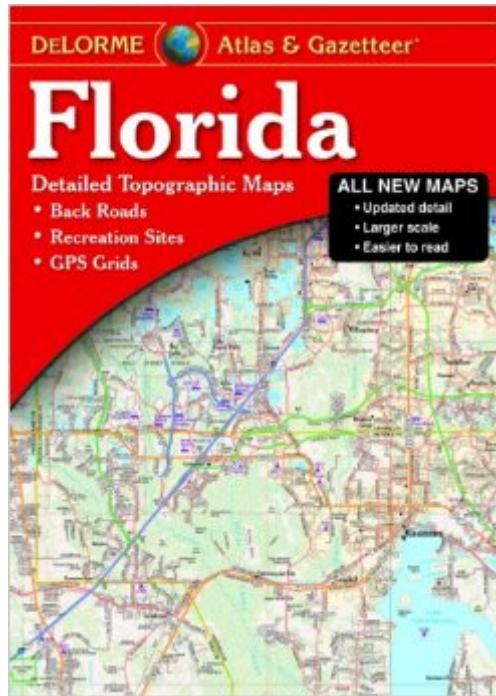


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# Florida Atlas & Gazetteer (Delorme Atlas & Gazetteer)



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A wealth of recreational and travel detail including golf courses, parks, trails, campgrounds and family suggestionsNew digital design with larger place name fonts, improved scale and visual clarity, and enhanced shaded relief for more pronounced terrain viewsThousands of updated roads and road names with new colored highway designationsIncludes updated exit numbers on interstate highways and extensive updates to county roadsGazetteer: information on places to see and things to do, from family outings to hiking the Florida TrailUpdated index of place namesContour intervals: 50'Scale: 1:126,000 (formerly 1:150,000); 1" to 2 miles160 pages, up from 128 in the previous editionQuality paperback, 11 x 15.5, perfect bound

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## Customer Reviews

The new 10th Edition of the Florida Atlas & Gazetteer not only features completely new (redrawn) maps, they actually INCREASED the scale of the mapping as well! In the 1st through 9th Editions, the maps were at a scale of 1:150,000 which isn't all that bad. The newly redrawn 10th Edition atlas maps are at 1:120,000! In this day and age where things get cheaper and lower quality (including maps), this is a surprising improvement! I don't think I've ever seen a time where a new edition of an atlas/map was issued with MORE detail at a higher level of resolution! With the larger scale, more local roads are labeled and it's easier to read the maps in general. As the previous editions had been reissued and "updated," there were some complaints about the quality and quantity of the updates. With such rampant development as Florida has seen over the past two decades since the first

DeLorme atlas of the state was published, quite a few newer developments, freeway interchanges, and streets were not added, although most of the major new highways, freeways and toll roads generally made it in. This is the first all-digital DeLorme atlas of Florida and uses up-to-date data. I've only been flipping through it for a little bit now, but a LOT of the new developments are included. For example, The Villages (near Lady Lake northwest of Orlando) is a HUGE new development and it looks like the entire thing is on the maps now. All the latest segments of toll roads in the Orlando area are included as well. The only downside with the new 10th Edition is that it's now a bound volume instead of being stapled. The stapled versions do tend to fall apart easier with heavy usage, but you're also able to fold them back on themselves while using them in the car. This new "bound" edition doesn't fold back as easily--but that also means it probably stays intact better. I wish they would just issue these with spiral binding. (I have access to hole-punching and spiral-binding machines at my workplace and have "converted" some of these atlases in the past with excellent results.)

Fragile - this atlas is not ideal for practical use. The pages are glued to the binding unlike the centerfold staple design of previous editions. The atlas began falling apart after a few months and now most of the pages are loose. This is especially problematic when I want to change pages or move to a different section of the atlas - it's like sorting through a stack of individual sheets rather than turning pages. I'M HAPPY WITH THE CONTENT, but hate the binding. I stopped looking for a print shop that would coil bind it (I contacted more than a dozen) and am trying to come up with a way to keep the thing together. DeLorme - please fix this. Thank you.

Grid map make it a very easy for you to locate the area you need to go! All back roads, off road camping, campgrounds and more are at your fingertips. My husband and I live in our RV full time and we have learned to put our trust in this collection of maps. One suggestion to Delorme Publishing though.... we would be willing to spend a few extra \$\$\$ if you would also make this available with a spiral spine (notebook) design similar to what Rand McNally offers. It is really nice to be able to lay it flat to read and keep it open to the page you want!

This Atlas has excellent, highly readable maps - what I expected. However, the binding is virtually unusable. The pages become unglued and detach from the book. Not at all what I expected. I would strongly recommend against buying the Atlas unless you are willing to go to a print shop and pay for re-binding.

This is the second Delorme Atlas I have purchased and it contains a wealth of information regarding lakes and rivers for fishing. Secondary roads are clearly marked, as are boat ramps and launching areas. Many lakes are identified as to species of fish that are there. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to locate fishing areas throughout the entire state. While many of the smaller roads are not identified, it shows enough information to be able to get where you want to go. My only advice would be to label more of the smaller roads leading to the lakes.

My wife and I both have and use gps in our vehicles. But when you just want to go travel your state, and explore new roads you have never been on, there is nothing like these great big maps. Our kids look at us like we are crazy, but we get one for them and tell them to just put it under the seat of their cars. I tell them you never know when the gps may fail you and theses are a great fall back. They are extremely detailed as well, and good quality.

The maps are current (revised in 2012) and highly detailed, but unfortunately come to within 1/4 inch of the edge the page. This is fine for the top, side and bottom, but along the binding it makes the maps difficult to view without forcing the pages apart. Other DeLorme Atlas and Gazetteers I have in my library are stapled together. However, due to its size (160 pages and almost half an inch thick) this one has a glued book-style binding. I can almost guarantee this design will lead to premature failure of the binding. The problem could easily be solved by allowing for a wider margin along the binding or even better, by the use of a spiral binding. Being able to lay the maps open flat would make this atlas much more user friendly and lengthen its lifespan considerably.

We have used the Michigan and California version for years and are moving to Florida. We expected to get all of the latest road & highway info. There are towns & roads that have been around since 2002 that are nowhere to be found, the version of the Florida DeLorme we bought was from 2010. I doubt I will buy a DeLorme Atlas & Gazetteer again, unfortunately I was so sure it was the latest & greatest that I threw out the packaging and do not want to pay to ship it back. I thought they were up to date but they are not!! Florida Atlas and Gazetteer (Florida Atlas & Gazetteer) From now on we will go to the county road commission to get up to date maps.

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