

QUATERNARY

Q<sub>4</sub> Alluvium, colluvium, till, gravel, sand, silt (only shown where bedrock is extensively covered).

CRETACEOUS  
UPPER CRETACEOUS

uKk KASKAPAU FORMATION  
Shale: dark grey to black, commonly silty, rusty weathering; with siltitic concretions and variable amounts of very thin interbedded grey, brown weathering siltstone. Calcareous shale: dark grey, silver-grey weathering. Recessive, poorly exposed unit. Commonly faulted and folded.

uKd DUNVEGAN FORMATION  
Sandstone: grey, very fine- to medium-grained, argillaceous, brown weathering, micaceous bedding planes; and mudstone: grey, brown, silty, brown weathering, commonly carbonaceous, laminated, micaceous bedding planes in fining-upward-cycles. Rare lenticular coal seams (<20 cm thick); and sandstone: grey, medium- to coarse-grained, quartzose, cross-bedded, grey weathering. Relatively resistant marker unit with good topographic expression but commonly poor exposure.

UPPER AND LOWER CRETACEOUS

Ks SHAFTESBURY FORMATION  
Shale: dark grey, grey or rusty weathering, with red-brown weathering, laminated siltstone interbeds common near top. Recessive, dark weathering unit.

LOWER CRETACEOUS

Luscar Group (Kc-Kg)  
Kg GATES FORMATION  
Sandstone: fine- to coarse-grained, carbonaceous, cross-bedded, tan or red-brown weathering; interlayered with Carbonaceous shale: grey, brown; carbonaceous siltstone: grey, cross-laminated, coal beds commonly over 1 m thick and sandy pebble conglomerate: clay supported, in beds up to 5 m thick. Sandstone: fine grained, well sorted, resistant, brown weathering unit 0 to 20 m thick forms base of succession in many areas. Ribbed weathering unit.

Km MOOSEBAR FORMATION  
Shale: dark grey with ironstone concretions. Sandstone: grey, very fine grained, laminated, very thin- to thin-bedded, brown weathering, absent in lower part of unit, more common near top. Recessive marker unit.

Kgl GLADSTONE FORMATION  
Sandstone: fine- to coarse-grained, carbonaceous, cross-bedded, orange-brown weathering and local sandy pebble conglomerate; interlayered with carbonaceous siltstone, carbonaceous shale and coal. Plant remains abundant throughout. Ribbed weathering unit.

Kc CADOMIN FORMATION  
Conglomerate: pebble to cobble, clast supported in red-brown weathering sandy matrix, with local interbeds of sandstone and siltstone. Resistant, light grey weathering or black, lichen covered marker unit.

MINNES GROUP (JKM-Kgc)

Kgc GORMAN CREEK FORMATION  
Interlayered sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, carbonaceous shale or coal in repetitive fining-upward-cycles generally 1 to 5 m thick. Sandstone: fine- to coarse-grained, carbonaceous, ripple cross-laminated or crossbedded, commonly rich in dark chert, locally conglomeratic, orange or brown weathering; S: local, resistant mappable units up to 15 m thick. Siltstone: grey, carbonaceous, orange or grey weathering. Shale: silty, carbonaceous, grey weathering commonly grading to coal. An orange-brown weathering succession with few marker units, commonly complexly folded with minor faults.

JURASSIC AND CRETACEOUS  
UPPER JURASSIC AND LOWER CRETACEOUS

JKMts MONTEITH FORMATION: MIXED FACIES  
Sandstone: very fine- to medium-grained, dark chert rich, ripple cross-laminated, locally carbonaceous, brown weathering. Shale and siltstone: grey, interlaminated, micaceous and carbonaceous splitting surfaces, brown weathering, carbonate concretions locally. Brown weathering unit.

JKMtn MONTEITH FORMATION: MARINE SANDSTONE FACIES  
Sandstone: very fine-grained, light brown-grey, laminated, pinkish or light grey weathering with minor grey shale interbeds. Resistant marker unit.

JKN NIKANASSIN FORMATION  
Sandstone: very fine-grained, orange-brown weathering, in thin to very thick beds, interbedded with minor dark grey shale, silty shale and argillaceous sandstone (lower part). Interlayered sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, carbonaceous shale of upper part is lithologically similar to Gorman Creek Formation. Lower part is resistant weathering; upper part is a ribbed, generally orange weathering unit.

JURASSIC

JF Fernie Formation: undivided

JF2 UPPER PART (West)  
Siltstone and silty sandstone: brown-grey, very thin- to thin-bedded, red-brown weathering, micaceous splitting surfaces, large orange-brown weathering concretions locally; interbedded with shale: grey, silty, brown weathering. Brown, relatively recessive weathering unit with locally mappable resistant intervals 20 to 40 m thick dominated by silty sandstone: base of these intervals denoted by -SS- on map.

JFw UPPER PART (East)  
Shale: grey, silty, brown weathering siltstone: brown-grey, very thin- to thin-bedded; Sandstone: light grey, quartzose, well cemented, thin-bedded, orange-brown weathering, common in upper part of unit.

JF1 LOWER PART  
Shale: dark grey, locally rusty weathering, ironstone concretions; minor quartz sandstone and glauconitic sandstone near base. A few metres of interbedded black shale and dark limestone occurs at base (Nordegg Member). Recessive unit.

TRIASSIC

TSM-Tw SPRAY RIVER GROUP (TSM-Tw)

Tw WHITEHORSE FORMATION  
Interbedded silty dolostone, sandstone, siltstone, sandy limestone, intraformational conglomerate, solution breccia, anhydrite; limestone: light grey weathering with minor dolostone and intraformational conglomerate; cherty dolostone and limestone. A distinctive brightly weathering ribbed unit.

TSM SULPHUR MOUNTAIN FORMATION  
Siltstone, silty limestone: grey, red-brown play to flaggy weathering with phosphatic fossils; minor interbedded shale, dolostone and sandstone. A distinctive, red-brown, moderately resistant weathering unit.

PERMIAN

Pu BELCOURT, RANGER CANYON AND MOWICH FORMATIONS  
Limestone, and fine crystalline dolostone (Belcourt Formation); light to medium grey chert (Ranger Canyon Formation) and siliceous or calcareous sandstone with local chert and carbonate lenses (Mowich Formation). Thin pebble conglomerate commonly occurs at base of Belcourt and Mowich Formations.

CARBONIFEROUS  
LOWER CARBONIFEROUS

CR RUNDLE GROUP  
Limestone: skeletal grainstone, packstone and wackestone; with locally abundant chert nodules, dolostone; minor shale. Ribbed weathering unit.

CB BANFF FORMATION  
Black Shale: brown weathering, and lime wackestone in thin rhythmic interbeds (lower part); brown weathering, black shale and skeletal lime grainstone in coarsening upward cycles (upper part). Recessive, brownish weathering marker unit.

DEVONIAN  
UPPER DEVONIAN

DP PALLISER FORMATION  
Limestone: brown-grey, wavy bedded to nodular, or dolomitic and burrow mottled. Resistant, massive weathering unit.

SUBSURFACE ONLY

DFS FAIRHOLME GROUP, SIMLA FORMATION  
Stromatoporiid limestone, dolostone, argillaceous limestone, shale, calcareous shale.

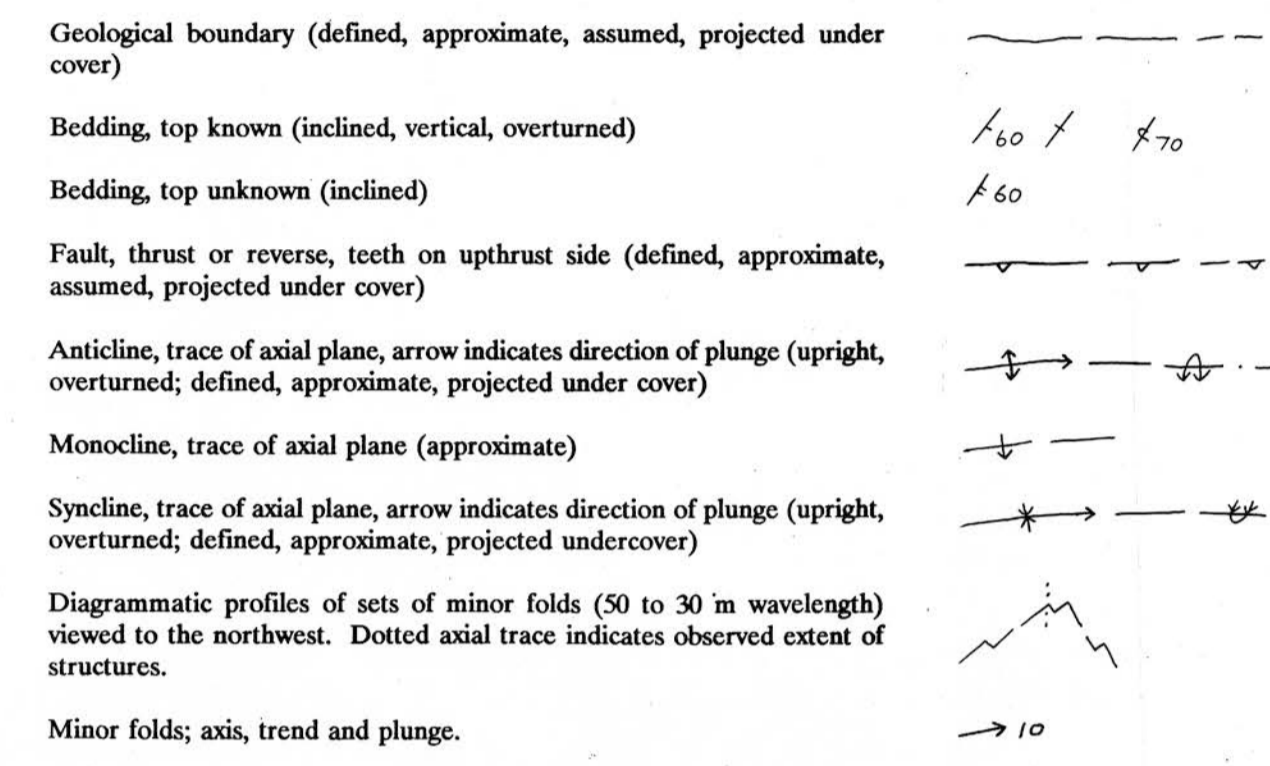
CAMBRIAN AND ORDOVICIAN

CO SURVEY PEAK FORMATION  
Limestone, argillaceous limestone, calcareous shale.

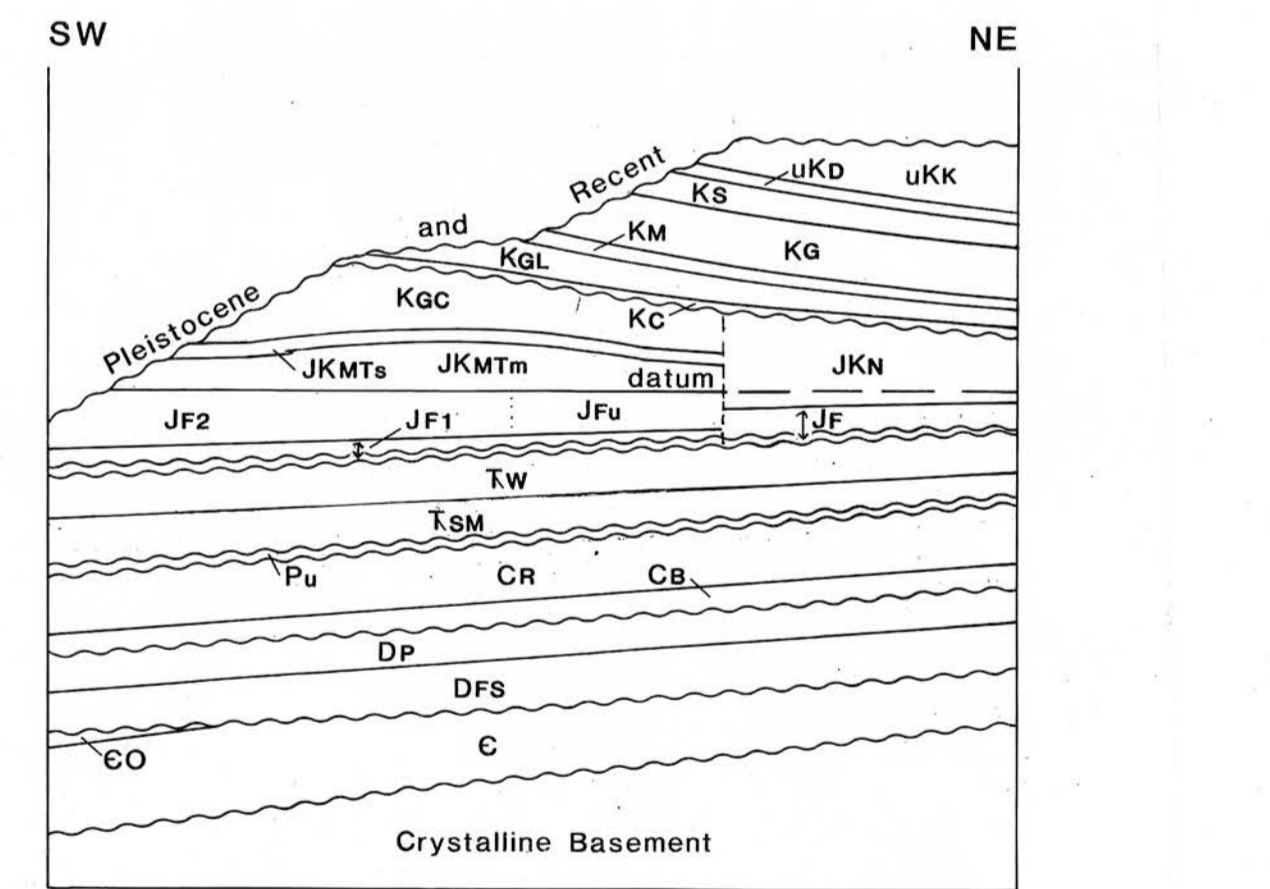
CAMBRIAN

C CAMBRIAN (undivided)  
Limestone, dolostone, shale, quartzite.

SYMBOLS



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GLOSSARY GLOSSAIRE table with columns for English and French terms and their abbreviations.

ABBREVIATIONS ABRÉVIATIONS table listing symbols for various geological features and their corresponding abbreviations.

GRANDE CACHE ALBERTA WEST OF SIXTH MERIDIAN - OUEST DU SIXIÈME MÉRIDIEN. Scale 1:50 000 Échelle. Includes conversion scales for elevations and a table of coordinates.