

# BEDROCK GEOLOGY OF THE WITHERBEE QUADRANGLE, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK

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## EXPLANATION

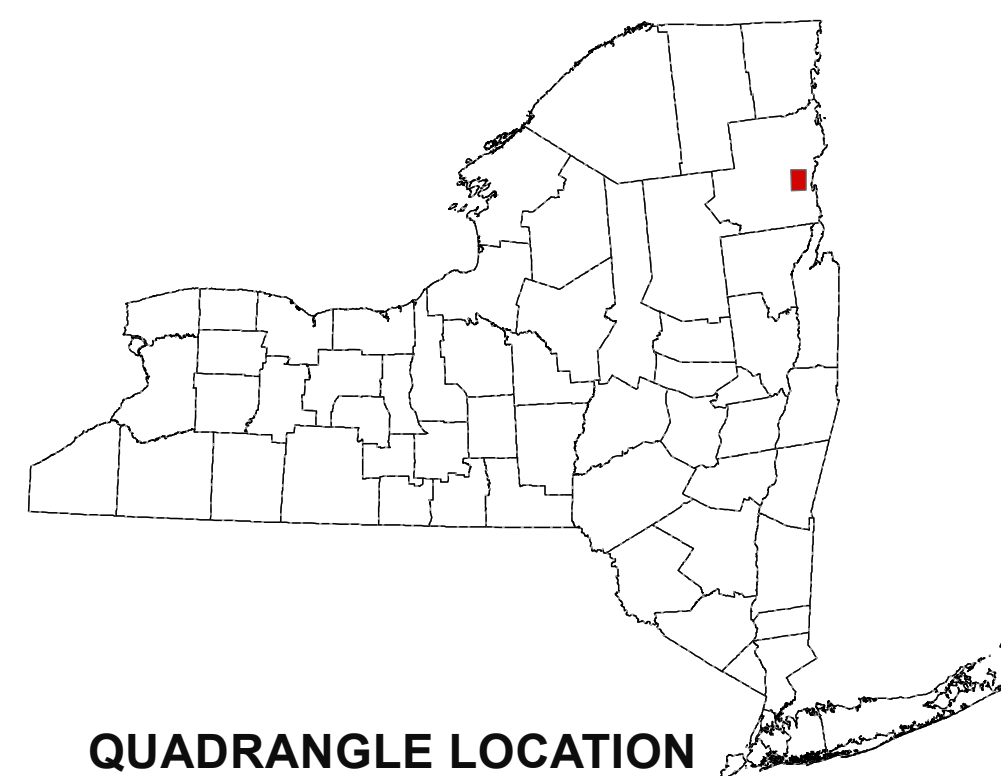
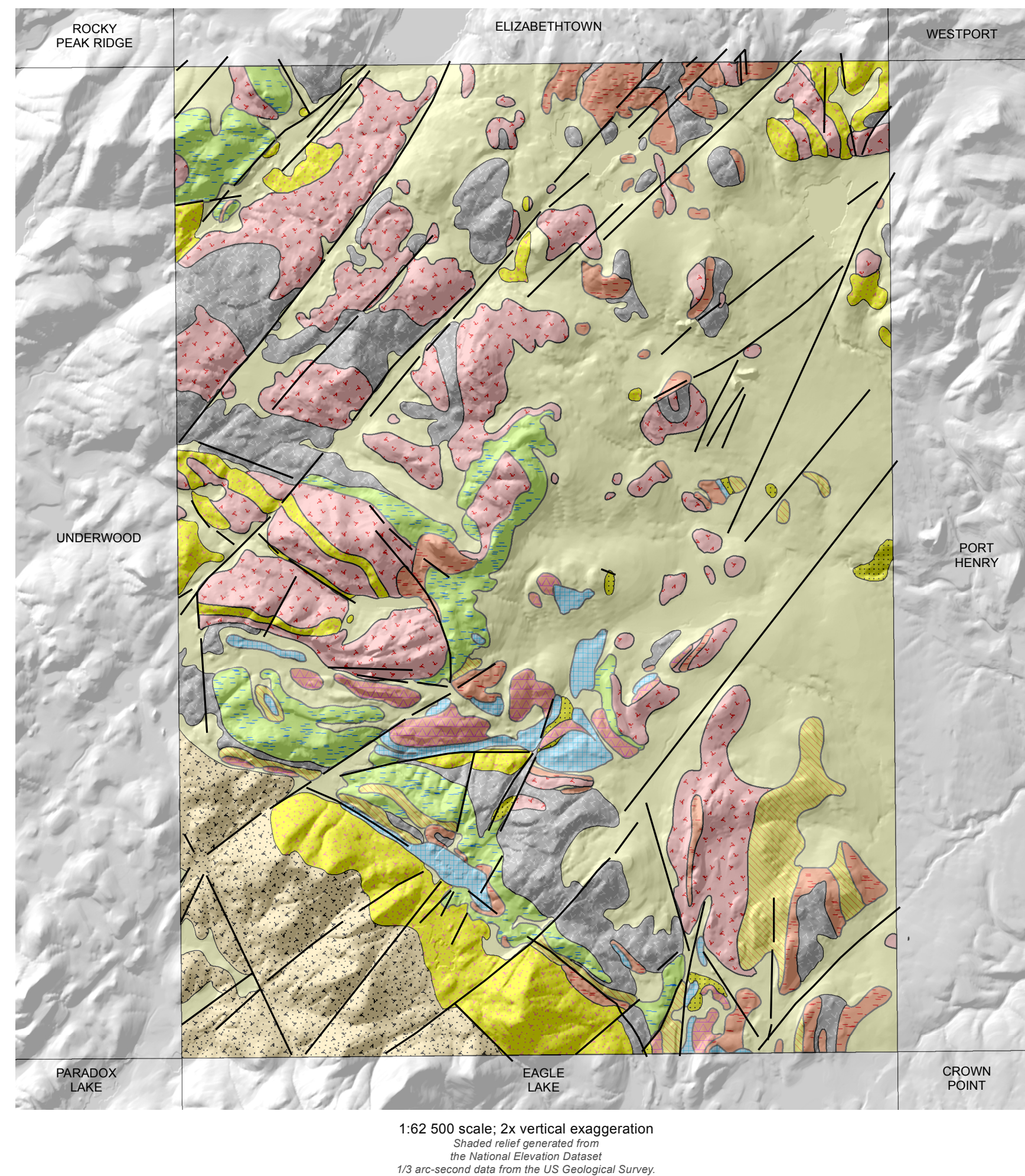
- Q Quaternary material
- LYON MOUNTAIN GRANITE (ca. 1040-1050 Ma)
- Lg Leucogranite and associated pegmatite: Pink, k-feldspar-rich leucogranite with magnetite as the dominant mafic mineral. Often associated with iron ore deposits. Lacks a deformational fabric and granulite facies metamorphism. Compositional layered in some occurrences. Magma mixing with younger gabbroic units noted.
- AMCG (Anorthositic-mangerite-charnockite-granite) Suite (ca. 1155-1165 Ma)
- Gb Gabbro: Dark colored mafic rock composed chiefly of clinopyroxene and plagioclase, generally oxide-rich. It ranges from pegmatitic to fine-grained in size. It grades, with increasing garnet development and smaller grain-size, to ferrodioritic compositions. It has a variable and locally developed foliation; coronitic texture is seen in a few exposures. Gabbroic rocks of several ages may be included in this unit; some are associated with the Lg unit and iron ores.
- Chg Granitic rocks: Pink, hornblende and oxide-rich, medium to coarse-grained, granitic rocks ranging in composition from syenite, monzonite, granite, and granodiorite. The unit is often spatially associated with gabbro bodies and Unit Chp. Foliation is well-developed but variable.
- Chp Charnockitic rocks: Pink to grey to greenish orthopyroxene-bearing, medium to coarse-grained, rocks ranging in composition from mangerite to charnockite. With increasing garnet content grades into ferrodioritic compositions. Foliation is well-developed but variable
- Anw Gabbroic Anorthositic to Anorthositic Gabbroic gneiss: White and black, coarse-grained, leucocratic to moderately mafic (<35%) anorthositic to gabbroic rock. Variably deformed and with variable garnet development. Generally oxide-rich.
- Ans Anorthositic: Blue-grey, coarse-grained to pegmatitic rock composed almost exclusively of andesine feldspar and minor pyroxene, hornblende, and oxides (<10%). Sparse, necklace-like garnet coronas on oxides and pyroxenes indicate metamorphism but rock is undeformed.
- Rocks of the GRENVILLE SUPERGROUP (ca. 1250-1300 Ma)
- Bqp Biotite-Quartz-Plagioclase gneiss: Pelitic to psammitic gneiss composed of biotite-quartz-plagioclase+garnet+sillimanite. Strong foliation, variable modal mineral content, leucosome development, isoclinal folding. Potentially equivalent with the Popple Hill Gneiss of the Adirondack Lowlands.
- Qz Quartzose metasedimentary rocks: Quartz-rich metasedimentary rocks with feldspar, biotite, muscovite, sillimanite, and/or garnet. Strong foliation, variable modal mineral content, isoclinal folding. Gradational into calc-silicate gneiss and/or Bqp.
- Mb Marble and Calc-silicate gneiss: White to tan, Calcitic marble of exceptional coarse grain-size (up to 2 cm over more) with graphite, diopside, phlogopite, and/or orange tourmaline accessory minerals. Commonly with calc-silicate-rich knots or broken, discontinuous layers. Grades into calc-silicate gneisses and commonly interlayered with amphibolite. Strongly deformed and folded, but calcite recrystallized.
- Amp Amphibolite: Black and white, Hornblende-plagioclase amphibolite. Typically medium-grained, sometimes with white, plagioclase-rich segregations or leucosome containing orthopyroxene. Thicker bodies often grade into gabbroic rocks with their cores. Commonly found within marble and calc-silicate rich units and other rocks of the GSG. Intrusive and/or metasedimentary origin.

## SYMBOLS



\* Walton, M., 1961. Eastern Adirondacks Geology. NYSGS Open File # 1g235

## SHADED TERRAIN MAP AND SURROUNDING QUADRANGLES



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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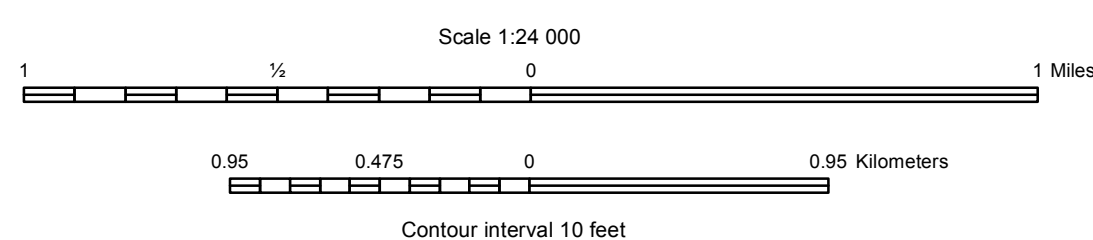
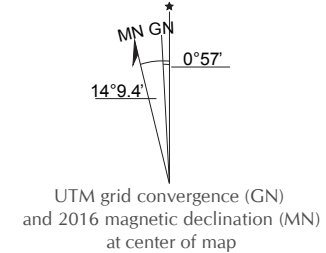
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