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How to Find Maps Online

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Maps are an important part of real estate. Maps allow realtors to locate plots, roads, and nearby attractions so they can present the property they have available in the best possible light to get a great sale. Maps can also cost a lot of money, if you don't know where to go.

The Departments of Transportation websites for each state have a variety of maps available for download or purchase. The Virginia Department of Transportation, for example, has county maps for purchase at a reasonable cost of 50 cents, but also has district maps, city maps, and highway maps accessible for download. Just pick a state you're interested in, find their DOT website—using the handy list starting on page 2—and soon you'll be on your way to downloading or ordering all the maps you need. Many states have links to the maps they have available under “Traveler's Information,” and some have a direct link to “Maps” on their home page.

There are also many private webpages, such as www.countymaps.com, that have links for maps and other useful information. Another internet search using a search engine such as Google.com and a few keywords to describe what you are looking for (like “county maps” *omit the quotes for a broader search*) will provide links for many of these helpful sites.

For those of you who are not worried about cost, a trip to the county or city courthouse of the area you are looking towards can also provide you with a map for a nominal fee.

Obtaining maps can be a headache, especially if you are trying to find them in stores or are not sure what to look for online. Knowing where to go can ease a lot of tension and make any job, whether it is selling property or simply finding your destination, as simple as clicking a mouse button.

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State Departments of Transportation (alphabetical by state)

Alabama www.dot.state.al.us
Alaska www.dot.state.ak.us
Arizona www.dot.state.az.us
Arkansas www.ahtd.st.ar.us
California www.dot.ca.gov
Colorado www.dot.state.co.us
Connecticut www.ct.gov/dot
Delaware www.deldot.net
Florida www.dot.state.fl.us
Georgia www.dot.state.ga.us
Hawaii www.ehawaii.gov.org (View All Services)
Idaho www.itd.idaho.gov
Illinois www.dot.state.il.us
Indiana www.in.gov/dot
Iowa www.dot.state.ia.us
Kansas www.ksdot.org
Kentucky <http://transportation.ky.gov>
Louisiana www.dotd.state.la.us
Maine www.state.me.us
Maryland www.mdot.state.md.us
Massachusetts www.mhd.state.ma.us
Michigan www.michigan.gov/mdot
Minnesota www.dot.state.mn.us
Mississippi www.mdot.state.ms.us
Missouri www.modot.state.mo.us
Montana www.mdt.state.mt.us
Nebraska www.dor.state.ne.us
Nevada www.nevadadot.com
New Hampshire www.nh.gov/dot
New Jersey www.state.nj.us/transportation
New Mexico www.nmshtd.state.nm.us
New York www.dot.state.ny.us
North Carolina www.ncdot.org
North Dakota www.state.nd.us/dot
Ohio www.dot.state.oh.us

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Oregon www.oregon.gov/ODOT

Pennsylvania www.dot.state.pa.us

Rhode Island www.dot.state.ri.us

South Carolina www.dot.state.sc.us OR www.scdot.org

South Dakota www.sddot.com

Tennessee www.tdot.state.tn.us

Texas www.dot.state.tx.us

Utah www.dot.state.ut.us

Vermont www.aot.state.vt.us

Virginia www.virginiadot.org OR www.vdot.virginia.gov

Washington www.wsdot.wa.gov

West Virginia www.wvdot.com

Wisconsin www.dot.state.wi.us

Wyoming www.dot.state.wy.us

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