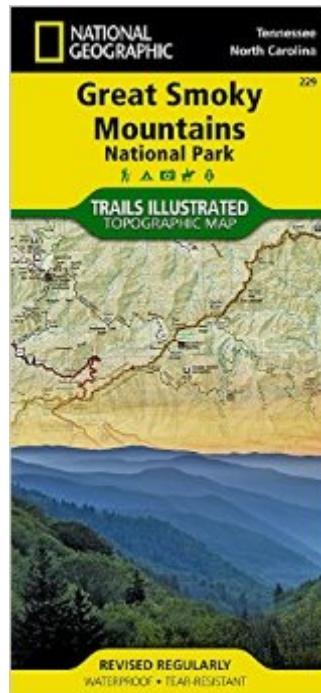


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# Great Smoky Mountains National Park (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)



## Synopsis

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Americaâ€™s most visited national park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Great Smoky Mountains National Park is both renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life and rich in remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture. National Geographicâ€™s Trails Illustrated map of the park combines unparalleled detail and valuable information for outdoor enthusiasts seeking to explore all the area has to offer with particular attention shown to backcountry campsites, shelters, and stream crossings. A detailed profile of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, which snakes along the ridge of the Great Smoky Mountains, provides a handy tool for hikers. The map features many key points of interest as well, including Cades Cove, Fontana Lake, Maryville, and Gatlinburg. With over 800 miles of mapped trails, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park map can guide you off the beaten path and back again. The clearly marked trails include mileages between intersections. The map base includes contour lines and elevations for summits, passes and many lakes. Some of the many recreation features include: visitor centers, campgrounds, trail shelters, trailheads, boat ramps, scenic overlooks, interpretive trails and quiet walkways. Every Trails Illustrated map is printed on "Backcountry Tough" waterproof, tear-resistant paper. A full UTM grid is printed on the map to aid with GPS navigation. Other features found on this map include: Cherokee National Forest, Chilhowee Mountain, Clingmans Dome, Fontana Lake, Great Smoky Mountains, Maryville, Mount Chapman, Mount Le Conte, Nantahala National Forest, Newfound Gap, Old Black, Pisgah National Forest, Waynesville. Map Scale = 1:70,000 Sheet Size = 37.75" x 25.5" Folded Size = 4.25" x 9.25"

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## Customer Reviews

Excellent map of Smokies, so glad I purchased. This is my second year hiking in the smokies and I wanted to see all the trails, not just "some" listed in hiking guides of most popular trails. This map is awesome. It shows roads, trails, trail heads, distance of each trail, if the trail has a waterfall, where camping areas are and much more. It's is very well made on thick paper with a little coating to be used multiple times. It is a huge map, I have to spread it out on the floor and do my planning. It has two sides to it covering the smokies and a little of the cherokee forest. Best map I have found of hiking trails for the Smokies. Don't hesitate to purchase.

This is a great trail map and it is accurate. The topological information is very useful, as are the compass directions. I have never gotten lost with this map and have been able to point many of my fellow travelers in the right direction. It's somewhat water resistant and it's made it through many, many hikes, including fording Abrams Creek. If you are going hiking in the Smokies, I cannot recommend this highly enough. I would recommend that you not hike in the Smokies without it!

This map is so good, I gave mine away. I knew my 229 map was one revision behind but I had been planning on waiting until one later than this (2010) came out. I was on a trip last month, heading out of the Elkmont area and noticed a father and son gearing up and looking at the official park map. I asked if they were going to 23 or 30 and the father said he thought is was 24. I knew 21 and 24 were closed, and figured they could use a better map. I handed him my 229 map, told him 21 was not on it in the right spot and pointed his way to 23 after he checked his permit. He thanked me for the map, and I thanked him for giving me an excuse to get a new one. I'm taking another trip this weekend so a new 229 is on the way. Let me also recommend the 316 and 317 maps, they split the park in 2 East and West sides to be even larger and provide more detail than the 229.

This is a very good set of maps that should cover all your needs for the Smokys. They're probably overkill if you're just going to spend a couple of days in the park since the trail map available for \$1 at any ranger station or visitor center is very good, but if you're going to do a lot of serious hiking in the area these should be in your backpack. I keep one in the cargo pocket of my pants, and pull it out whenever I take a break so that I always know where I am on the trail and (for better or worse) how much farther I have to go. The maps are made out of a nice plasticized material so you don't

have to worry about them getting wet from sweat or rain. I expect that they will eventually crease and wear after hundreds of foldings and unfoldings, but they seem more durable than any other folding map I've used before. The two small scale maps (Cades Cove and Clingman's Dome) overlap by about 6 km, so unless you're planning a fairly long hike near the center you'll probably only need to take one of them on most trips. The large scale (whole park) map is good for trip planning, and it still has enough resolution that you could carry just it for a long hike, such as a section hike of the Appalachian Trail through the park. These show everything you need to know about the trails at a glance. One of the nicest features is the locations of footbridges and fords, and warnings about which crossings could have high water. In the past, I've had a couple of hikes cut short when I came to a stream crossing that was considerably larger than I was expecting, but with these I know at a glance which trails I need to pack the water shoes for or save for a warmer day. The only thing I've found that is out of date on these is that they still distinguish backcountry camp sites as reservation or non-reservation. They're all reservation-only now, but this is a very recent (2013) change.

The map is made of weatherproof material that looks like it will last a long time. The map is easy to read and has a lot of color-coding to make it easy to follow. I am very happy with the purchase.

I own about 30 (yes, 30) of the maps from this Trails Illustrated updated series with the pretty contour shadings. They accompany me on all hikes in major parks and this map had sufficient detail and markings for navigating about 60 miles of backpack through the park. The material is resilient and hardy enough to tolerate being folded around and against the original creases so as to allow the map use the ability to fold down the map to precisely the segment being hiked that day without fear of ruining the entire map for future trips.

These are high quality easy to read maps. They have become the "gold standard" for hikers and backpackers as the hard copy map business has decline with the advent of mobile technology. These are coated so dampness/wetness is not a problem and they stand up to lots of unfolding/folding. I use them for planning my backpacking trips.

We live in the foothills of the Smokies and use one or more of maps every weekend:- We highlight the trails we've done on the master map. It holds highlighter ink fine, esp. if you let it dry a few minutes before re-folding the map.- We carry the appropriate east or west map with us. Both have

held up well through intense rain storms and being folded awkwardly and crammed into our packs for over 250 miles of hiking so far. They're up to date, light, waterproof and forgiving to bad map folders.

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