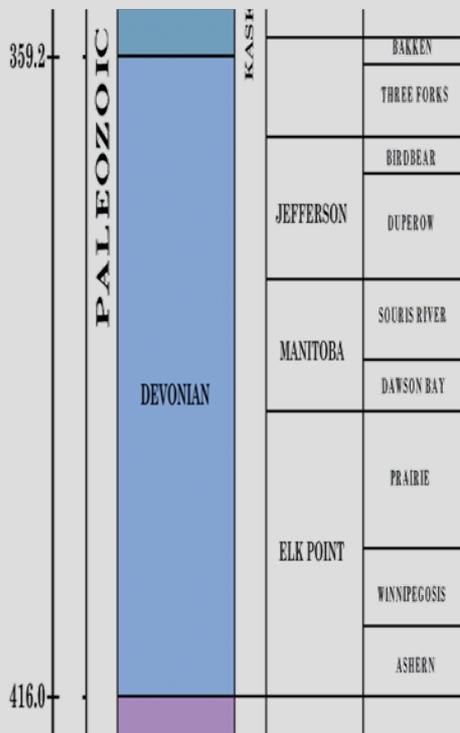


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# Devonian Period



**Age:** Conewangoan to Erian (416 to 359 Ma)

The base of Devonian Period coincides with the deposition of the Ashern Formation during the initial transgression of the Kaskaskia sea into North Dakota. The Ashern unconformably overlies the eroded surface of Silurian aged rocks deposited during the last phases of the previous Tippicanoe sea. The Devonian period ends during deposition of the middle member of the Bakken Formation just as the second major transgressive phase of the Kaskaskia begins.

Devonian rocks in North Dakota are subdivided as follows:

*No Group Designation*

- Bakken Formation
- Three Forks Formation

Jefferson Group

- Birdbear Formation
- Duperow Formation

Manitoba Group

- Souris River Formation
- Dawson Bay Formation

Elk Point Group

- Prairie
- Winnipegosis
- Ashern