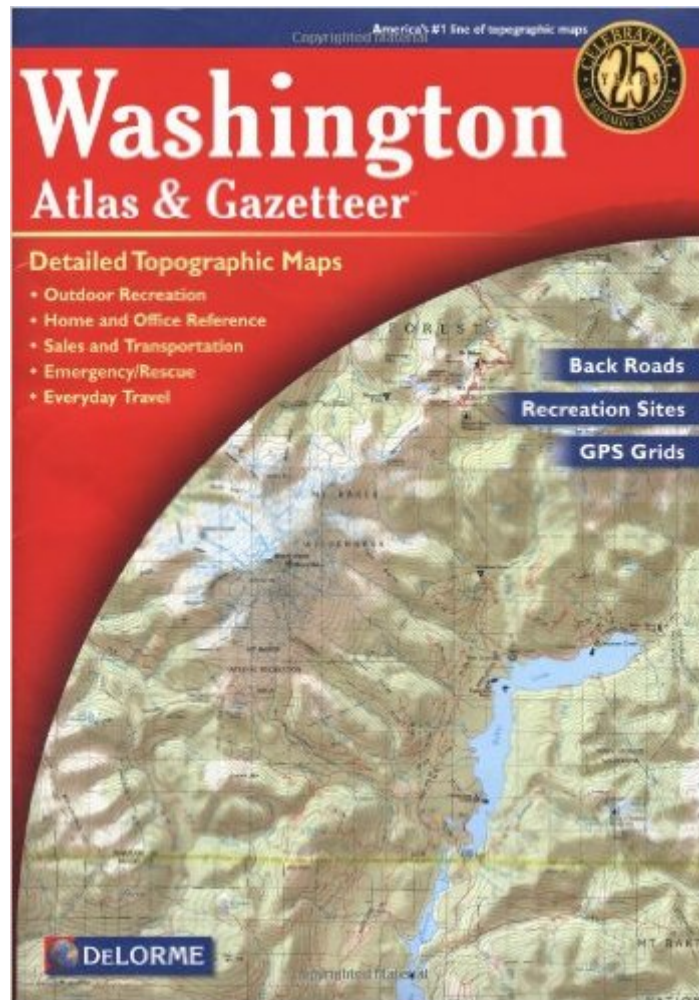


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Customer Reviews

I bought this atlas to replace my 6-year-old worn-out copy of the previous edition. The atlas has been completely re-done, and I was hoping it would have some of the new state campsites I have stumbled across that weren't in my old atlas. Nope! Worse than that, the map now uses one symbol - a small square - for trailheads as well as any campground smaller than an RV park. You can no longer skim the map looking for triangles - they aren't there. And the campgrounds that are labeled are marked with numbers, which you must then go look up in the front of the atlas. This atlas is much less useful and much less readable than its predecessor. I'll be switching to Benchmark.

I purchased this map as a hopeful update to an earlier version of the same map. The only problem is that all the forest service road & trail errors that I had to deal with in my previous version were still

present. That is not a particularly good thing if you plan on relying on the map while out in the woods. I have since returned this map for a refund. If you are interested in purchasing a map that has accurate forest service, BLM, and state trails and roads, I would recommend the Benchmark Road and Recreational Atlas. If all you want is a topographical map of the state, then this should work.

Having used this map over several seasons now, I am rescinding my previous rating of 5 and now give it a 2 (at best). This edition of the Gazetteer is completely inferior to the previous edition I had (circa 1990's), particularly as it relates to showing campgrounds and roads in out of the way primitive locations within the Federal Forests and Parks. In fact, this is such that it renders this Gazetteer pretty much useless. If you have a 1990's edition treat it with kid gloves and don't waste your money on the new edition. Now....speaking of kid - I have to find #1 daughter and beg her to give me my old one back!!

Over the years I've been generally well pleased with the Delorme atlas and gazetteers. And so, when we decided recently to take a trip to the Pacific Northwest, which would include extensive travel across the state of Washington, I procured a copy of this gazetteer. I wasn't disappointed. Like the others, the Washington atlas and gazetteer is detailed and shows quite a few roads and points of interest that aren't found on the typical roadmap. So, whether you're exploring the semi-arid eastern part of the state or the Cascades in the west, or for that matter are spending your time in the Olympic Peninsula, this is a great aid to have along. Time and again I've been able to find backroads that have led me to an out-of-the-way place, such as a small lake or stream. And I've gotten a feel for the local culture that would have been impossible if I had stayed on the interstate or other major highway. Plus, I've been able to locate hiking trails, as well as trailheads, which feeds into my passion for seeing things on foot. Because this is a topographical map, I've been able to anticipate in advance what sort of terrain I'll encounter, which is especially useful when one is hiking. All in all, this atlas and gazetteer is a job well done.

I always used DeLorme Atlas' when I lived on the East Coast and in the south. They, to me, are the standard by which all others try to measure. There were no second thoughts as I moved back west as to which I should purchase for my camping, hiking and backpacking needs. When I picked up my first copy at a local sporting goods store, I noticed several pages were missing, importantly including those from my new found area. I brought it back and pointed out the problem. One employee and I

sorted through and found about 6 similarly bound specimens. I quickly was swapped into a good atlas and life goes on. These, I feel, are more chart than map. I don't think it would be my go-to choice for driving. They're perfect, however, for backpacking.

Extreme detail on every road, trail and waterway. This map will be well used on our trip this summer. I am using it now to plan out the trip. Very easy to use, and follow from page to page. We will buy other maps like this for future travels.

Bought this for my 93-year-old father-in-law, as he doesn't do online buying. He's a map geek and loves it, got the other two maps that were recommended with it. He's hoping to do a road trip up that way, lol. Not a chance, but makes him happy to think about it.

These maps are so cool! They have loads of information regarding the features of the land and points of interest. I like having so many topographic maps for each region of the state because we go hiking and backpacking all over. This sure beats paying the same price for the individual National Geographic ones. Those ones are waterproof, but you can easily fold one of these (yes, I tear mine out) and stick it in a large ziplock for traveling.

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