



Calcic andesite of Brown Shag (Pleistocene).—Light gray, fine-grained, aphanitic, medium to coarse (52–53 wt percent SiO_2) (R.C. Evans and R.M. Conner, unpub. data), flow caps Broughton Hill and partly covered by the overlying flow. Probably erupted from vent at Chamberlain Hill about 3 km to east. Contains phenocrysts and microcrysts of plagioclase and quartz, with minor magnetite 1 mm but a few as large as 3 mm across; with inclusions of chromian spinel, locally replaced by iddingsite in a rhyolite. Minor accessories include plagioclase, augite, and Fe-Ti oxide. Reversed consistently large to entirely of angular to subangular fragments, 2 to 6 mm across, of black, greenish gray, and brown, mostly quartz, plagioclase, and augite in a glassy (0.5–2 mm) and plagioclase (1–3 mm) in an olive (idiocrystal) to intergranular (groundmass). Groundmass partly well crystallized, with quartz, which cements sandstone and imparts a distinctive yellowish-brown color to the originally dark rock. Many beds are highly fossiliferous, with nonvolcanic detritus such as quartz, muscovite, hornblende, and perthite, and fossil fragments of plants from poorly sorted to well sorted, typically thin.

Mafic, volcanoclastic rocks (Oligocene)—Indurated, olive-brown, mafic tuff breccia, lapilli tuff, and minor tuff; distinct decimeter-scale stratification defined by gradational variations in grain size; moderately well sorted to poorly sorted; composed largely of angular fragments as large as 60 cm across of texturally variable, lithic to scoriaceous, basaltic and basaltic andesite. Unit locally contains rounded lithic clasts and blackened wood fragments; one exposure displays matrix-poor, talus-like deposit of angular blocks to 2 m across; cemented by clay, zeolites, calcite.

