

Contouring VI: Contour interval and format of contours

A contour map should have contours spaced at uniform intervals, representing elevations or thicknesses that maximize the number of zeroes in the contour labels.

Contours for which there is no evidence but are inferred are commonly dashed. Where spacing of contours changes greatly, thinner supplementary contours are sometimes used,

as in Example B. The contour interval should be clearly indicated, as in A, B, and C. In addition, any good map has a block indicating its title, the author, and the date, and it has a north arrow.

