

Downloading and Using Custom Map digital editions with Garmin gps units

Discovery Walking Guides (DWG) are making all of their Custom Map digital editions of our Tour & Trail Maps freely available for use in Garmin gps units. Custom Maps can also be used in Garmin Basecamp software and Google Earth

There is no obligation needed before you download your Custom Map. We believe that once you have experienced the Custom Map digital edition of a Tour & Trail Map you will want to buy the Super-Durable printed version for your adventure planning.

Free digital editions of Tour & Trail Maps are also available for Viewranger and LocusMap apps, see their apps or website for details.

Downloading your Custom Map

Each Tour & Trail Map has a dedicated autoresponder which sends you an email containing hyperlinks that you click on to access your download. Your email must allow emails from dwgwalking.co.uk which contain hyperlinks, check your email settings to make sure you will receive our email from dwgwalking.co.uk

On each Custom Map webpage you will find an email address with spaces such as men2020 @ dwgwalking.co.uk

Remove those spaces and email us with the name of the map in the header

Your download email from dwgwalking.co.uk arrives within 20 seconds.

Click on the download link and Save the download to your computer hard drive; allow time for your Custom Map to download before closing the link.

Checking your Custom Map(s) download using Google Earth

Assuming you have Google Earth installed on your computer, locate your Custom Map on your hard drive and double click on the Custom Map file name; Google Earth will open displaying your CM as a transparent overlay on the Google Earth 3D terrain model.

If your CM opens in Google Earth then your download has been successful.

Opening your Custom Map in Garmin Basecamp

In Garmin Basecamp bring your CM kmz file into My Collection. Then select your CM kmz file in My Collection and Basecamp will open your CM Tour & Trail Map as a 2D solid map over the Basecamp base map.

Loading Custom Maps into your Garmin gps

Garmin suggest installing CMs on an SD card, see Garmin Help - Custom Maps for the official advice.

We have found that installing a CM direct to the gps CustomMaps memory is easier and more reliable.

With your Garmin switched on and in 'Demo Mode/GPS Off' connect your gps to your PC with a usb lead.

In Windows Explorer your gps will show as a separate hard drive.

Select your CM kmz file on your PC hard drive and select 'Copy'.

Then in your Garmin open the Garmin folder, then open the CustomMaps folder and 'Paste' your CM kmz file into the gps CustomMaps memory.

Using your Custom Map on your Garmin

After switching on your gps go to 'Set Up' then to 'Maps' then to 'Configure Maps' and then into 'CustomMaps' where you will find your CM in your gps memory.

Select your CM. Make sure it is the only CM selected because if two or more are selected your gps will not recognise any of them.

You will need to 'Pan' to the location of your CM and then 'Zoom' in to see your CM on your gps screen, eg if you are in Leeds then 'Pan' down (S) to the Canary Islands and 'Zoom' in to see your Lanzarote CM on your gps screen.

If you switch on your gps in your CM location then you will see your CM on your gps screen.