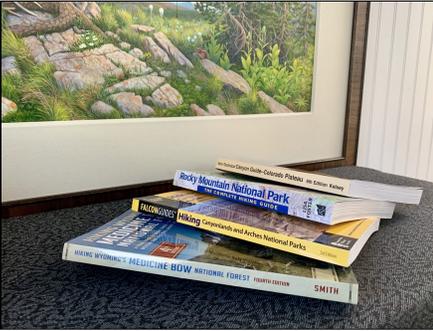
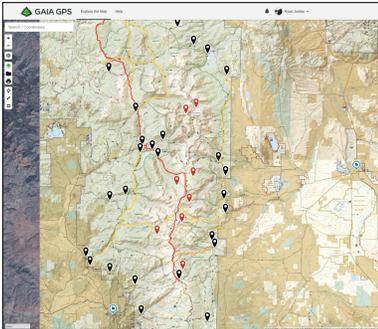


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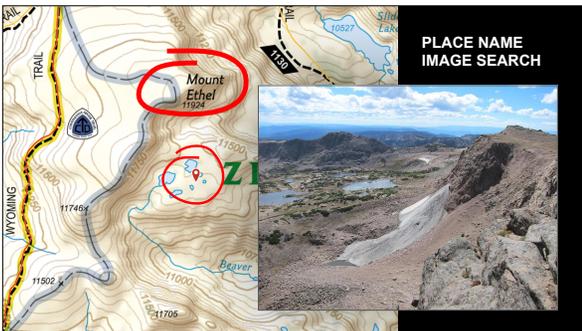


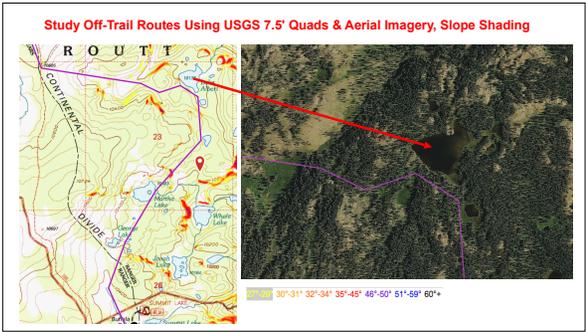
Never underestimate the value in calling a land management agency before planning your trip in too much detail.





Mark trailheads with black waypoints
Mark main trails in RED
Mark side trails in another color
Mark POI's with RED waypoints

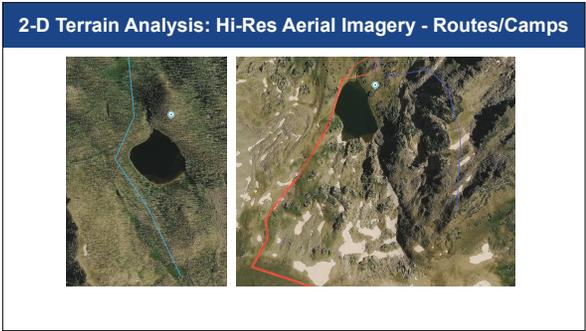


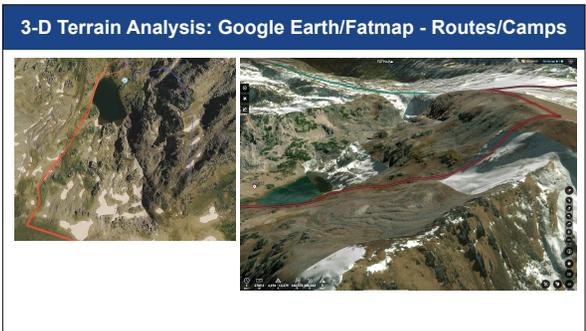


RESOURCES, TOOLS, AND PROCESSES FOR PLANNING NONTECHNICAL, OFF-TRAIL BACKPACKING ROUTES
 by Ryan Jordan on NOVEMBER 14, 2018
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Introduction
 The purpose of this article is to document the process I often use to plan and execute off-trail trips in the mountains using digital mapping and navigation tools. My overall goal is to provide the reader with part of a framework that can be used for planning mountaineering off-trail routes that are achievable by hikers without mountaineering experience in a safe and efficient manner.

<https://backpackinglight.com/backpacking-navigation-apps-course-off-trail-backpacking/>





2. How to preserve your wild experience?

Learn how to plan your own routes.

Get off the beaten path.

Don't let beta & technology be a barrier to feeling the "delight of discovery".



CONTEXT: US Southwest Desert Canyons (Grand Staircase-Escalante NM)

"Any tips for route planning, considering water and camping spots would be helpful. I have not tried Guthook yet, as it seems to be a better AT tool. Any recommendations for near real time info on these trails in this area is appreciated. Also, as a backup, which free maps should I print out, as hard copy, or should I buy the big Nat Geo fold out and take it?"

- Bryan Moss (via email)





Call & talk to a wilderness ranger on the phone • check road conditions • review active advisories & alerts • local outfitter (shop) & guide service

TRAILS ON MAPS THAT NO LONGER EXIST IRL

"When I plan routes I run into the issue of some trails on the maps no longer existing. It's not a big deal if I'm backpacking where I know the general area and climate etc (I'm in Appalachia) but I'm starting to plan some bigger trips in climates I'm less familiar with. New Mexico for example.

What's the trick to winging it safely on a trail that may or may not exist anymore?"

- Jeffrey Holliman (via email)



plan for an adequate buffer • routefinding skills • call ahead and confirm with the land management agency • review local (recent) guidebook trail descriptions

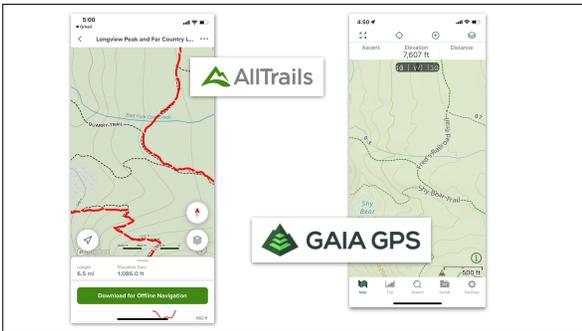
TRAIL NAMES ON MAPPING APPS

"I recently [hiked a route that] was a combination of multiple individual trail segments. But to see the trail names I needed to zoom way in before the app would show me the name of the trail...sometimes the trail names are missing and I need to trace the trail back to its trailhead name.

Are there any mobile apps that show the trail names on EACH segment of the route, so I can avoid zooming in so much to find trailhead names and see trail segment names."

- Bob Landau (via email)





OTHER QUESTIONS (CHAT)?

Trek Planning Masterclass
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Course Curriculum

- Introduction to Trek Planning**
- High Level Route Planning**
- Intermediate Route Planning**
- Detailed Route Planning**
- Environmental Forecasting**
- Search Assessment**
- Equipment & Supplies**
- Planning for Inclement Conditions**
- Hygiene & Logistics**
- Food & Nutrition**
- Trek Milestones Case Study: Top Planner**
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