

CONVENTIONAL
SIGNS

CULTURE
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- Roads and buildings
- Private and secondary roads
- Trails
- Railroads
- Street railroads
- Tunnels
- Bridges
- Ferries
- Fords
- Dams
- Locks
- U.S. township and section lines
- Located township and section corners
- Township and section corners not found
- Triangulation stations
- Bench marks
- Mines and quarries
- Prospects
- Shafts
- Mine tunnels (showing direction)
- Mine tunnels (direction unknown)

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RELIEF
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- Figures (showing heights above mean sea level instrumentally determined)
- Contours (showing height above sea level, horizontal form, and steepness of slope of the surface)
- Depression contours
- Levees
- Cliffs
- Mine dumps

DRAINAGE
(printed in blue)

- Streams
- Falls and rapids
- Intermittent streams
- Canals and ditches
- Lakes and ponds
- Intermittent lakes
- Glaciers
- Springs
- Salt marshes
- Fresh marshes
- Tidal flats

The above signs are in current use on the topographic maps. Variations from this usage appear in some maps of earlier dates.

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