

Exploring of Geosite for Geopark in the Gochang-gun Area, Korea

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abstract: This study is to explore geosites in Gochang-gun and to investigate a possibility of geotourism. In this study, the geosites within Gochang-gun are explored through literature search and fieldwork. The results indicate that seven of the geosites in the Seonunsan area are relevant as potential national geopark, including Jinheunggul, Dosolam Maebulsang, Nakjodae and Cheonmabong, Byungbawi, Soyosan, Gusipo Fising Port, and Dolmen site. In addition, there are other areas that have values in terms of geological and educational aspect, including Hajeon mud flat and Myoungsasipri beach. The results of study imply that if additional geological surveys of the geosites are conducted, the Gochang-gun area has potential to be designated as the national geopark of Korea.

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