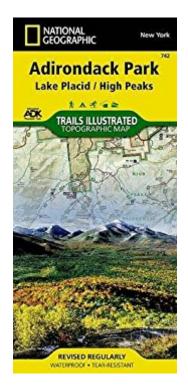
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NAT GEO Adirondack Park Map, Lake Placid/High Peaks





Customer Reviews

I purchased the High Peaks trail map in preparation for a Mount Marcy area backpacking trip.PROS: The colors, contrast and high quality paper are great. Especially compared to two tone USGS maps. Another plus is that the trail numbers tie into the Adirondack Mountain Club guide book for easy reference.CONS: The span and scale of the map is too big. It covers a massive area so even though the maps is huge (and impractical for pocket access during hiking) it provides poor detail.I used the map to find the trail head but left it behind in the car in favor of a small lighter Adirondack Mountain Club map that shows more detail (albeit in drab brown, white and gray).

This is the second time I've bought map 742, the first one did acquire a lot of wear and tear but was always useable. This new one seems to be identical plus the revisions, the main difference is the ink is a slightly lighter shade. Anyway, these are beautiful maps, durable and great for planning hikes. The mileages markers are well done and helpful. Probably would want something with more detail or a GPS for bushwhacking. The hundreds of lean-tos shown seem accurate, having been to a few dozen of them without problems. The main revision this edition of 742 won't include is that Duck Hole was wiped out by a storm in 2012.

These Natl Geo maps are incredible! They may be a little pricey and they aren't quite as water-resistant as they claim to be, but the general aesthetic qualities of these maps are squarely better than anything else on the market...including the maps contained within the ADK Trail Guide series -no offense to anybody. The reason why I say this is because these maps coincide with the previously mentioned "Trail Guide" series, so the trail numbers (along with a bunch more information all in full color) are on these maps as well.I get mine laminated with a super-thin laminate and keep them rolled up in a wicker basket...just to prevent wear and tear along creases and whatnot.

-All trails are marked-Up to date-Distances shown-Waterproof coating-Not tiny print so won't need a magnifying glass-Shows where you can spend the night-Elevations are shown

This is the go-to map for planning a trip to the Adirondack Eastern High Peaks Region (or surrounding areas like Dix, Giant, or Hurricane). The map looks great and is very detailed on trails, herdpaths and leantos. It's made from a heavy water-resistant paper and has held up well being carried around through rain and snow without much protection. The region it covers is huge, but it

still has fine detail and is quite zoomed in. As a consequence, the map is very large, especially when fully unfolded. The one downside to this particular map is that it is too big to be used easily while on the trail. I use it mainly for planning my route. Once I know where I'm going I'll use the natgeo software (not included here) to print out a smaller map that focuses on just the trail I'm taking. I do always bring this with me in my backpack though, just in case I end up needing it (lost on the trail, last minute trail closings, etc).

I love this map series. They are my go-to maps for backpacking. They show campsites and shelters, which you usually have to scour the internet for. It shows trails and the distances--as well as the quality of the trail to some degree; for example, a black trail is well-maintained. A grey trail is THERE, technically, but isn't maintained by the park and might be obscure. I do wish the maps marked clear water sources (with, of course, the caveat that packers should always call the park to check on said source). Parking is clearly marked and if the portion of the part costs money to enter. It shows rock climbing areas. It shoes fishing areas. These are also waterproof. I'm glad I keep it with me when I hike; I've run into a few hikers here and there who are turned around and I can show them where they are and where to go. The map is so clear that, literally, in about 30 seconds, the hiker knows what direction to go and some marks to look for (like a lean-to or lake). I also use this map to start researching a trip. I just put out the map and look at the distances and presence of water or whatever. If you see an area, for example, with A LOT of parking, that area is probably more congested than you want. I'd recommend this map to anyone of any hiking level.

It's waterproof enough to last through a heavy rainstorm. I'd agree w/ another reviewer who wrote that it might try to cover too much area. On one hike while my friend & I were struggling to regain the trail after detouring around a flooded out bridge while attempting Mt. Allen, my map contained some key feature his didn't which helped us regain the trail. It is extremely readable.

Awesome Map!Used on a trip to the ADK High Peaks and easily found Primitive camp sites, etc. It is a very big map, with a lot of detail. Some people may not love that about it because it takes up a lot of room in a pocket, but at the same time they would need multiple smaller maps to do the same job as this - again...taking up the same amount of room as this map.Definitely is waterproof, and is really durable. Thanks Nat Geo - great product. I'll be back for more products!

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