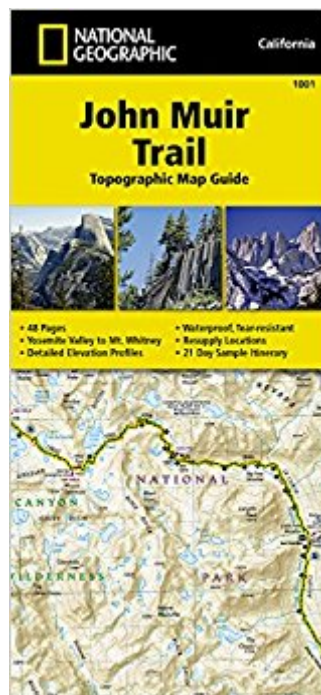




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# John Muir Trail Topographic Map Guide (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)



## Synopsis

Waterproof Tear-Resistant Topographic Map National Geographic's Map Guide of the John Muir Trail is an indispensable tool for navigating one of the most famous trails in the United States. Expertly researched and created in partnership with local land management agencies, this product provides detailed topographic maps, interesting history, a waypoint table, information about wilderness safety, and key points of interest you will encounter along the trail. A resupply location chart shows shipping address/contact information, distances, and services available at each resupply point. Each map page has a detailed trail profile that shows the elevation changes you will encounter. Also, the John Muir Trail is highlighted and centered on each page so you can easily track your progress. The maps start at the northern terminus in Yosemite Valley and progress along the ridge of the Sierra Nevada, past Devils Postpile, and end at the highest point in the lower 48 on the top of Mount Whitney. Along the way you will pass through; Yosemite National Park, Ansel Adams Wilderness, Devils Postpile National Monument, John Muir Wilderness, Kings Canyon National Park, and finally, Sequoia National Park and Mount Whitney. A 21-day sample itinerary is included as well. Every Topographic Map Guide 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: Ansel Adams Wilderness, Bridalveil Fall, El Capitan, Illilouette Falls, Inyo National Forest, John Muir Wilderness, Kings Canyon National Park, Lake Thomas A Edison, Lower Yosemite Fall, Middle Palisade, Mount Agassiz, Mount Darwin, Mount Muir, Mount Pinchot, Mount Powell, Mount Ritter, Mount Russell, Mount Tyndall, Mount Whitney, Mount Williamson, Nevada Fall, North Palisade, Ribbon Fall, Ritter Range, Sequoia National Park, Sierra National Forest, Sierra Nevada, Split Mountain, Upper Yosemite Falls, Vernal Fall, Yosemite National Park, Yosemite Valley. Map Scale = 1:63,360 Folded Size = 4.25" x 9.25"

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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 highly recommend this map! My husband and I just completed the John Muir Trail with this map last week 7/12/15. We opted for this map because we went with 2 other people who had the Tom Harrison map set so we hoped that between the two different maps we would have all the information we could possibly need. Truth be told, we looked at the Tom Harrison map maybe twice? This map was easier to follow (no individual sheets that got out of order and blown around), easier to read (relevant mileage points, accurate mileage and accurate elevation), and easier to find trails off the JMT for emergency situations (the 2 people we were hiking with needed to leave the trail due to injury and we dealt with some crazy weather that caused many to leave the trail entirely, we helped one find her way out with our map). The front two pages have an overview elevation profile and each map page had a more detailed profile which we found extremely helpful in planning out our days. In addition, we had an alternate starting point (Glacier Point/4 Mile Trail) and the Tom Harrison map does not cover this area. The Tom Harrison map was the only one recommended to us, but, I am so glad we ended up with this one. It is slightly heavier, but you could cut out some of the informative pages to cut weight or cut and throw out pages as you go as some do with the Tom Harrison set (our scale showed 3.1 once exactly untouched). Unfortunately, it got lost in our hotel room... we will be buying a second one just to have around!

This was the only paper guide that I took with me on my John Muir Trail thru hike, along with the Guthook app on my phone. I can't believe how many people on the trail carry huge heavy guidebooks. This map is all you need, especially if you plan on doing side trails or alternate routes while hiking the JMT. There was one 1 mile trail off of the Bearcreek Cutoff Trail that we couldn't find

at all even though it was marked on the National Geographic map. The trail was so old and overgrown, that we just followed our compass south for a mile until we found the San Joaquin River which led us to the intersecting trail which eventually brought us to Florence Lake. If we had not been carrying this topo map, there would have been no way to figure out our location. Thanks Nat Geo!

The NatGeo map guide served us SO well on our SoBo JMT hike this summer! We used this in planning the hike and also on the trail itself, and it excelled in both areas. For planning, we used the established campsites shown on the map to help us plan where we generally wanted to camp, and the elevation profiles were helpful as a quick reference to make sure our days weren't unreasonably strenuous, and that our itinerary positioned us well to get over passes early in the day. Of course, we strayed a bit from our planned itinerary once we were actually out on the trail, but the planning we did with this map gave us a great starting point. The map was the most helpful on the trail itself. We used it primarily for quick-checks on elevation (seeing how much more we had to climb), finding good places to camp (looking at both listed campsites and also relatively flat stretches along the trail), and mileage checks when we reached junctions or any other points with marked mileage. When we needed more precision, we used our GPS app (Gaia), which worked well in conjunction with the map. We didn't go off trail, so we didn't ever have to rely on the NatGeo map for any map and compass navigation. We kept the map in the outside pocket of a pack without extra protection, and there were no tears or faded ink by the end of the three weeks. I haven't seen the Harrison maps, so I can't make a comparison. But this NatGeo map guide met all of our needs, and we saw many other hikers using it along the trail. I'd recommend it to anyone doing the JMT. Happy trails!

I haven't even hit the trail yet, and I already love this map! I love the compactness, and appreciate that it flips the pages in order from north to south. This Map will fit nicely into my waterproof map bag, and it has sturdy pages that I won't be afraid to pull out if it is raining. I found the Florence trail Map laid out, which I could not find anywhere online! Very pleased.

Really a fantastic waterproof pamphlet-style map of the JMT. So many little notations, icons, markings, etc. on this map. Can fit in your pocket since it's as wide as a shirt pocket. A bit heavy for a map, but it's 48 pages total (front and back cover, and each page half counted as 1 page). Total of 34 pages of map (17 maps, each takes up 2 half-pages), and there are 12 pages of very useful information in the front of this map pack including grids of distances between trail junctions, notable

map points, etc. The printing is so clear, and the topo is very easy to read and understand. Great color shading and high definition. I'm going to be bringing this with me on the JMT this summer as my primary map.

This is a booklet form of map that makes it easier to take with you while hiking. The 21 day hiking plan, and information on resupply points is very useful. The planning keeps you off the peaks at the end of your hiking day.

I was hoping it would also fold out into one big map with all of it on one big overview but it is still helpful and the tear resistant/water resistant paper and the info on the resupply stops is welcomed.

A friend told me about this map. NG shows the mileage regularly. I've done some of the PCT and it's nice to have it all in one.

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