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GPS Made Easy: Using Global Positioning Systems In The Outdoors, 5th Edition



Synopsis

"A one-stop source of information" - Arizona Republic
"Buying and reading this book won't guarantee you'll never get lost again, but it's a good start." - Los Angeles Daily News*
For everyone who is frustrated with the complexity of their new GPS unit*
New information on integrating GPS data with TOPO software*
Learn to navigate even in terrible weather conditions
GPS units offer great promise ... if you can figure out how to use them. Most people experience a pack's full of frustration in trying to learn these complicated devices. GPS Made Easy, 5th Edition is the instruction manual that was missing with your device. In addition to the basics, it includes navigation in difficult weather (such as a whiteout), integrating hand-held GPS tools and data with computer programs (such as TOPO maps), and an explanation of systems being used in other countries. GPS Made Easy, 5th Edition is written so anyone can learn to use this technology, with lots of easy-to-follow examples.

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"GPS Made Easy by Lawrence Letham was the book most recommended on GPS information, and the book used [most often] by people who guide for a living, [who] teach outdoor survival training, and [those who] run guide training schools." (North American Bear Foundation)
"That we - the collective outdoorsman we - are confused by our GPS devices is why this explanatory instruction guide just went into its fifth printing. Anything that can make GPS easy will be snapped up, and this is a book that stakes its cover reputation on delivering simplicity and usability." (The Reel News)

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I'm an alpine climber and have had a Garmin GPS for a few years now, however, the user guide materials leave a lot to be desired. I wanted more of a practical use guide for navigating in the field and also for plotting courses on my PC and then using them in the field. I really was not interested in GPS use in a car, or airplane, or a kayak, etc. I use my GPS for wilderness navigation and mountaineering., so I wanted a book that would show me specifically how to use my GPS features in those settings. I ended up researching and purchasing several promising looking books that claimed to fit the bill. This one is far and away the best one. The instructions--many of them based on practical scenarios--are excellent, as are the images and screencaptures (the screencaptures of GPS user screens are mostly from Garmin GPSs, so its all the more user friendly for Garmin users.

This book gives a great overview of the GPS system, how it was developed and the terminology associated with it. For someone who doesn't have a great deal of experience with a GPS I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it. It explains the various features common to most GPS units and explains the uses for them. It goes over the various models and features available and towards the end gets a little more in depth than I needed. Overall a good beginners book that will get you on track.

Not as thorough as I would have liked. Still, I have not been able to find one better.

Great!

I've had my Garmin GPS about a year and learned to do a few things with it from the user's manual along the way. The manual is, however, disappointing in its inability to get the user to some competent level of GPS operation. "GPS Made Easy" is just the opposite. It is logical in its organization and precise in telling the reader how to operate the unit for whatever outdoor activity they fancy. I wish I had bought the book first, read it, and then bought the GPS unit.

This book contains excellent information, written where anyone can understand, on using a handheld GPS in the field with or without a Topographic map. Also explains all map grids. Map grids

needs to be understood for reading maps as well as setting a GPS to be used with a map.

This is an excellent resource to learn how GPS works and also how to navigate using TOPO maps and a compass. The author provides great advice on how to prepare for navigating and how not to just rely on electronics to get where you are going.

I guess that it is a nice book for starters, But I was expecting more than what I got.

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