

Re: multiple destinations support.

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new on GPS wrote:

> *Hi,*
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> *can anyone give me an advice on buying which GPS system to support*
> *multiple destinations. so I can enter multiple addresses, GPS then*
> *calculate the shortest route for the whole trip.*
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On some of the older versions of Delorme Street Atlas I was able to do that by setting a Start point, waypoints at each of the other destinations, and a stop point at the most distant destination. Street Atlas 7, and later 9, would then calculate a route that included every waypoint. And you could calculate shortest or fastest routes.

But it could do some silly things like backtracking and was often not exactly the way I would actually go based on my knowledge of traffic flow in the area involved (the San Francisco Bay area). But it was generally handy as a check list of where I was going next and helpful as I closed in on the destinations.

I'm not using SA any more but a routing program that lets you plan and store routes before departure and set multiple waypoints along a route to a destination should be able to do this for you.

Some of the newer handheld navigation packages need to be checked out carefully before you buy them. For example, the Dell Navigation package offered with the Axim series PDAs will only allow you to set a single waypoint on a route and that can only be done after the route has generated and been activated. Very limiting to me.

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