

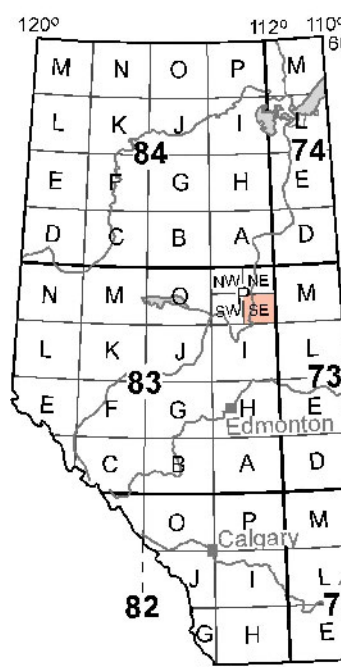
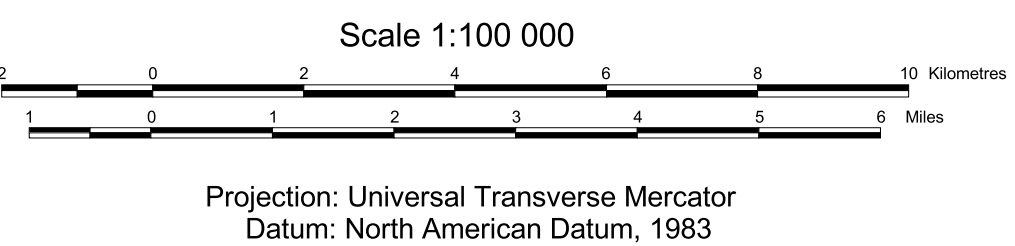
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Surficial Geology of the Wandering River Area, Alberta (NTS 83P/SE)

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UNIT SYMBOL	UNIT NAME	DESCRIPTION AND GENESIS
QUATERNARY		
HOLOCENE		
O	ORGANIC DEPOSITS:	Undifferentiated bog, fen, swamp and marsh deposits; woody to fibrous to mucky peat; commonly underlain by fine glacial lake deposits.
Ol	patterned fen, string bogs	
Oh	palasas	
Opk	organic terrain with thermokarst features	
C	COLLUVIAL DEPOSITS:	Massive to stratified silty to clayey diamict and bedrock slabs; slope and slump deposits formed by gravity-induced movement; confined to valley slopes and floors.
Cl	talus cone; debris flow	
Cl	soilification lines	
Cs	landslide blocks, slumps	
E	EOLIAN DEPOSITS:	Wind-deposited sediments; well-sorted medium- to fine-grained sand, and minor silt (loess); generally massive to locally cross-bedded or ripple laminations; includes both active and vegetated dunes.
Er	blowout and remnant sand dune ridges	
Er	longitudinal and parabolic dunes	
A	ALLUVIAL DEPOSITS:	Sand, silt, clay, gravel and organic sediments deposited by modern streams, commonly well sorted and stratified.
Af	alluvial fan	
L	LACUSTRINE DEPOSITS:	Sediments deposited in and adjacent to recent lakes; offshore sand, silt and clay, and organic deposits; littoral (nearshore) sand and silt, and minor gravel.
Lr	modern beach deposits and lake ice push ridges	
PLEISTOCENE		
GL	GLACIOLACUSTRINE DEPOSITS:	Sediments deposited in glacial lakes; massive to stratified clay, silt, sand, and minor gravel; thickness varies from <1 to >15 m; lake sediments may form a discontinuous cover; sediments reworked by wave action of glacial lake or carried into the lake basin mainly by glacial meltwater and deposited offshore in deep water; predominantly silts and clays; commonly flat to gently rolling plain.
GLp	glaciolacustrine sediments with irregular hummocky topography resulting from deposition in ponded water on stagnant ice (supraglacial); generally silt with minor sand, clay and diamict; moderate relief	
GLs	glaciolacustrine sediments with a central depression, plateau mounds and/or irregular chaotic ridges composed of supraglacial lake silts and clays; low to moderate relief	
GLp	Offshore (distal):	Fine-grained sediments, predominantly clay and silt, minor sand and diamict, deposited in a deep water environment (i.e., GLv, GLp). May include ice rafted dropstones and diamict inclusions.
GLs	Nearshore and littoral:	Sand, silty sand and gravel, moderately well sorted and commonly horizontally bedded; occurs as a blanket of sand grading basinward into finer sediments, or as forested deltaic deposits (GLx), or as isolated or series of ridges including beaches, bars and spits. Sandy or gravelly nearshore and littoral lake sediments are prefixed with a textural modifier (i.e., sGLp, sGLx).
GL	strandlines, raised beaches;	sand and minor gravel ridges marking paleoshores of glacial lakes; commonly <1 m to 3 m in height; includes cobble beaches.
GF	GLACIOFLUVIAL DEPOSITS:	Stratified gravel and sand, minor silt, clay, deposited by glacial meltwater in contact with or near the glacier (colour indicates undifferentiated glaciolacustrine sediments).
GF	Distal (proglacial):	Predominantly well-sorted sand with minor gravel and silt; deposited subaerially in front of the ice (outwash) or within meltwater channels in front of or beneath the glacier (i.e., GFp, GFv); flat to gently undulating plain that may be marked by channel scars and kettle holes (K).
GF	Proximal (ice-contact):	Coarse grained sediments (predominantly gravel and sand, locally till) deposited in contact with the ice; irregular undulating to hummocky (some may exhibit low topography); may include ice crevasse ridges and eskers; moderately to poorly sorted; stratified to massive; may exhibit features related to slumping and faulting.
GF	eskers and esker systems;	
GFp	stagnant ice hummocky stratified deposits	
GFhr	crevasse ridges composed of stratified drift; appear very similar to small-scale eskers	
GFd	previously deposited sands and gravels overridden and remolded into streamine features by glacial ice; landforms oriented parallel to ice flow.	
GFx	ice-contact delta; silt, sand, gravel and diamict deposited in contact with the ice by outflow of meltwater at the ice margin into a glacial lake	
M	GLACIAL DEPOSITS/MORAINES:	Unsorted to poorly sorted diamictites deposited as till (a mixture of clay, silt, sand, minor pebbles, cobbles and boulders) at the ice margin or beneath a glacier, locally may include blocks of shale, siltstone, sandstone, or pre-existing stratified drift and till. Moraine may also include beds of glaciolacustrine and/or glaciolacustrine sediments. The regional till is predominantly clay rich; locally the texture of the till may vary depending on the local source material. Thickness may exceed 150 m in buried valleys.
Md, Mph, Mvd, Mr	drumlin, drumlinoid and/or fluted terrain composed of ground moraine	
Mr	DeGeer, Rozen, ribbed moraines;	undivided morainal ridges including end moraine
MS	Stagnant ice moraine:	Terrain resulting from the collapse and lateral movement of englacial and supraglacial sediment in response to melting of buried stagnant ice at the ice margin; sediment is mainly till but locally includes stratified sediments of glaciolacustrine or glaciolacustrine origin. Characterized by low- to high-relief hummocky topography.
MShr	commonly end and recessional moraines	
MSr	crevasse fillings; subparallel to intersecting ridges believed to have formed under stagnant ice conditions by infilling of ice crevasses with glacial debris by either squeezing up from the base of the ice or flowing/slumping into open crevasses; till and stratified sediments: > 2 m high, low to moderate relief	
MT	Ice-thrust moraine:	Terrain resulting from glaciotectionic transport of originally subglacial sediment and deposited by the glacier more or less intact; deposits may include syngenetic till as well as masses of pre-existing till, stratified drift, and/or bedrock; topography generally moderate to high relief.
MTb	'bubble' moraine, 'hill-hole' pairs;	high to moderate relief
MTt	glaciotectionic moraine ridges;	moderate to high relief
PRE-QUATERNARY		
R	BEDROCK:	Undivided; may include crystalline (Shield), carbonates, clastic sediments and/or coal.
Rd, sRd	fluted or drumlinized bedrock;	undetermined if bedrock has been glacially eroded, transported, or deformed in situ
Rw	felsenmeer (frost-shattered bedrock)	
gRT	Tertiary gravels:	predominantly quartzite and chert gravel and cobbles; proglacial age.
RK	Cretaceous:	Sandstone (s), siltstone (S) and shale (c), minor coal; bedrock often glacially deformed with the bedding folded and faulted.
NOTE: Where necessary, genetic specific geomorphic landform notations are given under unit description.		

FEATURES LEGEND	
Bedrock outcrop	X
Kettle hole/lake	⊖
Thermokarst depression	⊖
Drumlin, drumlinoid, ispatinow	—●—
Drumlin, drumlinoid, ispatinow, weakly defined	—●—
Flutings	—
Flutings, weakly defined	—
Esker ridge, direction known	>>>>
Esker ridge, direction unknown	<<<<
Dunes; singular ridges	—
Dunes; hummocky, blowouts, dune field, wind direction indicated	—
Strandlines; raised beaches, terraces	—
Meltwater channel, major	—
Meltwater channel, minor	—
Ice-walled channel, depression, buried valley	—
Escarpment-ice contact, bedrock	—
Ice thrust ridge	—
Glacial thrust quarry depression boundary: direction of transport indicated	—
Ribbed, De Geer (washboard) or Rozen, moraine	—
Major moraine ridge; end moraine, recessional moraine	—
Minor moraine ridge undefined	—
Crevasse filling	xxxxxx
Surface lineament; source unknown	---

FIELD SITES LEGEND

Observation only	○
Observation + sample taken	●
Observation + diamond indicator sample	◆
Borehole, auger	⊖
Borehole, rotary	⊖
Site/Borehole Name	JC00-041

ROADS

Paved	—
Gravel	—
Unimproved	—
Truck-trail	—
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Contour intervals 10 metres	

GEOMORPHIC MODIFIER

m	ridges and rings	circular hummocks with a central depression (doughnut ridges), plateau mounds and brain pattern ridges; low to moderate relief
c	channeled	channeled or dissected by former streams of glacial meltwater
d	drumlinoid	glacial streamline longitudinal elements parallel to ice flow; drumlins, ispatinows, flutings, crag and tail, Roche Moutonnée
e	eroded	planar surface eroded by glacial meltwater, often capped by a boulder lake deposit and/or thin deposit of sand and gravel
f	fan	gently sloping fan-shaped mass of detrital debris
g	gullied	deposits dissected by modern ravines created by intermittent runoff
h	hummocky	assemblage of approximately equal-dimensional hills and hollows; moderate to high relief (commonly greater than 2 m)
k	collapse	depressions; kettles, pitted outwash, thermokarst depressions, karst sinkholes
l	linear structures or features	soilification lines, meander scars, bedrock lineaments, patterned fen
r	ridged	one or more parallel or subparallel, convex, linear morphological elements with a width-to-length ratio greater than 2 m; low to high relief
p	plain	deposit greater than 2 m thick; commonly masks geomorphic pattern of underlying deposits; flat to gently rolling topography (commonly less than 2 m relief)
s	slumped	landslide blocks, slope failure debris
t	terrace	terrace bench out by either meltwater or wave action; antiplation terrace, kame terrace
u	undulating	low-relief rolling terrain; swell and swale topography
v	veneer	thin deposit less than 2 m thick; may be discontinuous; commonly occurs as a drape revealing geomorphic pattern of underlying deposits
w	winnowed	sediments have been washed, winnowed and/or reworked by wave action; a boulder lake with associated sand and gravel may cap underlying sediments
x	delta	lake delta; ice-contact delta

UNIT NOTATION

Example: GLACIOLACUSTRINE plain



Textural Modifier

Textural characteristics may be applied to the terrain classification as a prefix based on field observations or by inference from distinctive genesis and/or morphology. When two modifiers are given, the second letter is the dominant texture, with the first letter indicating the secondary texture, i.e., ac for sandy clay
g = gravel
s = sand
= silt
c = clay

Complex

Where two or more classes of terrain are interspersed in a mosaic or repeating pattern on a scale too small to warrant meaningful differentiation, the proportion of each component in the combination is given in a two or three position designation set off by slashes denoting arbitrary percentage limits. For example:
"Mv/GLvGFp" means that the area is underlain by approximately 60% moraine plain and up to 40% glaciolacustrine veneer

"Mv/GLvGFp" means that at least 60% of the area is underlain by moraine veneer, with up to 40% glaciolacustrine veneer and less than 15% glaciolacustrine plain.

"GLp/M" means that more than 60% of the area is underlain by a glaciolacustrine plain, with less than 15% moraine

Stratigraphic Sequence

Where materials of different origin or texture are known to be superimposed or can be reasonably confidently inferred, the sequence is indicated in conventional order using vertical separators. For example,
"Mhv/Mf" indicates thin hummocky moraine deposited on drumlinoid moraine

Transitional Association

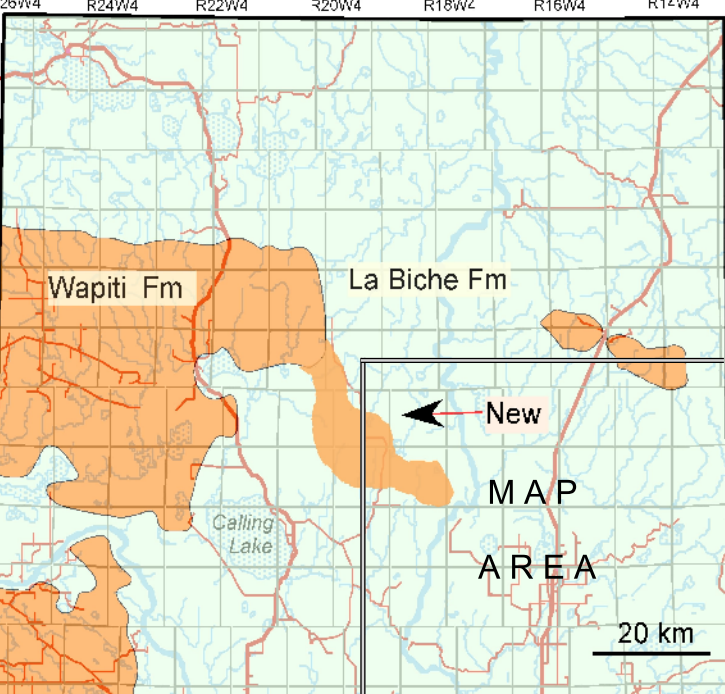
Locally, two or more terrain units are juxtaposed by reason of related origin, temporal sequence, or ambiguous geomorphic distinction. In the case of the latter, both components may or may not be present. Such situations are identified by a compound designation marked by a hyphen. Examples are: "GFp-K" indicating ice-contact delta indistinguishable from glaciolacustrine delta; "GFp-MSH" indicating ice-contact kame and kettle topography that blends with hummocky stagnant ice moraine.

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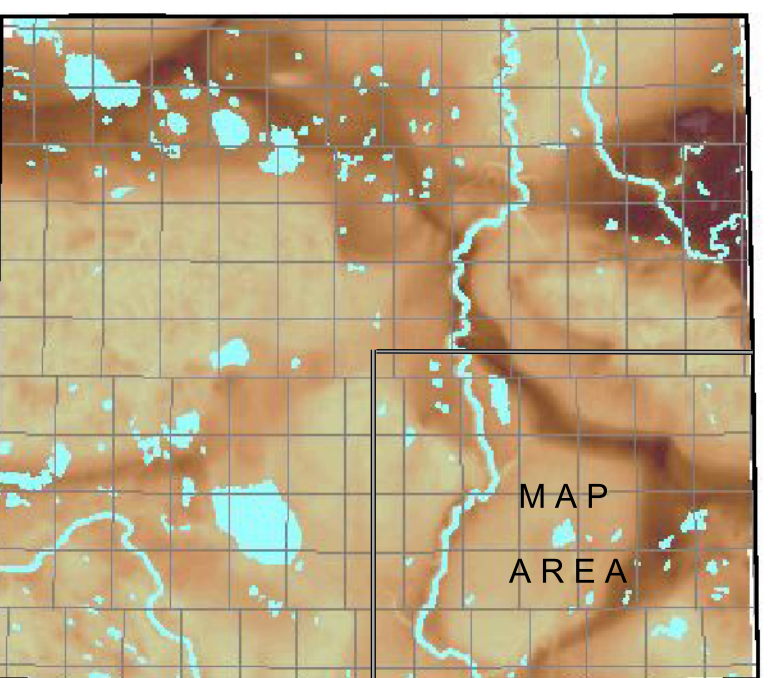
Where a sequence of geomorphic processes has produced a multi aspect or compound terrain fabric, the geomorphic modifier suffixes are appended in the inferred order of super position. "Mvd" means that a veneer of till has been moulded into a drumlinoid form and finally channelled by former meltwater streams. "GFpvr" means that a glaciolacustrine plain has been discontinuously covered by ice-contact hummocks and ridges.

Generalized Bedrock Geology NTS 83P

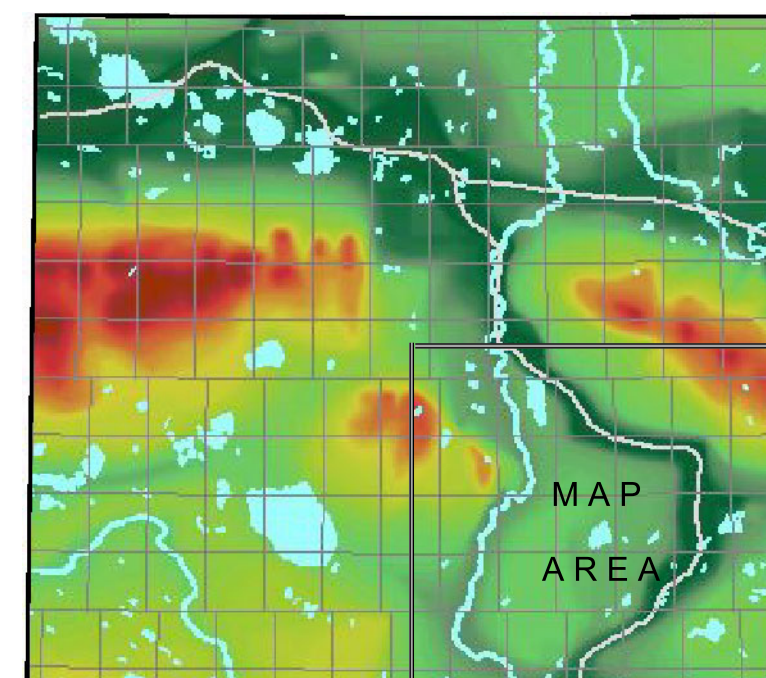
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Drift Thickness of Pelican 83P



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