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 byproducts 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 scale 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 1 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 editions-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 mortra 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.

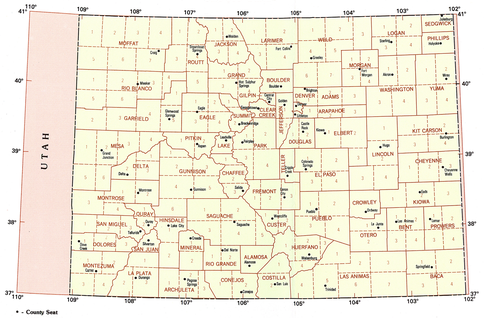
National Atlas Maps

Separate sheets of selected thematic and general reference National Atlas maps are available. The content ranges from physiographic information to enviromental 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
1:50 000 SCALE



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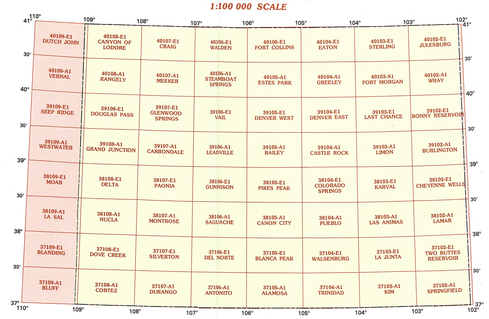
1:100 000 SCALE



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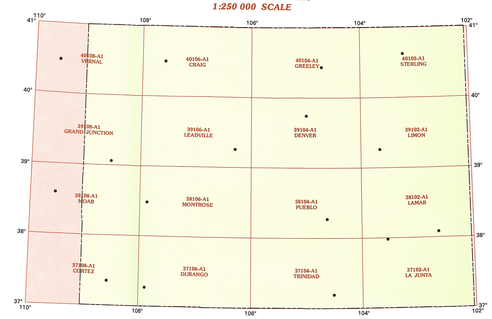

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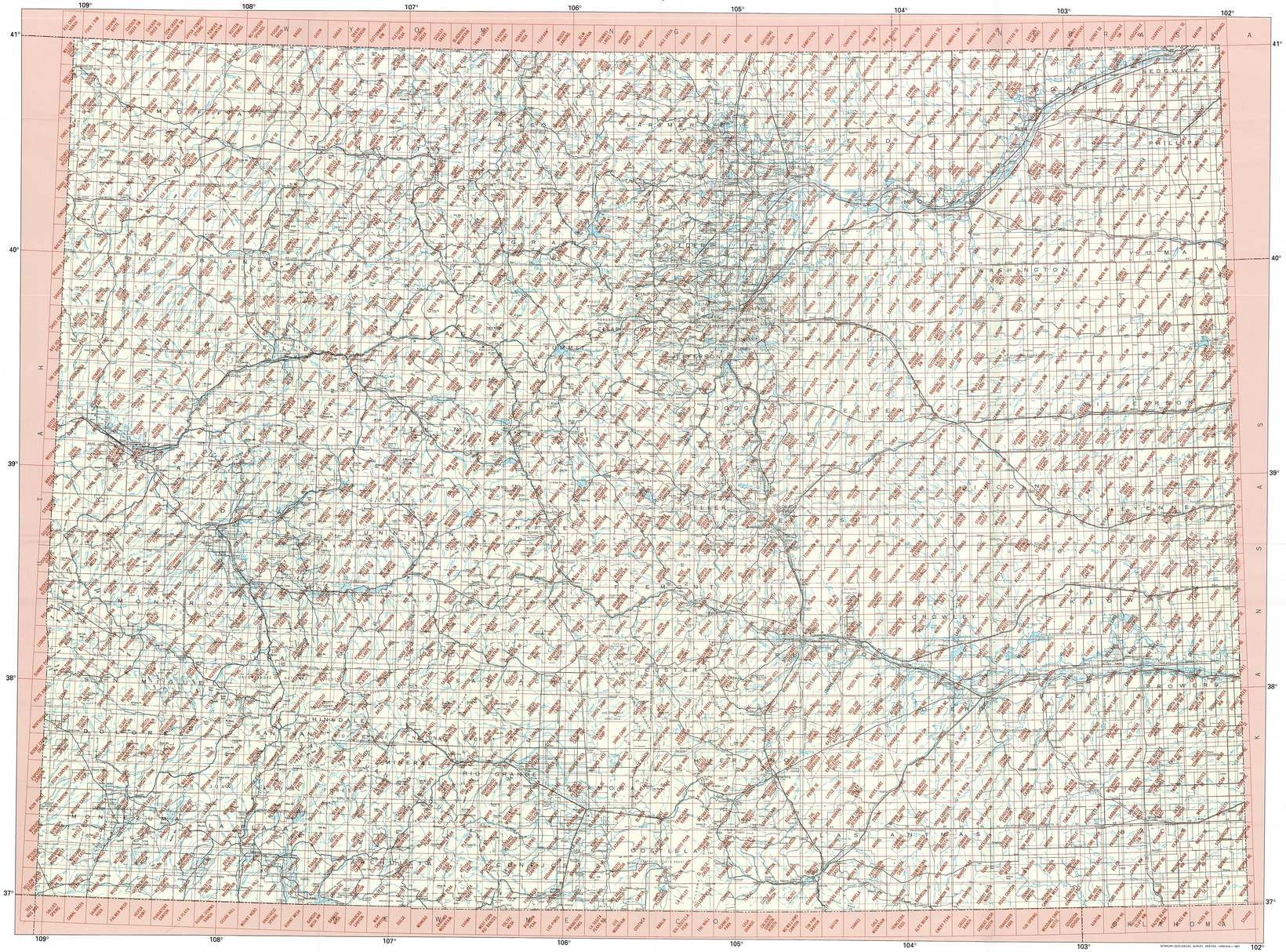

STANDARD SERIES MAPS

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 of 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 elevations[2]	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 elevations[2]	shown in meters

15 MINUTE SERIES

Map scale[1]	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 elevations[2]	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 elevations[2]	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 elevations[2]	shown in feet

[1] 1:25,000 scale on selected maps
[2] Shown in meters on selected maps
[3] 1:63,360 Alaska and 1:50,000 scale on selected maps

SMALL-SCALE COLORADO 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
39106-F8 SF-050	State of Colorado (Base)	1:500 000	5	●	●		●	●	●		●	53 x 44 inches
39106-F8 SF-051N	State of Colorado (Base)	1:1 000 000	1		●		●	●	●		●	26 x 22 inches
39106-F8 ST-050	State of Colorado (Topographic)	1:500 000	5	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	53 x 44 inches
39106-F8 SR-050	State of Colorado (Shaded Relief)	1:500 000	6	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	54 x 44 inches
39106-E7 SU-150	Denver Mountain Area (Topographic)	1:150 000	6	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	28 x 28 inches
39106-E7 SR-150	Denver Mountain Area (Shaded Relief)	1:150 000	6	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	28 x 28 inches
40106-A6 SU-100	Front Range Urban Corridor (Topographic) Sheet 1	1:100 000	7	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	30½ x 34 inches
39106-D6 SU-100	Front Range Urban Corridor (Topographic) Sheet 2	1:100 000	7	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	30½ x 34 inches
38106-F6 SU-100	Front Range Urban Corridor (Topographic) Sheet 3	1:100 000	7	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	30½ x 37 inches
39106-F6 SU-062	Pikes Peak and vicinity (Topographic)	1:62 500	4	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	32 x 32 inches
39106-F6 SR-062	Pikes Peak and vicinity (Shaded relief)	1:62 500	5	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	32 x 32 inches
37095-A2 Sun-22-2	Central Colorado Area (National Atlas)	1:2 000 000	6	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	19 x 28 inches

UNITED STATES MAPS

REFERENCE CODE	DESCRIPTION	MAP SCALE	MAP COLOR	MAP CONTENT: ROADS, RAILROADS	WATER FEATURES	TOWNS, CITIES	COUNTIES	NATIONAL PARKS, MONUMENTS	NATIONAL FORESTS, RESERVATIONS	PAPER SIZE
39071-G1 CS-020-D1 (Map 2-E)	Two sheet well map with half land mass inset for Alaska, Hawaii, and other outlying areas of the United States	1:2 500 000	5	●	●	●	●			41x54 inches (each)
39071-G1 CS-020-D2 (Map 2-E)	Same as Map 2-A without land tint	1:2 500 000	4	●	●	●	●			41x54 inches (each)
39071-G1 CS-020-D3 (Map 3-E)	One sheet wall map, inset for Alaska, Hawaii, and other outlying areas of the United States	1:3 168 000	4	●	●	●	●			45x60 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D4 (Map 4-E)	Same as Map 3-A, showing historical boundaries and public land surveys	1:3 168 000	7	●	●	●	●	●	●	45x60 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D5 (Map 5-E)	One sheet, inset for Alaska, Hawaii, and other outlying areas of the United States	1:5 000 000	3	●		●				27x41 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D6 (Map 5-E)	One sheet wall map, inset for Alaska, Hawaii, and other outlying areas of the United States	1:5 000 000	1							27x41 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D7 (Map 5-E)	Same as above except without state name	1:5 000 000	1							27x41 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D8 (Map 6-E)	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	●	●	●	●	●		35x50 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D9 (Map 7-E)	One sheet showing the conterminous 48 States only	1:7 000 000	2		●		●			29x36 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D10 (Map 7-E)	Same as Map 7-A with contours in land at varying intervals	1:7 000 000	3		●		●			29x36 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D11 (Map 7-E)	One sheet physical division map. Physical divisions outlined in red with explanations in margin	1:7 000 000	3		●		●			29x36 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D12 (Map 8-E)	Map of exploration in U. S. showing routes of principal explorers from 1501 to 1848. State boundaries are shown	1:8 000 000	6		●		●			25x34 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D13 (Map 10-E)	One sheet Alaska and Hawaii shown in their proper size and position relative to the conterminous 48 States	1:10 000 000	4	●	●		●			24x36 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D14 (Map 10-E)	One sheet, North American continent showing States and national boundaries	1:10 000 000	2		●		●			27x36 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D15 (Map 11-E)	One sheet showing the conterminous 48 States only	1:11 875 000	2		●		●			13½x20 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D16 (Map 14-E)	One sheet showing the conterminous 48 States only	1:14 500 000	2		●		●			9½x13 inches
39071-G1 CS-020-D17 (Map 17)	Same as 39071-F5 CS-020-D1 plus National system of Interstate and defense highways, and Federal-aid primary highway system	1:3 168 000	5	●	●	●	●	●	●	45x60 inches

SECTIONAL MAP SERIES
1:2 000 000 SCALE

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

COLORADO

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 Map 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

Bents Old Fort National Historic Site:
Shown as Old Fort Bent (Ruins) on the Hadley quadrangle map.

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument:
This map shows the Black Canyon of the Gunnison River and the adjacent area in Montrose County. Limiting parallels, 38°31' and 38°37'30". Limiting meridians, 107°37'30" and 107°48'15". Scale, 1:24 000 or 2,000 feet to 1 inch. Contour interval, 40 feet. Size, 23 x 30 inches. 1934–50. Also published in a shaded-relief edition.

Colorado National Monument:
Shown on quadrangle map by this name.

CREEDE AND VICINITY: This map shows the mining district adjacent to Creede in Mineral County. Limiting parallels, 37°50' and 37°55'. Limiting meridians, 106°54' and 106°59'. Scale 1:24,000, or 2,000 feet to 1 inch. Contour interval, 50 feet. Size, 16 by 21 inches. 1910.

Curecanti National Recreation Area:
Located on the Montrose 1:250,000 scale map.

Dinosaur National Monument, Utah-Colorado:
This map shows the Dinosaur National Monument in Moffat County, Colorado and Uintah County, Utah. The text on the reverse side of map discusses the geologic story of the area. Limiting parallels, 40°24' and 40°45'. Limiting meridians, 108°30' and 109°21'. Scale, 1:62 500, or about 1 mile to 1 inch. Contour interval, 80 feet. Size, 30 by 51 inches. 1966. Also published in a shaded relief edition.

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument:
Shown on the Divide, Florissant, and Lake George quadrangle maps.

Great Sand Dunes National Monument:
This map shows the Great Sand Dunes National Monument and the adjacent area in Alamosa and Saguache Counties. Limiting parallels, 37°41'30" and 37°50'30". Limiting meridians, 105°23'30" and 105°39'30". Scale, 1:24 000, or 2000 feet to 1 inch. Contour interval, 40 feet. Size, 28 by 33 inches. 1967. Also published in a shaded relief edition.

Hovenweep National Monument, Utah-Colorado:
Shown on the Cajon Mesa and Negro Canyon quadrangle maps.

Mesa Verde National Park:
This map shows the Mesa Verde National Park and adjacent areas in Montezuma and La Plata Counties. Limiting parallels, 37°09' and 37°22'. Limiting meridians, 108°16'30" and 108°36'30". Scale 1:24 000, or 2000 feet to 1 inch. Contour interval, 40 feet. Size, 46 by 54 inches. 1967. Also published in a shaded relief edition.

Rocky Mountain National Park:
This map shows the Rocky Mountain National Park and the adjacent area in Jackson, Boulder, Grand and Larimer Counties. Limiting parallels, 40°06' and 40°33'. Limiting meridians, 105°29' and 105°55'. Scale 1:62 500, or about 1 mile to 1 inch. Contour interval, 80 feet. Size, 28 by 39 inches. 1961. Also published in a shaded relief edition.

Yucca House National Monument:
Shown on the Mud Creek and Towaoc quadrangle maps.

This index is designed to inform map users of the various map series, special topographic and other maps, U.S. Geological Survey, and to assist users in selecting and purchasing maps. Maps are listed by series, showing coverage of quadrangle areas by map name and scale. A map is usually named after the most prominent city, town, or natural landmark shown on it

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