

## Which GPS for ..

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Yes, I know .. I've googled, I've read all the web pages, I've chewed through 1001 brochures and even downloaded and read instruction manuals (thanks Adobe!), but still ..

Want a handheld (or wrist fitted) GPS unit for walking in the UK. As far as I can tell there are none of them which are going to have maps at any useful level of detail ('major towns' and 'motorways' are not much interest .. the whole point of the exercise is to not come within 20 miles of either).

Field boundaries, footpaths, ditches .. that would be useful (and is all recorded on the Ordnance Survey 1:25000 maps), but I see no way of putting it in a GPS receiver (short of dragging a PDA or Laptop along with me, plus the 10lbs of batteries to run it for a reasonable time). Is that a correct assessment? Remember I said UK (and not even National Parks in the UK) .. for some reason GPS makers don't seem to give random bits of the UK the same level of priority as Yellowstone Park.

So if I can't have (useful) maps, then I guess I might as well just get the best 'basic' unit, ideally one that is waterproof, doesn't lose its mind every time I wander under a tree, and can at least interface to my PC to tell me where I've been when I get back to civilization (using the term loosely).

Recommendations please. I have no particular axes to grind about manufacturers, although I notice Garmin want to stiff me £25.95 for a PC data cable (that's about \$45 guys!), which puts their sanity into question.

(I mean we =are= talking 4 copper wires, 9-pin serial connector, yes? At that price I'd expect MilSpec, Gold-plated, and Gigabit Ethernet, at least).

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