Quadrangle Maps

What is a 7.5 minute series map?
Quadrangle Maps

• Quadrangle - standard maps covering systematically subdivided areas of latitude and longitude
  • Published at various scales depending on the size of the area mapped
  • The best known USGS maps are the 7.5-minute series
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• Standard Quadrangle Map
  • 7.5 x 7.5 minutes
  • Covers an area of 49 to 71 square miles
  • Map scales are 1:24,000 (one inch on the map equals 24,000 inches on the ground)
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- Standard Quadrangle Map (continued)
  - Paper size (approx.) 22" X 27"
  - Contours and elevations are shown in feet
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• 1° x 2° Quadrangle Map
  • Covers an area of 4580 to 8669 square miles
  • Map scales are 1:250,000 (one inch on the map represents 4 miles on the ground)
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- The USGS completed mapping of the entire country at a 1:24,000 scale in the late 1980's
  - We are going to look at a map called the Bay Shore East Quadrangle
New York State Quadrangle Maps