

This is a common map legend for the surficial geology of northern Alberta. Coloured legend blocks indicate map units that appear on this map. Not all map symbols shown in the legend necessarily appear on this map.

UNIT	UNIT NAME	DESCRIPTION AND GENESIS
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QUATERNARY

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A **ANTHROPOGENIC MATERIALS:** Culturally-made or modified geological materials such that their physical properties (e.g., structure, cohesion, compaction) have been drastically altered.

O **ORGANIC DEPOSITS:** Undifferentiated peat layers, woody to fibrous muck; occurring in undifferentiated wetlands; commonly underlain by fine-grained, poorly-sorted glaciolacustrine deposits. Includes meadows, swamps, bogs and fens.
OB **Big peat:** Occurs in a peatland with a fluctuating water table and commonly a raised surface; peatland surface is dominated by sphagnum mosses, heath shrubs and short, stunted trees.
OF **Fen peat:** Occurs in a peatland with water table at surface and slow internal drainage; peatland surface is dominated by sedges, with grasses and reeds near local pools, and sparsely treed.

C **COLLUVIAL DEPOSITS:** Materials that have reached their present position as a result of direct, gravity-induced movement; commonly occurs as slope and slump deposits confined to valley slopes and floors; includes pre-existing bedrock, till, glaciolacustrine, glacioluvial and eolian sediments, generally poorly sorted.

F **FLUVIAL DEPOSITS:** Sediments transported and deposited by streams and rivers; synonymous with alluvial. Includes well-sorted stratified sand, gravel, silt, clay and organic sediments occurring in channel and overbank deposits (e.g., postglacial floodplains, terraces, fans and deltas).

L **LACUSTRINE DEPOSITS:** Sediments deposited in and adjacent to recent lakes; offshore sand, silt and clay, minor organic deposits, littoral (nearshore beaches and bars) sand and silt and fine-grained gravel.

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 laminated; includes both active and vegetated dunes.

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LG **GLACIOLACUSTRINE DEPOSITS:** Fine-grained distal sediments deposited in or along the margins of glacial lakes, including sediments that were released by the melting of floating ice. Includes laminated (rhythmically bedded) to massive fine sand, silt and clay; and may contain ice-rafted stones.
LGL **Littoral and nearshore sediments:** Massive to stratified well-sorted silty sand, pebbly sand and minor gravel; occurs as beaches, bars, spits and forested deltaic deposits deposited during regression and lowering of glacial lakes.

FG **GLACIOLUVIAL DEPOSITS:** Sediments deposited by glacial meltwater streams directly in front of glacier ice as subglacial or subaqueous outwash. Includes sand and gravel, often stratified, minor silt, and may show evidence of ice melting (slumped structures). Features include meltwater channels, kettle holes and terraces.
FGI **Ice-contact sediments:** Sediments deposited by glacial meltwater streams in direct contact with glacial ice, either in front of (kame terraces) or within glacial ice (eskers, crevasse ridges). Includes massive to stratified, poorly to moderately sorted coarse sediments (predominantly pebbly gravel and coarse sand, locally M) and may show evidence of ice melting (slumped structures).

M **MORAINES:** Material deposited directly by glacial ice without modification by any other agent of transportation. Includes horseshoe dambow deposited as lodgement till (a mixture of clay, silt, sand and minor pebbles, cobbles and boulders) at the ice margin or beneath a glacier. Locally, it may contain blocks of bedrock, pre-existing stratified drift and till. Beds and lenses of glaciolacustrine and/or glacioluvial sediments may occur.
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 diamictic (M), but locally includes stratified coarse sediments (predominantly pebbly gravel and coarse sand, locally M) and may show evidence of ice melting (slumped structures).
MT **Ice-thrust moraine:** Terrain resulting from glacio-tectonic transport of originally subglacial sediment and deposited by the glacier more or less intact. Deposits may include syngenetic till as well as masses of deposited pre-existing till, stratified drift and/or bedrock. Characterized by high to moderate relief and features include mile-long pairs and glacio-tectonic moraine ridges.
MF **Fluted moraine:** Glacially streamlined terrain, varies from alternating furrows and ridges to nearly equidimensional smoothed hills, all landforms parallel to the local ice flow direction; includes flutes, drumlins and drumlinoids.

FP **PREGLACIAL FLUVIAL DEPOSITS:** sediments transported and deposited by streams and rivers prior to glaciation. Includes sand and gravel deposits occurring in paleovalleys (i.e., preglacial floodplains, terraces, fans and deltas); ranging in age from Middle Wisconsin to Late Tertiary.

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R **BEDROCK:** Undivided; may include crystalline (Shield), carbonate or clastic sedimentary rock, and/or coal.
RT **Fluvial gravels:** Predominantly well-sorted, quartzite and chert gravel and cobbles; Cordilleran source, Tertiary age.

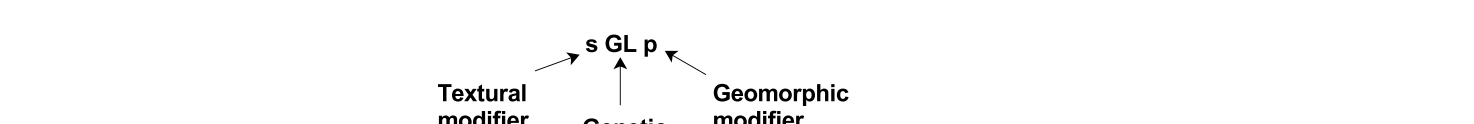
SYMBOL LEGEND

Thermokarst depression
 Landslide and active layer failure scar (small)
 Landslide and active layer failure scar (large)
 Eolian forms, dune ridges
 Beach or strandline
 Wave cut bench
 Escarpment
 Meltwater channel (minor, flow indicated)
 Meltwater channel (major)
 Meltwater channel (major, flow indicated)
 Crevasse filling
 Ice contact slope
 Kettle
 Esker, direction of paleoflow unknown
 Esker, direction of paleoflow indicated
 Drumlinoid or streamlined landform
 Drumlinoid, down-ice flow indicated
 Buried drumlinoid or streamlined landform
 Minor moraine ridge, De Geer-Rogen, ribbed, washboard (minor)
 Major moraine ridge
 Iceberg scour
 Ice thrust ridge
 Stratton (direction unknown)
 Stratton (direction known)
 Bedrock outcrop
 Gravel and/or sand pit
 Section of stratigraphic interest

ROADS LEGEND

Paved
 Gravel
 Unimproved
 Truck-trail
 UTM, Zone 11 Grid
 Contour, intervals 10 metres

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., 'sc' for sandy clay.
 p = pebble
 s = sand
 c = clay
 a = sand-silt-clay

GENETIC & GEOMORPHIC MODIFIERS
 c crevasse fill
 d doughnut rings and ridges
 e eroded
 f fan
 g gullied
 h hummock
 k collapse
 m meander
 p plain
 r ridged
 s striped
 t terrace
 u undulating
 v veneer
 w washboard
 y dissected
 z delta
 ice-contact deltas and linear forms deposited by meltwater in stagnant ice
 circular hummocks with a central depression (doughnut ridges), plateau mounds and brain-like pattern ridges, low to moderate relief
 planar surface eroded by glacial meltwater, often capped by a boulder lag deposit and/or thin deposit of sand and gravel
 gently sloping fan-shaped mass of detrital debris
 slopes dissected by modern ravines created by intermittent runoff
 assemblage of approximately equidimensional hills and hollows; moderate to high relief (commonly greater than 2 m)
 depression, including kettles, pitted outwash, thermokarst depressions, karst sinkholes
 sinuous curves, loops and oxbows produced as meltwater and modern streams shift their channel over time
 deposit greater than 2 m thick; commonly masks geomorphic pattern of underlying deposits; flat to gently rolling topography (commonly less than 2 m relief)
 one or more parallel or subparallel, convex, linear morphological elements with a width-to-length ratio greater than 2 m; low to high relief
 landslide blocks, slope failure debris
 terrace bench cut by either meltwater or wave action; antiplunge terrace, kame terrace
 low-relief rolling terrain; swell and swell topography
 thin mantle of unconsolidated material too thin to mask the minor irregularities of the surface of the underlying material; it ranges in thickness from 10 cm to 1 metre and may be discontinuous
 low relief transverse moraine ridges, usually formed from basal ice shearing
 channelled or dissected by glacial meltwater flow; dissected terrain below Holocene fluvial activity
 lake delta, ice-contact delta

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 percentages. For example:
 'M/LGv' means that the area is underlain by approximately 60% morainal plain and up to 40% glaciolacustrine veneer.
 'Mv/LGvOFp' means that at least 60% of the area is underlain by morainal veneer, with up to 40% glaciolacustrine veneer and less than 15% glacioluvial plain.
 'LGvM' 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 confidently inferred, the sequence is indicated in conventional order using vertical separators, such as:
 'LGLv/Mp'
 This sandy glaciolacustrine sediment deposited on morainal plain

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

Morphologic Oversight
 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. 'Mpy' means that a plain of till has been moulded into ridge forms and finally dissected by modern streams. 'FGsh' means that a glaciolacustrine plain has been discontinuously covered by ice-contact hummocks and ridges.

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Map 290
Surficial Geology of the Cadotte Lake Area (NTS 84C/SE)
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