

Table 1: Site Assessment Report Template Student Guide

Category	Details
Date and Time	Record specific date and time of field work
Location	Site-specific data collection location, Large-scale area description
Geographic Coordinates	Latitude, Longitude
Topographic Features	Cardinal direction, Aspect, Points of Reference, Significant topographic features
Geology	Describe known geological formations and rock types
Plant Communities	Identify plant species and communities present, Note plant establishment patterns and distribution
Water Sources	Document streams, lakes, ponds, and other water bodies
Human Interaction	Evidence of human activities
Estimated Temperature	Record the temperature at the time of data collection
Sky Conditions	Describe cloud cover
Wind	Note wind speed and direction
Precipitation	Record any rainfall or snowfall during fieldwork
Snow Cover	Describe snow depth and distribution
Recent Storm Events	Note any presence or absence of storm activity
Natural History	Document the site's natural history and significant historical events
Habitat Descriptions	Factors influencing biotic communities, signs of animals, and animal activity
Abiotic Features	Note light exposure, drainage patterns, soil moisture levels, types
Disturbance Types	Describe disturbances, note the frequency of disturbances
Historical Context	Research and use historical uses and significance of the site
Current Site Management	Document current management practices and policies
Field Collector Questions	Note questions or uncertainties about the landscape
Consultations	Identify subject matter experts to consult for additional information