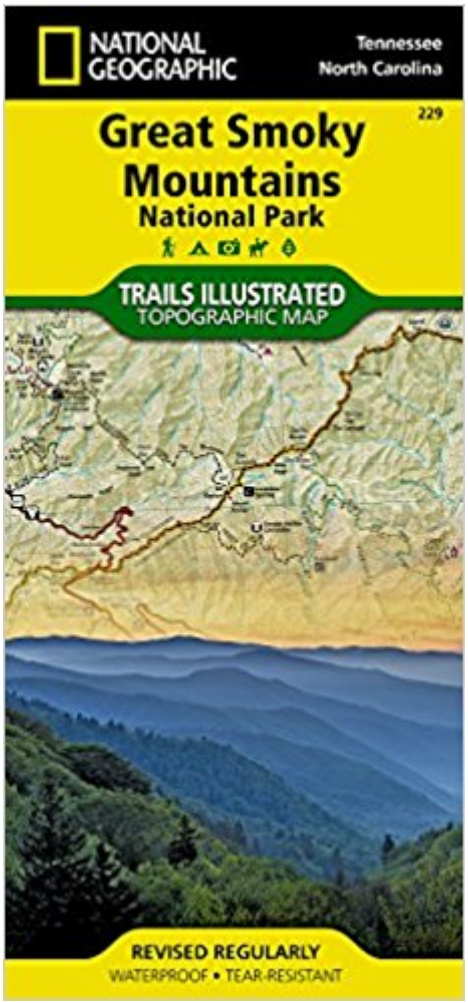
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Synopsis

Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Waterproof Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Tear-Resistant Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Topographic MapAmericaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most visited national park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Great Smoky Mountains National Park is both renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life and rich in remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture. National GeographicÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Trails Illustrated map of the park combines unparalleled detail and valuable information for outdoor enthusiasts seeking to explore all the area has to offer with particular attention shown to backcountry campsites, shelters, and stream crossings. A detailed profile of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, which snakes along the ridge of the Great Smoky Mountains, provides a handy tool for hikers. The map features many key points of interest as well, including Cades Cove, Fontana Lake, Maryville, and Gatlinburg. With over 800 miles of mapped trails, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park map can guide you off the beaten path and back again. The clearly marked trails include mileages between intersections. The map base includes contour lines and elevations for summits, passes and many lakes. Some of the many recreation features include: visitor centers, campgrounds, trail shelters, trailheads, boat ramps, scenic overlooks, interpretive trails and quiet walkways.Every Trails Illustrated map is printed on "Backcountry Tough" waterproof, tear-resistant paper. A full UTM grid is printed on the map to aid with GPS navigation.Other features found on this map include: Cherokee National Forest, Chilhowee Mountain, Clingmans Dome, Fontana Lake, Great Smoky Mountains, Maryville, Mount Chapman, Mount Le Conte, Nantahala National Forest, Newfound Gap, Old Black, Pisgah National Forest, Waynesville.Map Scale = 1:70,000Sheet Size = 37.75" x 25.5"Folded Size = 4.25" x 9.25"

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Customer Reviews

The most visited national park is surely one of the most written about too. There are several general guides to Great Smoky Mountains National Park along with books that focus on specialized topics like day hikes, fishing, wildflowers or waterfalls. Here are some of the best. "Great Smoky Mountains National Park," National Geographic. This map shows all official park roads, trails, backcountry campsites and topography. --The Asheville Citizen-Times (North Carolina) April 30th, 2009

Founded in 1915 as the Cartographic Group, the first division of National Geographic, National Geographic Maps has been responsible for illustrating the world around us through the art and science of mapmaking.Today, National Geographic Maps continues this mission by creating the world's best wall maps, recreation maps, atlases, and globes which inspire people to care about and explore their world.

I own about 30 (yes, 30) of the maps from this Trails Illustrated updated series with the pretty contour shadings. They accompany me on all hikes in major parks and this map had sufficient detail and markings for navigating about 60 miles of backpack through the park. The material is resilient and hardy enough to tolerate being folded around and against the original creases so as to allow the map use the ability to fold down the map to precisely the segment being hiked that day without fear of ruining the entire map for future trips.

This is a great trail map and it is accurate. The topological information is very useful, as are the compass directions. I have never gotten lost with this map and have been able to point many of my fellow travelers in the right direction. It's somewhat water resistant and it's made it through many, many hikes, including fording Abrams Creek. If you are going hiking in the Smokies, I cannot recommend this highly enough. I would recommend that you not hike in the Smokies without it!

Super-detailed map of the Smokys. One side has the eastern portion of the park, the other has the west end. Just couldn't be better. The paper that's used seems to be impervious to water, but I haven't tested it. The details are superior, and it's large enough for many provided notations. A good buy, especially if you want to visit the park. Get it! You won't be sorry. And, it's cheaper than buying

it in a book store (I checked...).

GREAT MAP!! The map is fully waterproof, the map is accurate, and the map is easy to read just like all Trails Illustrated Maps. My map got soaked at Clingmans Dome one weekend and I just let it dry outside and GOOD AS NEW!! Excellent MAP!Pros1.) Waterproof - I have been in very heavy rain with these maps! Put them outside to dry and you never know they got wet!2.) Large EASY TO READ maps3.) Shows, bike, horse, hiking trails.. Shows campsites you may not even know are there! Very detailed map4.) Great Price5.) Great Series of Maps (Trails Illustrated)Tips1.) They also offer this map "Broken Down" into areas ofr the Great Smoky Mountain Park System.. I own a few of those as well!! And highly recommend them for smaller areas with even more detailOverall: Great Map Series and GREAT MAPS! I highly recommend this

Nice map for the price. Water resistant and folds easily. Has the trails, the roads, facilities, campgrounds and topography. Much more detailed than the maps on the NPS website. Has the surrounding roads and streets too. East and west sides of the park are on opposite sides. See photos for unfolded view -- it folds out big!

We live in the foothills of the Smokies and use one or more of maps every weekend:- We highlight the trails we've done on the master map. It holds highlighter ink fine, esp. if you let it dry a few minutes before re-folding the map.- We carry the appropriate east or west map with us. Both have held up well through intense rain storms and being folded awkwardly and crammed into our packs for over 250 miles of hiking so far.They're up to date, light, waterproof and forgiving to bad map folders.

First of all, understand that this is a MAP. Not a guide of hikes or places. With that being said I am glad I bought this. It is an excellent map of the Smoky Mountains. This can be a little difficult to read if your not familiar with map reading but rest assured this map has it all. It lists trails, roads, trail heads, contours, elevations, and even has important features like waterfalls, mountain elevations, distances, etc. The map is well constructed and lined with waterproof covering so there should be no reason that this map will last for years. The map itself is large and printed on both sides so expect to lay it flat on the floor to read. I will and intend on buying this again when the new maps come out. If you take some time and learn map reading you will never need another reference other than this.

Detailed enough to know the trails general route but for some of the closer switchbacks you cant see the detail. The waterproofing and tear resistance is fantastic. It was used in rain and fog while in the park and it is still holding up like its brand new. The location of all the buildings is well laid out and helpful, however they cover some of the trail lines on the map which can lead to confusion when approaching the shelters, campsites, lodges, etc. This loss in detail would be hard to prevent though, simply because of the scale of the park.Overall this is a great product for use camping and hiking through this park and I would recommend it.

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