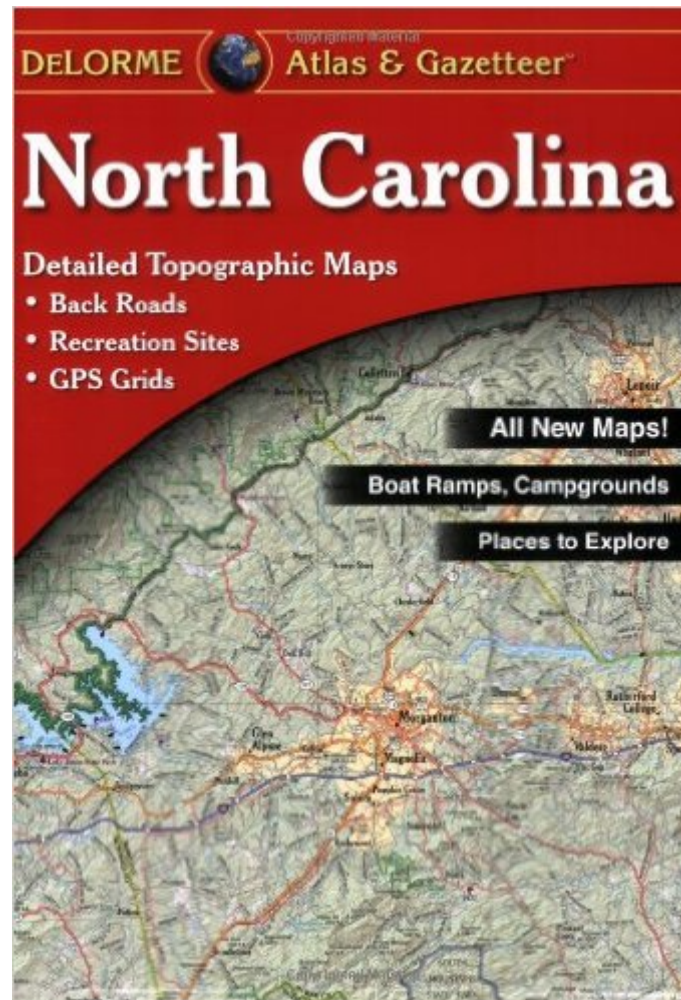


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Customer Reviews

I own several of the DeLorme state atlases. They are great resources for the planning of non-motorized touring (biking, hiking). Strengths include: (1) Physical land features: topographic contours, water resources, vegetation, etc. (2) Off-road options: trails, abandoned railroads, ferries. (3) Recreation: Parks, outdoor sports, points of interest. DeLorme's atlases have two shortcomings: (1) Road naming is too creative. Many of the printed names bear no relation to actual road signs. (2) There's no indication of whether a road is paved, gravel, dirt or sand--every road is shown by a thin, red line. Consult "The Roads of North Carolina" for pavement info. All in all, a "must" for the do-it-yourself traveler.

I am a full-time fishing guide in the mountains of North Carolina and I have found this book to be the absolute best reference material for finding trout streams in our mountains. If you do any type of outdoors activities you will benefit from this book.

This highly detailed map is an invaluable reference but its size and layout make it cumbersome to refer to on the go. Also there's no overlap from one page to the next. If your route is in the middle of the page, you're in luck! But going from Asheville to neighboring Black Mountain requires flipping among 4 different pages.

For years I refused to buy this road atlas because it got the name and length of the 1970's era street I live on wrong. In fact, I noted several errors within the vicinity that I'm most familiar with. That said, it's still the only serious contender for a reasonably decent compendium of local maps. I finally broke down and bought a copy because so many birding and canoeing resources reference the "Delorme" as it's usually called locally. It's no real alternative to having very detailed USGS topo maps of any area of intense interest, but I'll give it credit for being a reasonably compact, (by large, bulky, car use standards), version of a state map. It's position is between that of the free Dept of Transportation maps and the highly detailed local maps that can be purchased from convenience stores for road use, and from the better outdoor provision and recreational companies for topographical and lake and shore details. For what it is, it's definitely worth the price. Just don't expect it to be the last local map you'll buy. It's a compromise all the way around. But, sometimes a compromise is the best solution. That said, I went ahead and got the one for SC, and will probably get the one for VA as well.

This Atlas, like all in the DeLorme series of Atlas & Gazetteer references, are wonderful map resources. A wealth of information is included. If anything, the level of detail, coupled with the topographic information, may seem a bit too much at first glance (if you are new to these guides). But if you're willing to spend a bit of time with the maps, you will find these guides to be very useful. In addition to the maps and the useful indexes and cross-references, these guides include listings or location sources for hiking, camping, fishing, recreation areas, unique natural features (mountains, beaches, rivers, caverns, etc.), bicycle routes, horse trails, etc. And of course, GPS (Lat/Lon) coordinates are printed on each map. Although the scale of these maps demand it, it would be nice if the guide book dimensions were a bit smaller. At 11" x 15.5", it's a good size book, so it's not quite as easy to stow in the backpack or the motorcycle storage area, etc. Overall, these are excellent

guides for any traveler or outdoor enthusiast.

We purchased this instead of a folding North Carolina map. We are seniors, and the larger format is perfect and the detail is just what we needed. The difference between this and your normal "Atlas" type book is that this shows many more points of interest to the normal person-- If you want to explore an area, the Gazetteer is the format for you. If you are a business traveler who needs to get from point A to point B the quickest way, this will have more information than you want. We live in Northern Georgia and have traveled all around the surrounding areas for a long time, and appreciate the type of detail this format offers. For dedicated travelers and retirees, this is superior to any other format.

Purchased this atlas when we were looking for a home in the coastal North Carolina area. It was very helpful. A bit tough to get into my backpack on the flights down to North Carolina but worth the effort and it helped us get around.

I have used the Ohio version of this map for many years. When we decided to spend Thanksgiving in western North Carolina, I ordered this version. The Delorme atlas provides much more detail than the official state highway map and is still relatively easy to use compared to the USGS topo. maps. I find it easier to use paper maps than the electronic maps on my ipad and gps unit.

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