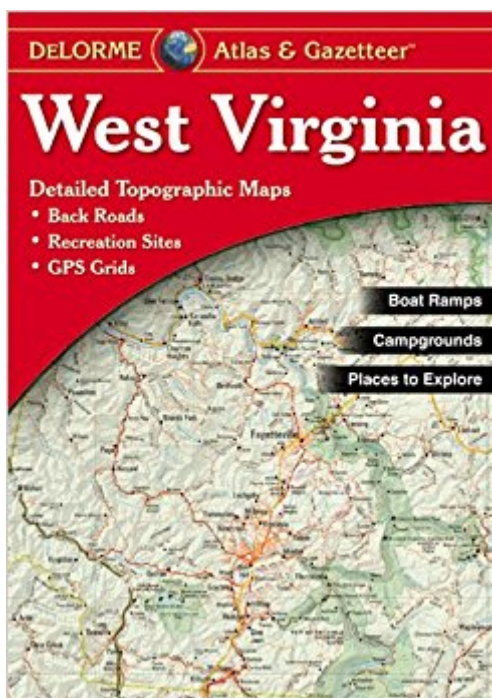


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# West Virginia Atlas & Gazetteer



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## Customer Reviews

This is OK for the purpose of driving back roads, but for actual sportsman use, the maps aren't detailed enough to navigate hills and hollers and rivers and such. It seems like for the price, they could have included full page maps of at least state parks and wildlife management areas. This will give you an idea of where big mountains and valley and hills are, but you would be hard pressed to

track down the specific attitude of any particular spot using it. It's nice for driving with the camper because I can see if there is a flatter route that avoids unnecessary hill climbs, and it can give you an idea of the terrain in certain areas. It's nice because it's got all the back roads, so when GPS stops and tells you to turn around, you can pull this out and confirm that the road you're on is a road and goes somewhere. I knocked off 2 stars because it isn't cheap and it just isn't detailed enough for what I think most people will want it for. One page for an entire county is just too thin for what topo maps are good for!

After searching West Virginia maps unsuccessfully online prior to a trip to find a very remote old family cemetery and home place, I ordered this atlas. The tiny, rural place I needed to find was clearly marked on the map, containing the old names that I could not find anywhere else—but knew from family history might still be there. It was a nostalgic, memorable, emotional road trip with this atlas I found my great-grandparents' grave easily—thank you WV Atlas and Gazetteer.

I research West Virginia Coal towns and after about 8 years, and ~130 coal towns later, I thought, why not get a copy of this and have it in the car? Pros and Cons: 1) This is a superb map that lists some rather remote towns and I was to say the least impressed by its depth of town and place name listings 2) It is also NICE to have these some remote places on a singular map, that is cogent because not so many years ago, it was almost miraculous to have a road map with this amount of detail. My past practices relied in topo maps from the 30's and a lot of talking to total strangers which was fun 3) This is also an excellent supplement to a GPS. This is of course a big change for me, as little as 5 years ago, I did not use GPS at all. It was point of fact USELESS in some more remote southern portions of WV, specifically MscDowell, Raleigh and Mercer Counties. That's has changed and so, bam, great purchase 4) I bought used, the product is perfect, no issues at all, getting this new, to be honest, would be a waste as a used copy in decent condition will do the job for certain

It's kind of sad, but in the days when Google and Apple promise us driverless cars, there are a lot of areas in this country with no cell phone coverage, and where the car gps will make mistakes and will not be able to find places. For those occasions it's necessary to have Delorme's Atlas... I only wish DeLorme would also sell an app with the same content as this atlas for the smart phones and tablets.

I've used these maps for trips across America - essential for those times when there's no satellite signal on phones or GPS, and for laying out a trip to our own route instead of using a pre-assigned one from a map website. The detail is especially good - useful on West Virginia's mountainous winding back roads where GPS and phone signal aren't predictable.

I bought this as a complement for my handheld GPS. I have started exploring the New River Gorge area of West Virginia searching for waterfalls (West Virginia Waterfalls: The New River Gorge). Sometimes a large piece of paper is better than a 3" GPS screen.

Normally I just use a GPS these days like anyone else, but after I got lost in Monagahelia Forest because the GPS insisted on routing us on hunter roads which are only useable by disabled hunters with key padlocked barriers and refused to find alternate routes, I decided to invest in paper. I have a few of these for other states and this one for WV is pretty decent if you need a paper Atlas.

I already have one but I bought this for a friend who I trail ride with. We have logged a lot of miles this year in some very obscure areas of WV and decided it would be neat to map our rides before or after the fact. It is also very handy for planning future rides. Being able to access the lay of the land is an advantage especially with the horses. We are looking forward to filling it up with lots of "red lines" indicating where we have ridden.

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