

Recreational Development

General

The soils are rated according to limitations that affect their suitability for camp areas, picnic areas, playgrounds, and paths and trails. Not considered in these ratings, but important in evaluating a site, are location and accessibility of the area, size and shape of the area and its scenic quality, the ability of the soil to support vegetation, access to water, potential water impoundment sites available, and either access to public sewer lines or capacity of the soil to absorb septic tank effluent. Soils subject to flooding are limited in varying degrees for recreational use by the duration of flooding and the season when it occurs. Onsite assessment of height, duration, and frequency of flooding is essential in planning recreational facilities.

Camp Areas

These are tracts of land used intensively as sites for tents, trailers, campers, and accompanying activities of outdoor living. Camp areas require such site preparation as shaping and leveling in areas for tents and parking areas, for stabilizing roads and intensively used areas, and for installing sanitary facilities and utility lines. Camp areas are subject to heavy foot traffic and some vehicular traffic. The soils are rated on the basis of soil properties that influence the ease of developing camping area and the performance of the camping area after development. Soil properties that influence trafficability and promote the growth of vegetation after heavy use are also important.

Picnic Areas

Picnic areas are natural or landscaped tracts used primarily for preparing meals and eating outdoors. These areas are subject to heavy foot traffic. Most vehicular traffic is confined to access roads and parking lots. Soils are rated on the basis of properties that influence development costs of shaping the site, trafficability, and growth of vegetation after development. The surface of picnic areas should absorb rainfall readily, remain firm under heavy foot traffic, and not be dusty when dry.

Playgrounds

These are areas used intensively for games such as baseball, football, and similar activities. Playgrounds require a nearly level soil that is free of stones and that can withstand heavy foot traffic and still maintain adequate vegetation. Soils are rated on the basis of properties that influence cost of shaping, trafficability, and growth of vegetation. Slope and stoniness are the main concerns in developing playgrounds. For good trafficability, the surface of playgrounds should absorb rainfall readily, remain firm under heavy foot traffic, and not be dusty when dry.

Paths and Trails

Paths and trails are used for walking, horseback riding, and similar uses, and should require little or no cutting and filling in site preparation. Soils are rated on properties that influence trafficability and erodibility. Paths and trails should remain firm under foot traffic and not be dusty when dry.

See the National Soil Survey Handbook, Part 620, for criteria used in rating specific uses.

Recreational Interpretations

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The purpose of these interpretative ratings is to help engineers, planners, and others understand how soil properties influence behavior when used for recreational uses such as camp areas, picnic areas, playgrounds, and paths and trails. Soils are rated for the uses expected to be important or potentially important to users of soil survey information. Ratings for proposed uses are given in terms of limitations. Only the most restrictive features are listed. Other features may need to be treated to overcome soil limitations for a specific purpose.

Soils are rated in their "natural" state, that is, no unusual modification of the soil site or material is made other than that which is considered normal practice for the rated use. Even though soils may have limitations, it is important to remember that engineers and others can modify soil features or can design or adjust the plans for a recreational use to compensate for most degrees of limitations. Most of these practices, however are costly. The final decision in selecting a site for a particular use generally involves weighing the costs for site preparation and maintenance.

Limitation Ratings

1. Slight - is the rating given soils that have properties favorable for the use. The degree of limitation is minor and can be overcome easily. Good performance and low maintenance can be expected.
2. Moderate - is the rating given soils that have properties moderately favorable for the use. This degree of limitation can be overcome or modified by special planning, design, or maintenance. During some part of the year, the expected performance is less desirable than for soils rated slight.
3. Severe - is the rating given soils that have one or more properties unfavorable for the rated use, such as steep slopes, bedrock near the surface, flooding, or a seasonal high water table. This degree of limitation generally requires major soil reclamation, special design, or intensive maintenance, which in most situations is difficult and costly.

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Soil name and map symbol	Camp Areas	Picnic Areas	Playgrounds	Path and Trails
AdB ADAMS	Slight:	Slight:	Moderate: slope	Slight:
AEC ADAMS	Moderate: slope	Moderate: slope	Severe: slope	Slight:
AFD ADAMS	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Moderate: slope
ALLAGASH	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: erodes easily
AgB ALLAGASH	Slight:	Slight:	Moderate: slope, small stones	Severe: erodes easily
AgC ALLAGASH	Moderate: slope	Moderate: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: erodes easily
AHC ALLAGASH	Moderate: slope	Moderate: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: erodes easily
ADAMS	Moderate: slope	Moderate: slope	Severe: slope	Slight:
BeB BERKSHIRE	Moderate: large stones, small stones	Moderate: large stones, small stones	Severe: large stones, small stones	Slight:
BFC BERKSHIRE	Moderate: large stones, slope	Moderate: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
LYMAN	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: depth to rock, large stones, slope	Slight:

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BFD BERKSHIRE	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope
LYMAN	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, large stones, slope	Moderate: slope
BhB BOOTHBAY	Severe: wetness	Moderate: percs slowly, wetness	Severe: wetness	Moderate: wetness
BOB BOOTHBAY	Severe: wetness	Moderate: percs slowly, wetness	Severe: wetness	Moderate: wetness
SWANVILLE	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness
BP BRAYTON	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Severe: wetness
PEACHAM	Severe: large stones, percs slowly, ponding	Severe: excess humus, large stones, ponding	Severe: excess humus, large stones, ponding	Severe: excess humus, large stones, ponding
CC CHARLES	Severe: flooding, wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: flooding, wetness	Severe: wetness
CORNISH	Severe: flooding, wetness	Moderate: wetness	Severe: wetness	Moderate: wetness
CeB CHESUNCOOK	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: percs slowly	Moderate: wetness
CeC CHESUNCOOK	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: percs slowly, slope	Moderate: wetness

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CFD CHESUNCOOK	Severe: percs slowly, slope	Severe: percs slowly, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope, wetness
ELLIOTTSVILLE	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope
TELOS	Severe: slope, wetness	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope, wetness
CHD CHESUNCOOK	Severe: percs slowly, slope	Severe: percs slowly, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope, wetness
TELOS	Severe: slope, wetness	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope, wetness
CoB COLONEL	Severe: wetness	Moderate: small stones, wetness	Severe: small stones, wetness	Moderate: wetness
CPB COLONEL	Severe: wetness	Moderate: large stones, wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Moderate: wetness
BRAYTON	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Severe: wetness
DIXFIELD	Moderate: large stones, small stones	Moderate: large stones, wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Moderate: wetness
CQB COLONEL	Severe: wetness	Moderate: large stones, wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Moderate: wetness
BRAYTON	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Severe: wetness

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CRC COLONEL	Severe: large stones, wetness	Severe: large stones	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: large stones, wetness
HERMON	Severe: large stones	Severe: large stones	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: large stones
CsB CORNISH	Severe: flooding, wetness	Moderate: wetness	Severe: wetness	Moderate: wetness
CHARLES	Severe: flooding, wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: flooding, wetness	Severe: wetness
FRYEUBURG	Severe: flooding	Slight:	Moderate: slope	Slight:
Cv CORNISH	Severe: flooding, wetness	Moderate: wetness	Severe: wetness	Moderate: wetness
LOVEWELL	Severe: flooding	Moderate: wetness	Moderate: flooding, wetness	Moderate: wetness
DaB DANFORTH	Moderate: small stones	Moderate: small stones	Severe: small stones	Slight:
DBC DANFORTH	Moderate: large stones, slope	Moderate: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
DBD DANFORTH	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope
DEC DANFORTH	Moderate: large stones, slope	Moderate: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:

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DEC MASARDIS	Moderate: slope, small stones	Moderate: slope, small stones	Severe: slope, small stones	Slight:
PEACHAM	Severe: large stones, percs slowly, ponding	Severe: excess humus, large stones, ponding	Severe: excess humus, large stones, ponding	Severe: excess humus, large stones, ponding
DfB DIXFIELD	Moderate: wetness	Moderate: wetness	Moderate: slope, small stones	Moderate: wetness
DXC DIXFIELD	Moderate: large stones, slope	Moderate: large stones, slope, wetness	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: wetness
COLONEL	Severe: wetness	Moderate: large stones, wetness	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: wetness
DYC DIXFIELD	Moderate: large stones, slope	Moderate: large stones, slope, wetness	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: wetness
COLONEL	Severe: wetness	Moderate: large stones, wetness	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: wetness
LYMAN	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: depth to rock, large stones, slope	Slight:
EcB ELLIOTTSVILLE	Slight:	Slight:	Moderate: depth to rock, slope, small stones	Slight:
CHESUNCOOK	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: percs slowly	Moderate: wetness
EMC ELLIOTTSVILLE	Moderate: large stones, slope	Moderate: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:

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EMC MONSON	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
EMD ELLIOTTSVILLE	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope
EMD MONSON	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope
END ENCHANTED	Severe: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Severe: large stones
ENE ENCHANTED	Severe: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Severe: large stones, slope
Fr FRYEBURG	Severe: flooding	Slight:	Slight:	Slight:
HoB HOWLAND	Moderate: wetness	Moderate: wetness	Moderate: slope, small stones, wetness	Moderate: wetness
HRB HOWLAND	Moderate: large stones, small stones	Moderate: large stones, wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Moderate: wetness
HRB MONARDA	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Severe: wetness
LAD LYMAN	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, large stones, slope	Moderate: slope
LAD ABRAM	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope

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LAE LYMAN	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, large stones, slope	Severe: slope
ABRAM	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Severe: slope
LTD LYMAN	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, large stones, slope	Moderate: slope
TUNBRIDGE	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope
LTE LYMAN	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, large stones, slope	Severe: slope
TUNBRIDGE	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Severe: slope
MaC MARLOW	Moderate: percs slowly, slope	Moderate: percs slowly, slope	Severe: slope	Slight:
MDD MARLOW	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Moderate: slope
DIXFIELD	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope, wetness
MLE MARLOW	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: slope
LYMAN	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, large stones, slope	Severe: slope

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MLE BERKSHIRE	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Severe: slope
MND MARLOW	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Moderate: slope
LYMAN	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, large stones, slope	Moderate: slope
DIXFIELD	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope, wetness
MrB MASARDIS	Moderate: small stones	Moderate: small stones	Severe: small stones	Slight:
MSC MASARDIS	Moderate: slope, small stones	Moderate: slope, small stones	Severe: slope, small stones	Slight:
MTE MASARDIS	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: slope, small stones	Severe: slope
ADAMS	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: slope
MvB MONARDA	Severe: percs slowly, wetness	Severe: percs slowly, wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness
MW MONARDA	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Severe: wetness
BURNHAM	Severe: percs slowly, ponding	Severe: excess humus, ponding	Severe: excess humus, large stones, ponding	Severe: excess humus, ponding

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MXB MONARDA	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Severe: wetness
HOWLAND	Moderate: large stones, small stones	Moderate: large stones, wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Moderate: wetness
THORNDIKE	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
MYD MONSON	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope
ELLIOTTSVILLE	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope
RICKER	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: excess humus, fragile
MYE MONSON	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Severe: slope
ELLIOTTSVILLE	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Severe: slope
RICKER	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: excess humus, fragile, slope
PeB PENQUIS	Slight:	Slight:	Moderate: slope, small stones	Slight:
PLAISTED	Moderate: percs slowly	Moderate: percs slowly	Moderate: slope, small stones	Slight:

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PeC PENQUIS	Moderate: slope	Moderate: slope	Severe: slope	Slight:
PLAISTED	Moderate: percs slowly, slope	Moderate: percs slowly, slope	Severe: slope	Slight:
PFC PENQUIS	Moderate: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: large stones, slope, small stones	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
PLAISTED	Moderate: large stones, slope	Moderate: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
BERKSHIRE	Moderate: large stones, slope	Moderate: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
PhB PENQUIS	Slight:	Slight:	Moderate: slope, small stones	Slight:
THORNDIKE	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Slight:
PhC PENQUIS	Moderate: slope	Moderate: slope	Severe: slope	Slight:
THORNDIKE	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: depth to rock, slope, small stones	Slight:
Ps PITS	Severe: small stones, too sandy	Severe: small stones, too sandy	Severe: small stones, too sandy	Severe: small stones, too sandy
PtB PLAISTED	Moderate: percs slowly	Moderate: percs slowly	Moderate: slope, small stones	Slight:

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PtC PLAISTED	Moderate: percs slowly, slope	Moderate: percs slowly, slope	Severe: slope	Slight:
PWC PLAISTED	Moderate: large stones, slope	Moderate: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
HOWLAND	Moderate: large stones, slope	Moderate: large stones, slope, wetness	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: wetness
PENQUIS	Moderate: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: large stones, slope, small stones	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
PWD PLAISTED	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope
PENQUIS	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope
HOWLAND	Severe: slope	Severe: slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope, wetness
ROD RICKER	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: excess humus, fragile
ROCK OUTCROP	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Moderate: slope
SRD SADDLEBACK	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope
RICKER	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: excess humus, fragile

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SRE SADDLEBACK	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: depth to rock, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Severe: slope
RICKER	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: depth to rock, excess humus, slope	Severe: excess humus, fragile, slope
SUD SURPLUS	Severe: large stones, slope, wetness	Severe: large stones, percs slowly, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: slope, wetness
Sv SWANVILLE	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness
SW SWANVILLE	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness
WONSQUEAK	Severe: excess humus, flooding, wetness	Severe: excess humus, wetness	Severe: excess humus, wetness	Severe: excess humus, wetness
TeB TELOS	Severe: percs slowly, wetness	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: wetness	Moderate: wetness
THC TELOS	Severe: wetness	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: large stones, small stones	Moderate:
CHESUNCOOK	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: wetness
TLC TELOS	Severe: wetness	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: wetness
CHESUNCOOK	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: wetness

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TLC ELLIOTTSVILLE	Moderate: large stones, slope	Moderate: large stones, slope	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
TMB TELOS	Severe: wetness	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: large stones, small stones	Moderate: wetness
MONARDA	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Severe: wetness
TNB TELOS	Severe: wetness	Severe: percs slowly	Severe: large stones, small stones	Moderate: wetness
MONARDA	Severe: wetness	Severe: wetness	Severe: large stones, small stones	Severe: wetness
MONSON	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: large stones, small stones	Slight:
ToC THORNDIKE	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: depth to rock, slope, small stones	Slight:
ABRAM	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: depth to rock, slope, small stones	Slight:
TRC THORNDIKE	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
ABRAM	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
TSC THORNDIKE	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:

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TSC PENQUIS	Moderate: large stones, slope, small stones	Moderate: large stones, slope, small stones	Severe: large stones, slope, small stones	Slight:
TtB THORNDIKE	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Slight:
PENQUIS	Slight:	Slight:	Moderate: slope, small stones	Slight:
ABRAM	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: depth to rock	Severe: depth to rock, small stones	Slight:
UpB URBAN LAND	Limitation: variable	Limitation: variable	Limitation: variable	Limitation: variable
PENQUIS	Slight:	Slight:	Moderate: slope, small stones	Slight:
PLAISTED	Moderate: percs slowly	Moderate: percs slowly	Moderate: slope, small stones	Slight:
WB WONSQUEAK	Severe: excess humus, flooding, wetness	Severe: excess humus, wetness	Severe: excess humus, wetness	Severe: excess humus, wetness
BUCKSPORT	Severe: excess humus, flooding, wetness	Severe: excess humus, wetness	Severe: excess humus, wetness	Severe: excess humus, wetness