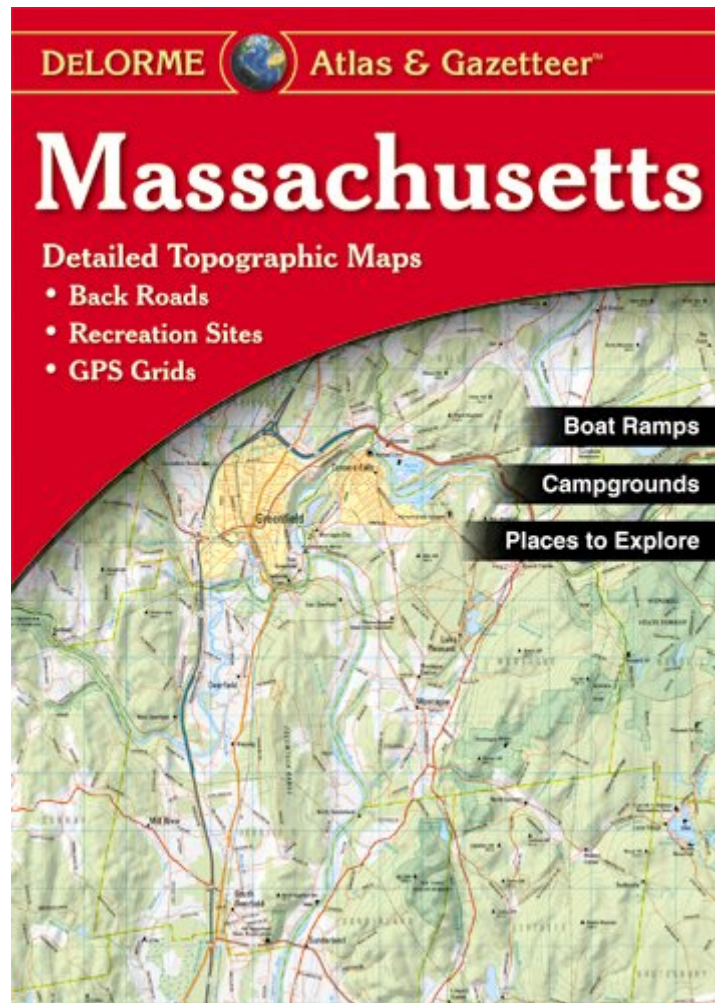


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Customer Reviews

The State of Massachusetts offers some interesting contrasts for the traveler by automobile. Downtown Boston has been improved in recent years by construction that simplified its main arteries (finally), but it is still a congested major urban area, best traveled by mass transit or by sticking to the main roads. Away from Boston, the farmlands of the Connecticut River Valley and the Berkshire Hills offer a different perspective and different driving demands, including this atlas. Famously beautiful Cape Cod has its own challenges, many of which can be overcome if you can make it past the chokepoints over the Cape Cod canal. This DeLorme Atlas is what every traveler needs to minimize the pain and maximize the enjoyment of touring around a state that offers natural and historic wonders. The Atlas has the standard DeLorme layout: a large scale map; an index of placenames; listings of parks, historical sites, and campgrounds; and mapsheets of the state. The color, contrast, and details should be sufficient for road navigation. Close-up maps of Boston, Springfield and Worcester are included. DeLorme's Massachusetts Atlas is highly recommended to travelers.

This book of topographic maps are terrific for anyone interested in fishing, hunting, hiking, camping or any other outdoor activity in Massachusetts. Roughly forty maps cover the entire state, and the maps show roads, streams, ponds, rivers, mountains, state parks, etc. There is also a list of parks, campgrounds, wildlife managed areas, etc. in the front of the book, as well as a collection of historic sites, tourist attractions, public golf courses, etc. There are zoom-ins of a few of the biggest cities (i.e. Boston and some of the burbs), but this is really not a great resource if you want to navigate through the cities. If your interest is to find out which road will take you closest to the stream where you want to fish or the pond where you want to set up a duck blind, this book can't be beat. If you are looking to find a restaurant in Boston, you could use these maps in a pinch, but I'd recommend you look elsewhere. An indispensable resource for outdoor adventures, usable but less than perfect resource for urban adventures.

Any time I'm thinking of heading for a vacation in a specific state or area I make sure I have a copy of the DeLorme gazetteer(s) that correspond to where I'll be. I found the Massachusetts gazetteer to be especially helpful in navigating western Massachusetts, particularly the Berkshires. I was able to find quite a few secondary roads that were not shown on the roadmap that I also carried with me and enabled me to get to some out-of-the-way places, including some really picturesque streams and ponds that were not shown on the roadmap at all. Plus, I was able to do some hiking on the

trails that were shown in this gazetteer as well. I did not get out to Cape Cod, but I imagine that this gazetteer is as useful for the Cape as it is for the western part of the state. The only place where it doesn't excel is in its city maps, which are too small to replace a city street map or a GPS. Otherwise it's great.

DITO: Its a road atlas. Does what it is supposed to do. Though I realize I dont need one, or two, but I purchased a new car, havent had one in 20yrs, thought everyone is supposed to have a map in their car, there is even map slots pointed out in descriptions of cars when looking for one. So, though I dont need a map (i bought two) this fits the description at .

Unlike the gazetteers for other states this one does not show street and road detail in and around towns. I may be because Mass has a greater population density. If one is looking for detail in individual towns or cities it would be better to obtain individual maps.

I like most of the DeLorme atlases, but the Massachusetts one in particular is not so good. Massachusetts is a high density state with a lot of cities, and most of these cities are not covered in enough detail. Basically this atlas is useful for the western half of the state, but pretty useless for the eastern half. The suburbs of Boston appear as huge expanses of yellow with grids of unlabeled streets.

Good basic topo but need more on trout streams and access that this doesn't give. Would recommend book for person who needs basic outline of Mass.

If you are going on a road trip to any of the states that have a DeLorme Atlas/Gazetteer published, you must have it. This is an essential if you like to take the back roads instead of the highways. It is very well organized and easy to use. It is large enough to read easily but not too bulky to have in the front seat with you. We have many of these for other states as well. When we are planning a road trip we always look to see if a DeLorme is available for the ride.

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