

Re: Garmin Etrex Legend USA/UK

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Clarence A Dold wrote ...

- > *Then I tried to navigate with one of those saved tracks and found that I*
- > *had no reference for turns. There were waypoints at each of the turns,*
- > *left over from loading each of the routes, but they weren't referenced on*
- > *the pointer page, only the map page.*
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- > *I consider using tracks as routes pretty useless. That hasn't changed.*
- > *I don't have a better method. They are still as use[ful/less] as always.*
- > *I hadn't considered buying a legend just to get more routes, but that is*
- a
- > *viable suggestion, and is a better option than trying to use tracks on*
- > *the cheaper eTrex.*

I actually find navigation along a saved track the most reliable method, even when driving – and it works much better on the basic etrex than it does on the more fancy mapping models. I use the map display oriented as track ahead and find the upcoming turns of the displayed track extremely easy to interpret on the ground almost all the time. It's not much use in my Vista, though, since the update time is usually too long and track-ahead is very unreliable, so you need to keep a sharp eye on the orientation of the "vessel" marker. Even worse it is often impossible to see the track amongst the clutter of the Vista's mapping – I've even resorted to creating and loading totally blank "maps" in an attempt to make the Vista behave like my old basic etrex! In the end I asked myself "why?" and simply stopped using the Vista!

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