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Op Prairie du Chien Group

€t Tunnel City Group

€j Jordan and St. Lawrence Formations



Generally good to excellent outcrop, particularly on hillsides, roadcuts, and in river valleys.

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rock

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river valleys and bedrock highs. Only mineral explora-

tion boreholes and deep municipal well penetrate bed-

Modified from Trotta and Cotter (1973)

> 30 m

-€e Eau Claire Formation

Cm Mount Simon Formation

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MAP SYMBOLS

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×	Outcrop
*	Mineral prospect pit
12 J	Strike and dip of bed
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.	Highway constructions in Department of Tr
	Geologic contact: da gravimetric data in P
	Diabase dike, inferre
5-	Fault showing dip:
70	Magnetic trend lines







1,100 ± 20

1,770 ± 10

1,760

1,830 - 1,880

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1,840 - 1,880

1,870 ± 7

 $2,710 \pm 140$

 $2,980 \pm 25$

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- of foliation
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ruction borehole. Engineering records were provided by the Wiscont of Transportation

ct: dashed where less certain. Inferred from aeromagnetic and a in Precambrian area.

nferred from aeromagnetic data.

dip: dashed where concealed, ball and bar on downthrown side.

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

Platteville Formation. Dolomite, light brown, beds less than 1 m thick, fractured; about 4 m maximum thickness in this area.

- Oa Ancell Group. Sandstone, quartzose, white to pale yellow, fine grained, rounded, noderately sorted; 25 m thick.
- Prairie du Chien Group. Dolomite and sandy dolomite. Consists of three recognizable Op units, from top to bottom: Shakopee Formation, Willow River Member-dolomite, gray to brown, medium grained, thin-bedded; contains rounded flat pebbles of buff, finegrained dolomite; 15 to 18 m thick. Shakopee Formation, New Richmond Membersandstone and siltstone, brown to gray, fine grained, dolomitic, lenticular-bedded; contains coarse rounded and frosted quartz grains; 2 to 5 m thick. Oneota Dolomitedolomite, gray, thick-bedded, crystalline; with much chert in discrete beds or in irregular masses throughout; with white to light gray oolite beds up to 60 cm thick in lower part; 27 m thick.
- Jordan and St. Lawrence Formations. Sandstone, quartzose, sandy dolomite, dolomite, Æi and siltstone. Consists of four recognizable units, from top to bottom: Jordan Formation, Coon Valley Member-dolomite, yellow to tan or brown, sandy; 6 to 14 m thick. Jordan Formation, Van Oser Member-sandstone, quartzose, white to brown to yellow or orange, fine to medium grained, poorly sorted, medium- to thin-bedded, crossbedded; with calcite-cemented nodules, iron-cemented in places; may be locally interbedded with underlying unit; 9 to 15 m thick. Jordan Formation, Norwalk Membersandstone, quartzose, white, fine grained, rounded, and moderately sorted quartz sand grains, medium-bedded; trace of garnet; 15 to 18 m thick. St. Lawrence Formation, Lodi Member-siltstone, light brown to blue-brown, and very fine-grained dolomite, thick-bedded; less than 3 m thick.
- Tunnel City Group. Sandstone, 30 to 56 m thick. Consists of five recognizable, interbedded units: Mazomanie Formation, lithology 1-sandstone, quartzose, yellow to white, fine grained, well sorted, cross-bedded; less than 5 percent glauconite. Mazomanie Formation, lithology 2-sandstone, quartzose, mica-bearing, light gray to yellow, fine to very fine grained, thin-bedded; similar to Tomah Member but containing no shale; Lone Rock Formation, Reno Member-sandstone, quartzose, glauconitebearing, fine and very fine grained; small-scale cross-bedding. Lone Rock Formation, Tomah Member-sandstone, quartzose, mica-bearing, light gray to yellow, very fine grained, thin-bedded; beds separated by laminae and partings of gray-green siltstone. Lone Rock Formation, Birkmose Member-sandstone, quartzose, glauconitebearing, green, fine grained, commonly cross-bedded; includes burrowed beds and flat-pebble conglomerate.
- Wonewoc Formation. Sandstone. Consists of two recognizable units, from top to bot--£w tom: Ironton Member-sandstone, quartzose, white to brown with iron staining, mediumto coarse grained, subrounded, poorly sorted, wavy-bedded, vertical burrows present; calcite-cemented; 5 to 18 m thick; individual bedding units 1 to 2 m thick with thin, intervening claystone beds. Galesville Member-sandstone, quartzose, white, fine to medium grained, rounded to subrounded, well sorted, thick-bedded, crossbedded, poorly cemented; 5 to 18 m thick; individual bedding units 3 to 5 m thick.
- Eau Claire Formation. Sandstone, light brown, fine grained to silty, poorly sorted, -Ce medium- to thin-bedded, thick-bedded in places, abundant cross-bedding, flaggybedded; locally fossiliferous (Cedaria sp.); some beds glauconitic; 30 to 46 m thick.
- Cm Mount Simon Formation. Sandstone. Consists of four recognizable units, from top to bottom: Sandstone, quartzose, feldspar-bearing, white to light gray to pale brown, medium to coarse grained, angular, medium-bedded, locally lenticular-bedded; at least 52 m thick. Sandstone, quartzose, pale yellow orange to pale gray orange, very fine to fine grained, thin- to medium-bedded, angular, limonite-cemented; 38 m thick. Shale, gray to pale orange, silty; 18 m thick; known only from subsurface. Sandstone, quartzose, very pale orange, very fine to fine grained, subangular to subrounded; at least 35 m thick; known only from subsurface.
- -Eu Sandstone, undifferentiated.
- Shale and feldspathic to quartzose sandstone. Red to buff, includes Solor Church For-Pks mation; known only from subsurface.
- **Chengwatana Volcanic Group.** Light to dark gray basalt flows, interflow breccia and tuff; individual flow units 5 to 30 m thick. Pky
- Barron Quartzite. Quartzite, pink to maroon to very light gray, medium grained, subrounded to rounded, moderately sorted, conglomeritic, medium-bedded; ripple marks, desiccation cracks, small-scale channels fillings; red argillite (pipestone) beds are present in places; at least 213 m thick. The formation at Flambeau Ridge is dominantly conglomerate.
- Biotite granite. Light gray or pink gray, medium grained, equigranular, weakly foliated, hypidiomorphic-granular texture modified in places by weak cataclasis (Lugerville); porphyritic hornblende granodiorite, coarse grained, with centimetersized microcline megacrysts (Radisson); 1,760 Ma-age group.
- Flambeau Granite. Granite to tonalite, light gray, medium grained; moderately strong foliation defined by biotite, hornblende, or both; all rock units contain concentrically zoned plagioclase; neutral to moderate gamma magnetic signature (-100 to 200 gamma) with gentle gradients; -40 mgal bouguer gravity signature.
- Pms Metasedimentary rock. Meta-argillite, metagraywacke, and graphitic garnet schist with minor interbedded metavolcanic rock; garnet- and staurolite-bearing assemblages; moderate to strong gamma magnetic signature (-200 to -100 gamma) with steep gradients; -20 to -40 mgal bouguer gravity signature.
- Meta-iron-formation. Iron-formation and associated dolomite; strong, linear, magnetic anomalies with steep gradients.
- Felsic metavolcanic rock. Felsic and intermediate metavolcanic rock, bedded and massive metapyroclastic rock with subordinate mafic lavas; volcanogenic massive sulfide occurrences; greenschist metamorphic assemblages; neutral gamma magnetic signature (-500 to -300 gamma) and gentle gradients; -30 mgal bouguer gravity signature.
- Volcanogenic metasedimentary rock. Tuff, argillite, graywacke, volcanoclastic, and in-Pvs terbedded metavolcanic rock of greenschist to amphibolite metamorphic grade; neutral gamma magnetic signature (-200 to -400 gamma) with gentle gradients; -10 to -20 mgal bouguer gravity signature.
- Mafic metavolcanic rock. Mafic and intermediate metavolcanic rock with minor in-Pmv terbedded metatuff and metagraywacke of amphibolite metamorphic grade; moderate to strong gamma magnetic signature (-200 gamma) with steep gradients; -30 mgal bouguer gravity signature.
- Mafic intrusive rock. Mafic to ultramafic intrusions defined principally by magnetic Pma signature, generally circular, + 500 gamma anomalies. Where sampled, the rock consists of talc/serpentine schist and hornblende syenodiorite.
- Amphibolite. Mafic, intermediate, and feldspathic amphibolite and associated bio-Pam tite-hornblende-chlorite-epidote schist; elliptical + 1000 gamma anomalies.
- Granodiorite gneiss. Medium- to coarse-grained, garnetiferous, biotite-muscovite, Egn and banded and foliated granodiorite with ribbons and lenses of garnet-bearing pegmatite and quartz.
- Puritan Quartz Monzonite. Pink gray, medium-grained, weakly foliated, equigranular, leucocratic quartz monzonite inferred from magnetic signature and continuity with units to north.
- Biotite gneiss. Light gray to gray, medium to fine grained, biotite, quartzofeldspathic Agn