THE NATIONAL MAPPING PROGRAM

The National Mapping Program publishes a variety of multipurpose maps to serve all map users. In addition to published maps, basic map data and open-file map products are available. These include aerial photographs, satellite images, advance and reproducible map materials, geodetic control data, geographic-names data, status maps, microfilm map copies, and map data in digital form.

An Index to topographic and other Map Coverage and its companion *Catalog of topographic and other Published Maps* is available for each State.

TYPES OF MAPS:

Topographic Maps

A topographic map accurately represents the natural and manmade features of the land. USGS topographic maps are compiled to National Map Accuracy Standards using modern mapping techniques. The shape and elevation of the terrain are portrayed by contour lines and specific features such as roads, towns, water areas, and vegetation are portrayed by map symbols and colors. Standard quadrangle series maps are produced at the scales and formats shown.

Topographic-Bathymetric Maps

A topographic-bathymetric map provides topographic and planimetric detail of the land areas and bathymetric metric contours and depth gradients in the coastal water areas. These maps, covering selected coastal zone areas, are cooperatively produced by the U. S. Geological Survey and the National Ocean Service at scales of 1:24,000, 1:100,000, and 1:250,000. Offshore protraction survey data compiled by the Bureau of Land Management are shown on 1:100,000-and 1:250,000-scale maps.

Land Use and Land Cover Maps

Standard land use and land cover maps at 1:250,000 or 1:100,000 scale are available for the entire United States. These maps depict the 9 level I and 37 Level II USGS categories of data. Five associated overlays show political units, hydrologic units, Census county subdivisions, and Federal land ownership and state land ownership overlays for a limited number of states. Associated maps are made available in the form of diazo or photographic prints or film copies. Most of these products have to be ordered.

Orthophotoquads

An orthophotoquad portrays planimetric data by photoimage, but does not contain contours and has little or no symbolization or lettering within the mapped area. Most orthophotoquads are prepared in monocolor from black-and-white film, and are made available, upon request, in the form of diazo or photographic prints. There are a limited number printed in color, and available as published maps. Most of these products have to be ordered.

Orthophotomaps

An Orthophotomap is a multicolor orthophotoquad having extensive cartographic treatment including contours, lettering, and some symbols. Where conventional topographic line maps are ineffective in portraying terrain features, colored orthophotoimagery accentuates subtle detail. For some areas–predominately marshlands and coastal zones–the orthophotomap is the standard 1:24,000-scale map.

State Maps

State-format maps are generally available in three edition–base, topographic, and shaded relief–usually at a scale of 1:500,000. Some state base maps are also available at 1:750,000 and 1:1,000,000. The maps show urban areas, major communication routes, hydrographic features, and political boundaries.

County Maps

Produced at 1:50,000 or 1:100,000 scale, county maps show selected natural and cultural features. At the present time, county maps are available for a limited number of areas.

Special Maps

Special-purpose maps are usually derived from standard topographic maps. These include maps of specific cultural or geographic regions, satellite image maps, shaded relief maps, metropolitan area maps, and sets of maps illustrating special physiographic features.

United States Maps

There are several different U.S. Maps available in a variety of formats and scales. For this information see the matrix on "United States Maps."

National Park and Monument Maps

Maps of national parks, battlefields, and historic sites are prepared at various scales from standard topographic maps. Many are available with shaded-relief overprint which gives a three dimensional impression of the terrain.

National Atlas Maps

Separate sheets of selected thematic and general reference National Atlas maps are available. The content ranges from physiographic information to environmental and population trends. A set of maps (also available singly) covers the United States in 21 sections at 1:2,000,000 scale.

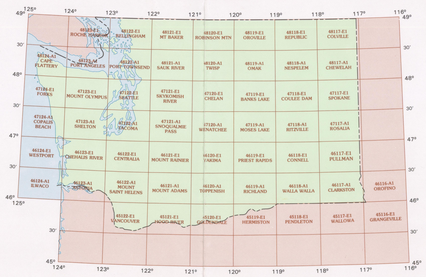
INFORMATION PAMPHLET

The U.S. Geological Survey has available a pamphlet titled "Topographic Maps", which includes symbols, to assist map users in selecting the kind and scale of map best suited to their needs. This pamphlet can be obtained without cost from Map Distribution, U.S. Geological Survey.

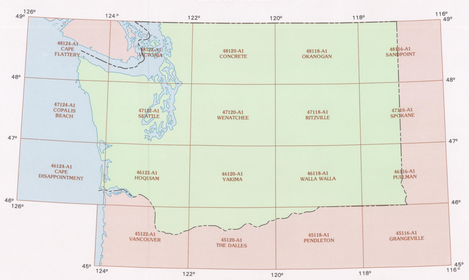
COUNTY MAP SERIES
1:100 000 SCALE

•– County Seat

30 X 60 MINUTE SERIES
1:100 000 SCALE



1 X 2 DEGREE SERIES
1:250 000 SCALE



STANDARD SERIES MAPS

Standard quadrangle maps cover systematically subdivided areas of latitude and longitude, and are published at various scales depending on the size of the area mapped

Standard quadrangle formats range from 7.5 × 7.5 minutes covering geographic areas of 49 to 71 square miles to 1 × 2 degrees covering areas of 4580 to 8669 square miles

Standard quadrangle map scales range from 1:24,000 (one inch on the map represents 2000 feet on the ground) to 1:250,000 (one inch on the map represents approximately 4 miles on the ground)

Other quadrangle maps are published at scales of 1:20,000 (Puerto Rico) to 1:63,360 (Alaska)

Special area maps are published at scales of 1:50,000 and 1:100,000 (County, Regional, and National Park Maps), and 1:500,000 (State Base Maps)

MAP SERIES COMPARISON

Illustrated opposite is the relative comparison of the size of the area covered by the various map series. Comparatively, the number of maps required to cover an area of 1 degree latitude by 2 degrees longitude is:

128–7.5 minute maps
64–7.5 × 15 minute maps
32–15 minute maps
4–30 × 60 minute maps
1–1 × 2 degree map

The amount of detail shown on a map is proportional to the scale if the map; the larger the map scale, the more detail that is shown. For example, individual houses are shown on 1:24,000-scale 7.5 minute maps, whereas only landmark buildings are shown on 1:100,000-scale 30 × 60 minute maps.

7.5 MINUTE SERIES

Map scale ¹ 1:24,000
Map to ground ratio..... 1 inch represents 2000 feet
Area covered ..... 49–71 square miles
Paper size (approx.)..... 22" × 27"
Contours and elevations² ..... shown in feet

7.5 × 15 MINUTE SERIES

Map scale 1:25,000
Map to ground ratio..... 1 inch represents 2083 feet
Area covered ..... 100–140 square miles
Paper size (approx.)..... 24" × 40"
Contours and elevations² ..... shown in meters

15 MINUTE SERIES

Map scale ³ 1:62,500
Map to ground ratio ..... 1 inch represents about 1 mile
Area covered ..... 197–282 square miles
Paper size (approx.)..... 18" × 22"
Contours and elevations² ..... shown in feet

30 × 60 MINUTE SERIES

Map scale 1:100,000
Map to ground ratio..... 1 inch represents 1.6 miles
Area covered ..... 1578–2167 square miles
Paper size (approx.)..... 29" × 44"
Contours and elevations² ..... shown in meters

1 × 2 DEGREE SERIES

Map scale 1:250,000
Map to ground ratio..... 1 inch represents about 4 miles
Area covered ..... 4580–8669 square miles
Paper size (approx.)..... 22" × 32"
Contours and elevations² ..... shown in feet

¹1:25,000 and 1:20,000 scale on selected maps
²Shown in metres on selected maps
³1:63,360 Alaska and 1:50,000 scale on selected maps
⁴1:62,500 series being abandoned

PRIMARY MAP SERIES, 1:24 000 SCALE

UNITED STATES MAPS

REFERENCE CODE	DESCRIPTION	MAP SCALE	MAP COLORS	MAP CONTENT: ROADS, RAILROADS	WATER FEATURES	TOWNS, CITIES	COUNTIES	NATIONAL PARKS, MONUMENTS	NATIONAL FORESTS, RESERVATIONS	PAPER SIZE
47122-AS-SP-500	Two sheet wall map with half land tint boarts show Alaska, Hawaii, and offset outlying areas of the United States	1:2 500 000	5	●	●	●	●			41x24 inches (each)
47122-AS-SP-1000 (Map 2-S)	Same as Map 2-S without land tint	1:2 500 000	4	●	●	●				41x24 inches (each)
47122-AS-SP-1500 (Map 3-S)	One sheet wall map; boarts show Alaska, Hawaii, and other outlying areas of the United States	1:3 168 000	4	●	●		●	●		42x62 inches
47122-AS-SP-2000 (Map 4-S)	Same as Map 3-A, showing historical boundaries and public land surveys	1:3 168 000	7	●	●		●	●		42x62 inches
47122-AS-SP-3000 (Map 5-S)	One sheet, boarts show Alaska, Hawaii, and other outlying areas of the United States	1:5 000 000	2	●		●				27x51 inches
47122-AS-SP-4000 (Map 6-S)	One sheet outline map; boarts show Alaska, Hawaii, and other outlying areas of the United States	1:5 000 000	1							27x51 inches
47122-AS-SP-4500 (Map 7-S)	Same as above except without state name	1:5 000 000	1							27x51 inches
47122-AS-SP-5000 (Map 8-A)	One sheet wall map, Alaska and Hawaii shown in their proper size and position relative to the conterminous 48 States	1:6 000 000	4	●	●	●	●	●		39x28 inches
47122-AS-SP-6000 (Map 7-A)	One sheet showing the conterminous 48 States only	1:7 000 000	2	●	●	●				28x20 inches
47122-AS-SP-6500 (Map 8-A)	Same as Map 7-A with contours in feet at varying intervals	1:7 000 000	3	●	●					28x20 inches
47122-AS-SP-7000 (Map 7-C)	One sheet physical division map; Physical divisions outlined in red with explanations in the margin	1:7 000 000	3	●	●					28x22 inches
47122-AS-SP-8000 (Map 9-C)	Map of conterminous U.S. showing routes of explorations and surveys from 1501 to 1881. State boundaries are shown	1:8 000 000	6	●	●					25x18 inches
47122-AS-SP-9000 (Map 10-S)	One sheet, Alaska and Hawaii shown in their proper size and position relative to the conterminous 48 States	1:10 000 000	4	●	●	●		●		18x26 inches
47122-AS-SP-10000 (Map 10-E)	One sheet, North American continent showing States and national boundaries	1:10 000 000	2		●	●				31x36 inches
47122-AS-SP-11000 (Map 11-A)	One sheet showing the conterminous 48 States only	1:11 875 000	2		●	●				17½x28 inches
47122-AS-SP-16000 (Map 12-A)	One sheet showing the conterminous 48 States only	1:16 500 000	2		●	●				11x13 inches
47122-AS-SP-17000 (Map 13)	Same as 38122-AS-LH-0200-G3 plus National system of Interstate and defense highways and Federal-aid primary highway system	1:5 168 000	5	●	●	●		●	●	42x80 inches

SMALL-SCALE WASHINGTON AND VICINITY MAPS

REFERENCE CODE	MAP NAME	MAP SCALE	MAP COLORS	MAP CONTENT: ROADS	RAILROADS	CONTOURS	WATER FEATURES	TOWNS, CITIES	COUNTIES	NATIONAL PARKS, MONUMENTS	NATIONAL FORESTS, RESERVATIONS	PAPER SIZE
47122-AS-SP-500	State of Washington (Base)	1:500 000	2		●		●	●	●			37 x 52 inches
47122-AS-SP-1000	State of Washington (Base)	1:1 000 000	2		●		●	●	●			19 x 27 inches
47122-AS-ST-500	State of Washington (Topographic)	1:500 000	7	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	37 x 52 inches
42110-AS-NA-0200 SHEET 34-35)	Northeastern States (National Atlas)	1:2 000 000	6	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	19 x 28 inches

SECTIONAL MAP SERIES
1:2 000 000 SCALE

National Atlas Sheet 34-35: Northeastern States

STATE MAP SERIES
1:500 000 AND 1:1 000 000 SCALE

PHYSIOGRAPHIC FEATURES MAPS (SET OF 100):

These maps were selected to illustrate a wide variety of physiographic features within most of the 86 subdivisions shown on the Physical Divisions Maps of the United States (Map 7-C). Size and scale of the maps vary.

PHYSIOGRAPHIC FEATURES MAPS (SET OF 25):

Selected from the set of 100 maps. These maps show physiographic features within most of the major physical division provinces.

NATIONAL PARK AND MONUMENT MAPS:

North Cascades National Park, Wash:
This map shows the North Cascades National Park, and Lake Chelan and Ross Lake National Recreation Areas, and the adjacent area. Limiting parallels, 48°15' and 49°00'. Limiting meridians, 120°30' and 121°45'. Scale 1:100,000, or about 1.6 miles to 1 inch. Contour interval, 50 meters. Size, 39 by 40 inches. 1974. 48120-C5-TM

Olympic National Park and vicinity, Wash:
This map shows Olympic National Park and the adjacent area. Limiting parallels, 47°27'30" and 48°12'. Limiting meridians, 123°06' and 124°50'. Scale, 1:125,000 or about 2 miles to 1 inch. Contour interval, 200 feet. Size, 33 by 47 inches. 1957. Also published in a shaded-relief edition. Price, either contour or relief edition, 48123-A4-TR

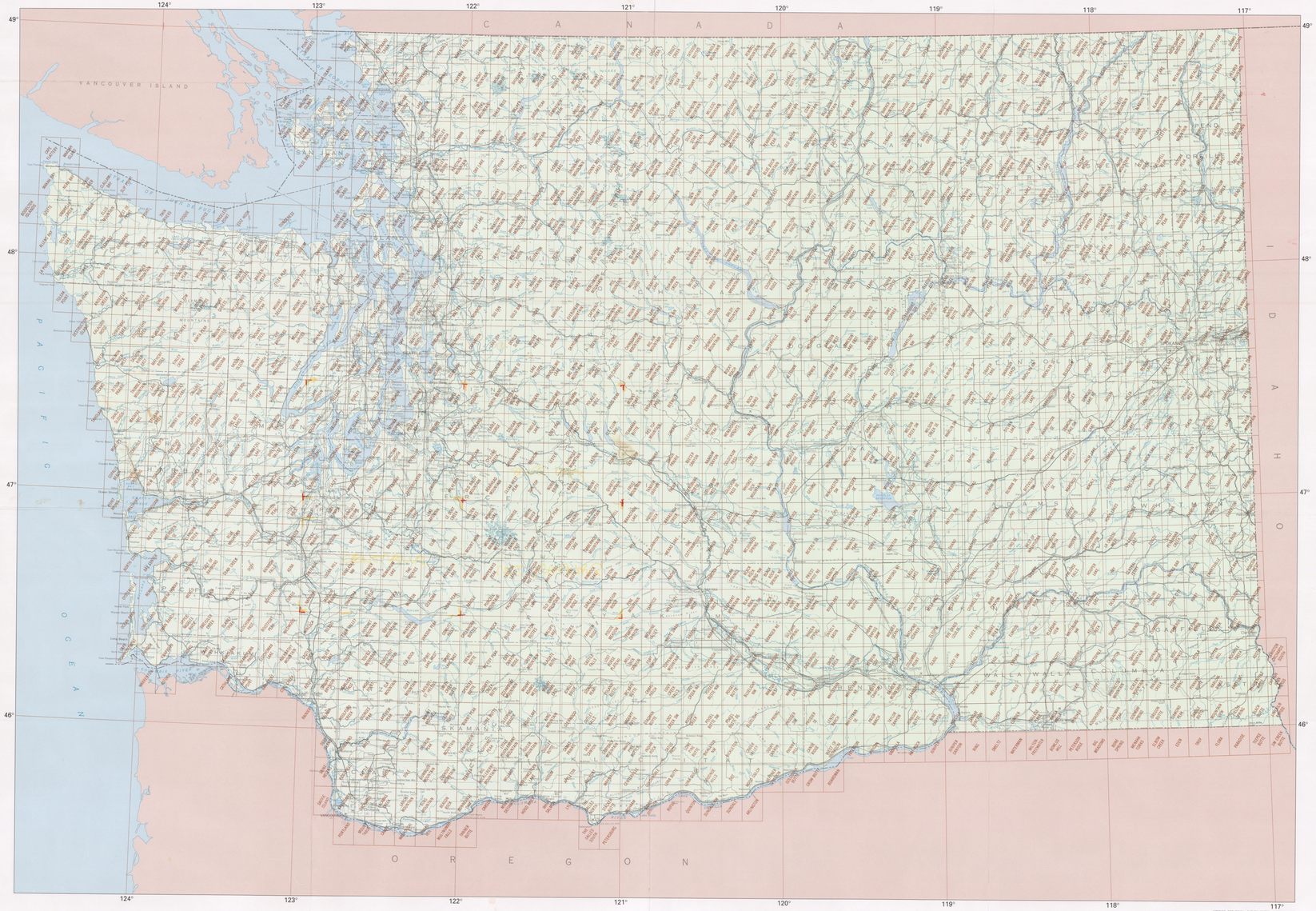
Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington:
This map shows the National Park and adjoining areas. Limiting parallels, 46°42' and 47°00'. Limiting meridians, 121°26'30" and 121°55'30". Scale, 1:50,000, or 1 inch equals 4200 feet. Contour interval, 80 feet. Size, 33 by 34 inches. 1971. Folded editions available. 46121-G7-TF

SPECIAL MAPS AND SHEETS

Mount St. Helens and vicinity, Wash.–Ore:
This map shows the eruption impact area as well as the May 18, 1980 landslide-debris flow from the volcanic eruption. Limiting parallels, 45°52'30" and 46°37'30". Limiting meridians, 121°52'30" and 123°. Scale, 1:100,000, or about 1.6 miles to one inch. Contour interval, 50 meters. Size, 36 by 40 inches. 1981. 45121-H8-TM

The North Cascades, Wash:
This map shows the North Cascades National Park, and Lake Chelan and Ross Lake National Recreation Areas, and the adjacent area. Limiting parsallel, 47°15' and 49°00'. Limiting meridians, 120°00' and 122°00'. Scale, 1:250,000, or about 4 miles to 1 inch. Contour interval, 200 feet. Size, 30 by 40 inches. 1955-72. 47120-C1

Wenatchee, Wash:
This map shows the Earth's surface and vegetation from Landsat (satellite) imagery, with contours and elevations in meters. Roads, railroads, towns, other manmade features, water features, and geographic names are shown. Limiting parrallels, 47° and 48°. Limiting meridians, 120° and 122°. Scale, 1:250,000, or about 4 miles to 1 inch. Contour interval, 250 meters. Size, 22 by 32 inches. 1978. 47120-A1



INTERIOR–GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1986

This Index is designed to inform map users of the various map series, special maps and byproducts produced and distributed by the U.S. Geological Survey, and to assist users in selecting and purchasing maps. The index identifies quadrangle maps currently available by name, dates, and prefixe of maps containing selected names, and prefixe of maps currently available.

Published maps listed in the catalog and other books, may be purchased by mail or in person by contacting

- USGS Information Services
  Box 25286, Federal Center
  Denver, Colorado 80225
  (800) HELP-MAP

Orders for maps are processed in the order received in the catalog. When ordering maps from USGS by mail, please remit check or money order payable to USGS. Prices are subject to change. A handling charge of $3.50 is added to each order. Remittance should be payable to Department of the Interior—U.S.G.S.

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Refer to the companion *Catalog of topographic and other published maps* for a description of maps currently available.

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  Los Angeles, California
- Public Inquiries Office
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  San Francisco, California
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- Public Inquiries Office
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  345 Middlefield Road
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  Room 1-C-45, Federal Building
  Reston, Virginia
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