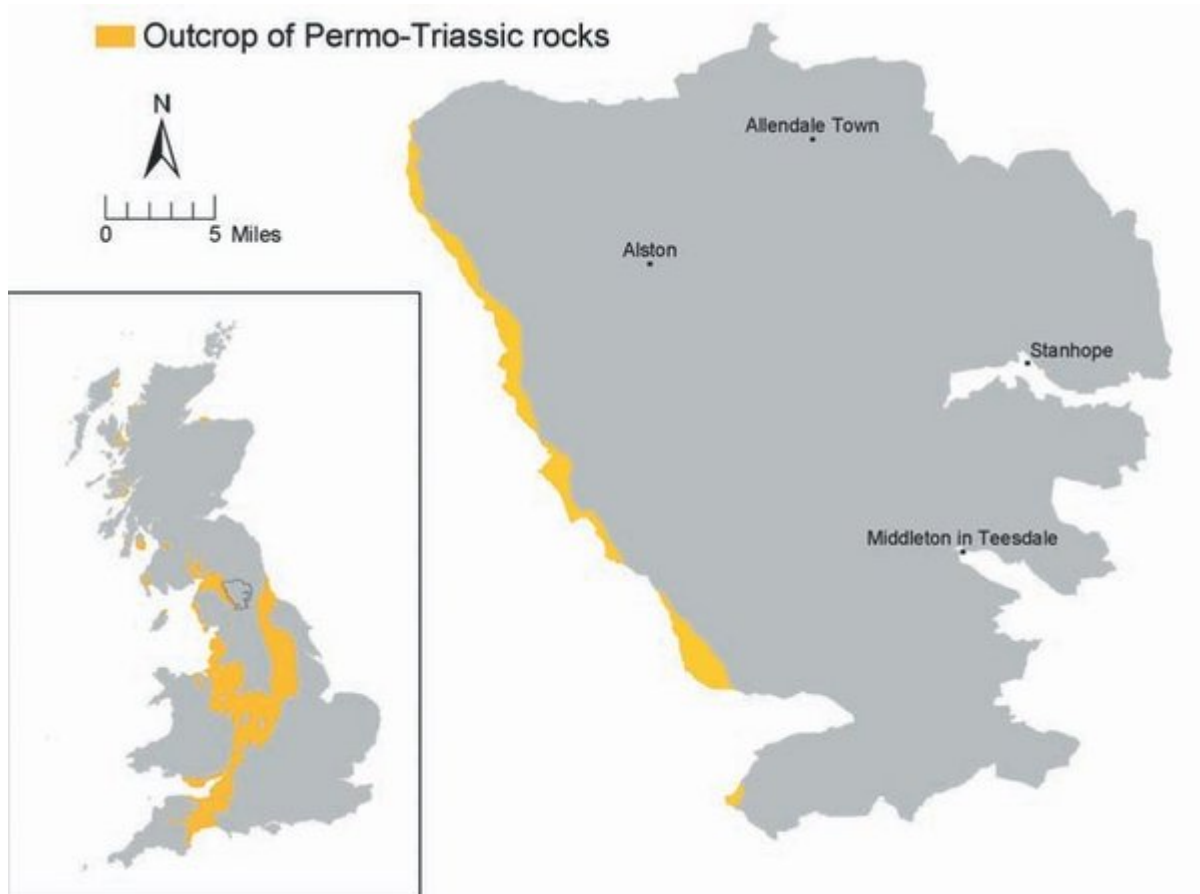
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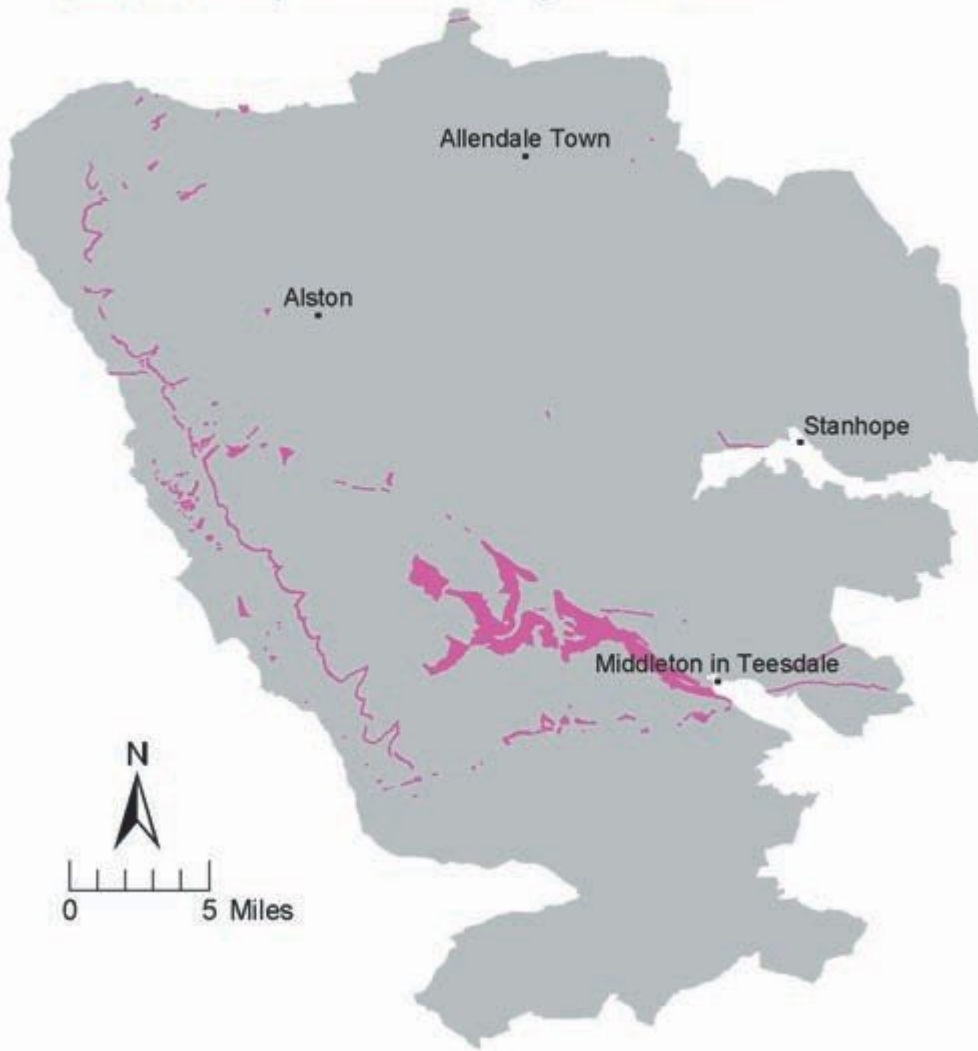


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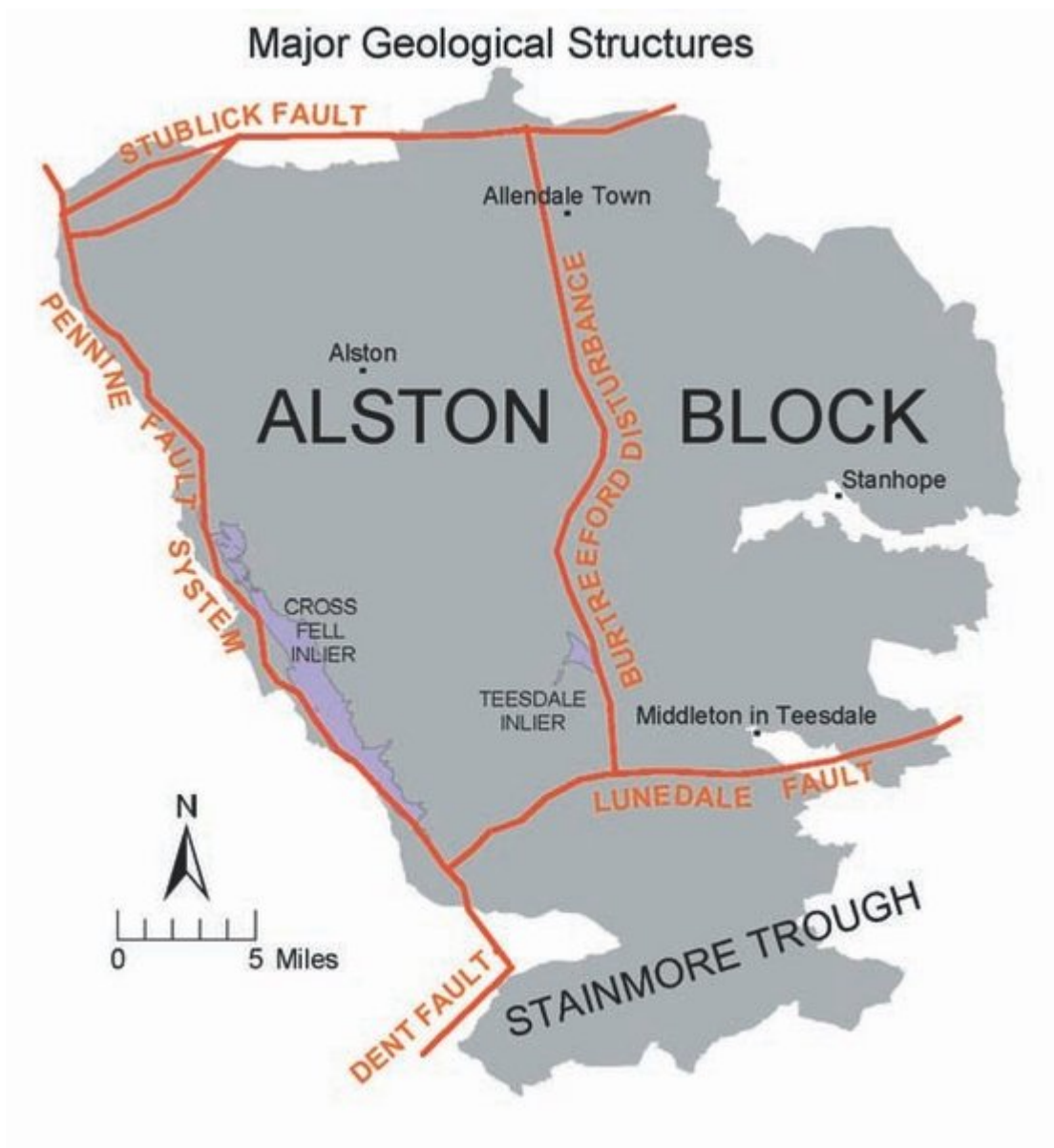
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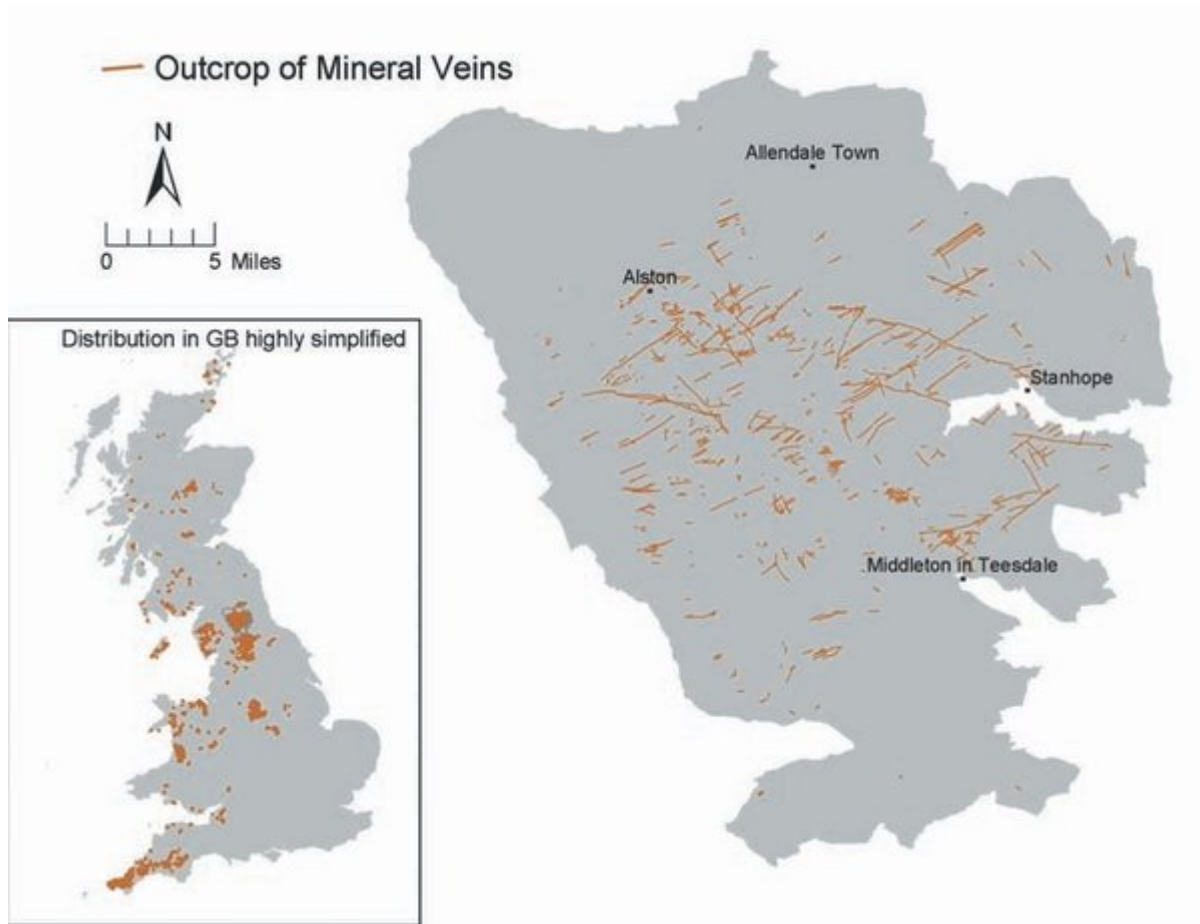
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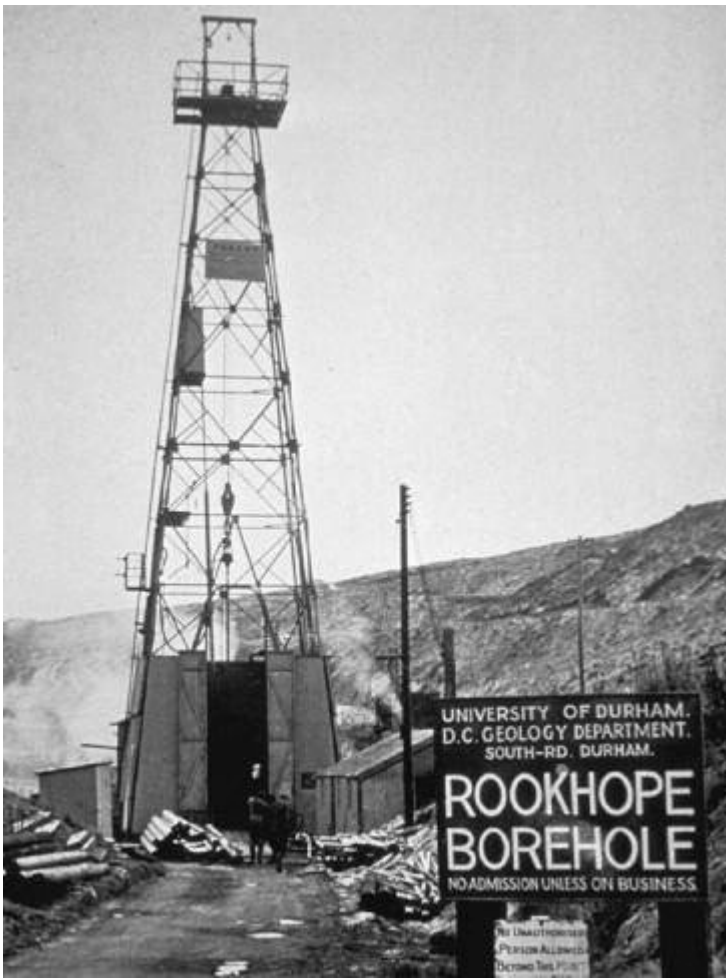


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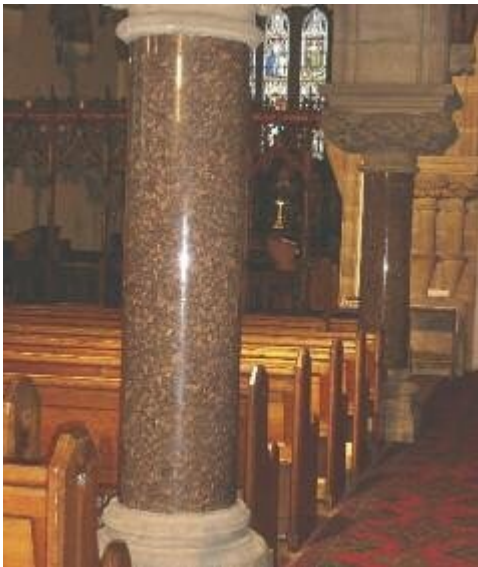
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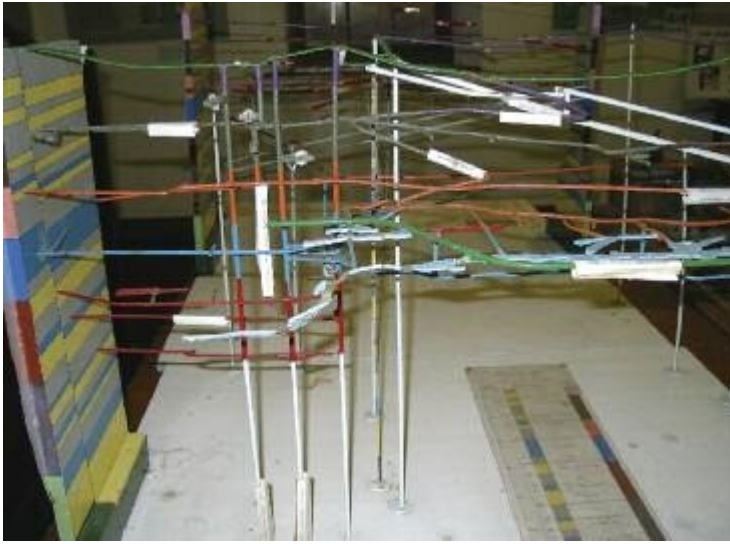
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