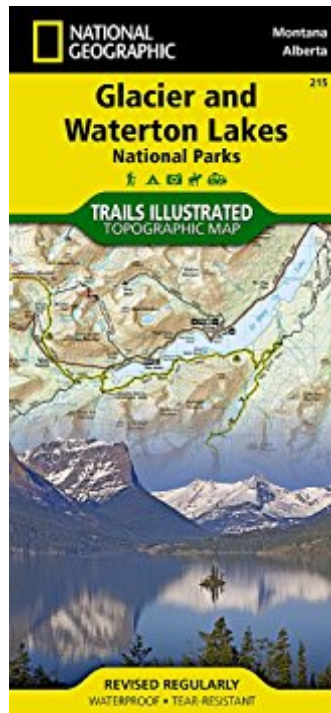




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Customer Reviews

I have the Trails Illustrated maps for many other National Parks and have used them all to plan extensive backpacking trips. Unlike every other TI map I've purchased, this one doesn't list campsite names/designations or trail mileage. It's fine for other purposes such as navigation, landmark spotting, and getting an overall lay of the land. But, it's VERY disappointing for planning purposes and creates the extra hassle of figuring out the mileage between points when using it in the backcountry. TI does offer three other, more detailed, Glacier maps that cover specific sections of the park. But I checked them out online and, while they do list campsite names, they don't list trail mileages either. Not sure why they decided to leave that detail off of these maps when they include it on almost every other map they offer. The Glacier NP website has a printable (one page) backcountry map that lists each campsite's designation and the mileage of every section of trail. It's MUCH more useful for trip planning and checking mileage in the backcountry...though it obviously doesn't have any of the topographic detail that the TI map offers. In short, this is an okay map...but it lacks enough detail to stand on its own.

Great map for an overview of all of both parks. It's acceptable for general hiking purposes. But the scale of the three separate regional maps is more useful as they provide much more detail. I find the bulk and weight of these waterproof maps to be excessive. There is a lot of paper covered by words that don't need to be on a map. I'd rather see just the pertinent information on less and lighter-weight paper.

As part of the preparation for going into the Many Glacier area, some basic map reading skills are useful in an area where cell phones can have minimal effectiveness. This Trails Illustrated National Geographic map gives a preview of the area and some confidence by showing topography and trails. The maps were on thick paper, tear resistant, and waterproof. The map was large when unfolded. It covered a large area, where one inch on the map was 0.8 mile. Each contour interval was 50 feet.

I like to hike in the national parks and use Trails Illustrated maps when they are available. Trail books often have small maps of the trails they describe, and those maps are fine for short hikes, but it's a good idea to have a larger topographic map for longer hikes. TI maps are durable and have a water resistant coating. (Good for when you get caught in the rain; probably less so if you fall in a creek.) TI maps mark the trails and their topographic features. The elevation markings give you a good idea of how steep a portion of a trail is. I've used TI's Glacier/Waterton map for several trails

and always found them to be accurate and helpful. I recently purchased this 2004 revision. Unfolded, the map paper is the same size as the 2000 revision, but feels substantially heavier. The park map, however, is now a bit bigger and is split with the north half of the park on one side and the south on the other (with a generous overlap between the two). The written information about the park that was previously on the back is still present, but is reduced in size and located in several smaller boxes spread around the map. An improved feature of this revision is the inclusion of more area beyond the park boundaries. A bit more area is covered on the west side of Waterton, but a lot more area is covered to the south and west of Glacier. This includes the area between Whitefish Lake, Columbia Falls, and Kalispell, as well as the Flathead National Forest and the Great Bear Wilderness. I don't use it, but this version indicates that it is GPS compatible with a full UTM grid. TI's Glacier/Waterton map is worth having if you plan to do any hikes longer than a few miles. The 2004 revision is a good buy, particularly if you have an older version that is showing some wear. If your older revision is in good shape (they are durable after all!) you can probably get by with it.

Completely useless for hiking in Glacier N.P. !!! None of the hiking trails on any of the 3 Glacier N.P. maps in this bundle have the mileages marked on them. Very disappointing seeing that these maps have been made since 2009 and still don't have the mileages on them. I've discovered that, as far as I can tell, the Glacier N.P. maps are the only ones that Trails Illustrated/National Geographic produce that don't have the mileages marked on the trails (I went to REI and checked every other map that they make). I was hoping to use these maps to plan my day hikes for the 5 days I will be in Glacier N.P. but now I will be returning these and hoping to find some trail maps locally once I arrive in Montana.

Indispensable tool when visiting glacier - maps is well done, easy to fold, tear resistant and resists to water splashes. Good coverage too. Easy to read, up to date. Note that there are no time estimates for routes (probably because these can vary widely from hiker to hiker and based on conditions).

I originally bought Trails Illustrated Yosemite National Park Map, which was great. My favorite part of it was that it showed you exactly how long part of a trail was, so you could plan far ahead how far you were willing to go and when to turn back. I was very disappointed when I discovered that this map did not have these on there. It's very difficult to determine how long parts of a trail are, especially in regions of dense switchbacks. I can't compare to other companies' maps, but this is

nothing like the Yosemite Park map.

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