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### Geologic Unit: Chadron



#### Usage:

Chadron Formation (CO)  
Chadron Formation of White River Group (CO\*,MT\*,NE\*,ND\*,SD\*,WY\*)

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#### Subunits:

(alphabetical): Ahearn Member (SD), Beaver Divide Conglomerate Member (WY), Chalky Buttes Member (ND), Crazy Johnson Member (SD), Peanut Peak Member (SD), South Heart Member (ND).

#### Geologic age:

early Tertiary (late Eocene or early Oligocene)\*

#### Type section, locality, area and/or origin of name:

Not designated. Named from exposures at Chadron, Dawes Co., NE (Darton, 1899, 1931).

Standard [Principal reference] section: in Big Badlands, south fork of Indian Creek, from sec. 34, T. 3 S., R. 12 E., to sec. 10, T. 4 S., R. 12 E., Pennington Co., SD (Clark, 1954).

**AAPG geologic province:**

- Chadron arch\*
- Denver basin\*
- Williston basin\*
- Sioux uplift\*
- Wind River basin
- Green River basin

For more information, please contact [Nancy Stamm](#), Geologic Names Committee Secretary.

Asterisk (\*) indicates usage by the U.S. Geological Survey. Other usages by state geological surveys.

"No current usage" (†) implies that a name has been abandoned or has fallen into disuse. Former usage and, if known, replacement name given in parentheses ( ).

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