

Middle Park

Geologic Period	Phase	Stratigraphic Unit		Hydrogeologic Unit
Quaternary	Modern	Alluvium and outwash deposits		Alluvial Aquifer
	Glaciation	Glacial deposits		Glacial deposits
		Older stream and outwash terrace deposits		Local perched aquifer
Neogene	Extension	Grouse Mountain Basalt		Volcanics
		Troublesome Formation		Troublesome Aquifer
Paleogene	Transition	Rabbit Ears Volcanics		Volcanics
		White River Formation		White River Aquifer
	Laramide	Middle Park Formation	Middle Park Formation	Middle Park Aquifer
	Windy Gap Volcanic Member		Volcanics	
Cretaceous	Interior Seaway	Pierre Shale		Pierre confining unit
		Niobrara Formation		
		Benton Group		
	Dakota Sandstone		Dakota Aquifer	
Jurassic	Mesozoic Sandstones	Morrison Formation		Morrison Aquifer
Triassic				
Permian				
Pennsylvanian		Ancestral Rocky Mountains		
Mississippian	Stable	No strata		
Devonian				
Silurian				
Ordovician				
Cambrian				
Precambrian	Precambrian	Crystalline rocks of igneous and metamorphic origin in mountainous region		Crystalline bedrock

Table 12a-06-02. Middle Park stratigraphic chart.

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Geologic Period	Phase	Stratigraphic Unit		Unit Thickness (ft)	Physical Characteristics	Hydrogeologic Unit	Hydrologic Characteristics	
Quaternary	Modern	Alluvium and outwash deposits			Well to poorly-sorted, uncemented sands, silts and gravels along modern streams and as valley-fill	Alluvial Aquifer		
	Glaciation	Glacial deposits			Unstratified sand, gravel, and silt within, and at the mouths of, mountain valleys	Glacial deposits		
		Older stream and outwash terrace deposits			Well to poorly-sorted, uncemented sands, silts and gravels on bedrock-cored terraces above modern streams	Local perched aquifer		
Neogene	Extension	Grouse Mountain Basalt			Basalt flow caprock	Volcanics		
		Troublesome Formation		0-1,000	Tuffaceous siltstone, fine-grained sandstone, glass shards, weathered ash, and conglomerate	Troublesome Aquifer	Unconfined aquifer where tuffaceous siltstone is absent, confined where siltstone is present	
Paleogene	Transition	Rabbit Ears Volcanics		0 - 1,500	Interbedded tuff, tuff breccia and volcanic breccia interlayered with flows of intermediate composition	Volcanics		
		White River Formation			Continental lakebed deposit	White River Aquifer	Limited aquifer	
	Laramide	Middle Park Formation	Middle Park Formation		2,500-5,000	Sandstone, conglomerate and shale	Middle Park Aquifer	
			Windy Gap Volcanic Member		0-700	Gray volcanic breccia, conglomerate and andesitic flows	Volcanics	
Cretaceous	Interior Seaway	Pierre Shale		200-5,000	Dark-gray to brown shale, sandstone 1,500 feet above base	Pierre confining unit	Sandstone and limestone beds might yield limited water	
		Niobrara Formation		400-500	Calcareous shale and limestone			
		Benton Group		0->300	Calcareous shale and limestone			
		Dakota Sandstone		140-400	Lower sandstone, local basal conglomerate, middle shale, and upper sandstone	Dakota Aquifer		
Jurassic	Mesozoic Sandstones	Morrison Formation		25-400	Variegated clay shale and mudstone, sandstone at base and top	Morrison Aquifer	Limited aquifer	
Triassic		No strata						
Permian								
Pennsylvanian								Ancestral Rocky Mountains
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Sources: Tweto (1957); Voegeli (1965); Izett (1966); Glover and others (1998); Kellogg and others (2008); Cole and Braddock (2009); Cole and others (2010); Reynolds and Hagadorn (2017)