

Re: GPS newbie – need lots of help

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JohnB wrote:

I just bought an iPAQ and a Bluetooth GPS unit (GlobalSat ST-338), and I have no clue on how to do what I want with this thing. In fact I'm not even sure I can do what I want.

What I would like to do is use my GPS unit to GPS the mountain bike trails that I ride on. And then take that information and create maps on my PC. I have a program called National Geographic Topo. And there is a Pocket Topo version that loads in the iPAQ, and I can copy maps to it from my PC.

When I start the program on my PDA, Pocket Topo has an option to "track GPS current position". But I don't see that this is doing anything. It doesn't create way points, and it doesn't create a map.

The GPS unit came with a utility called GPSinfo. And if I start that on the pda, it does show the satellites that it sees and will give me my current position, so I know its working. Other than that, I'm completely lost (no pun intended).

I would appreciate any and all info.
Thanks

Excellent books for new GPS handheld receivers users:

"GPS Land Navigation" by Michael Ferguson, et al
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0965220257/002-3452287-3103418>

"A Comprehensive Guide to Land Navigation with GPS " by Noel J Hotchkiss
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/189268800X/002-3439517-6194443>

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Also see the non GPS book

"Land Navigation Handbook" by W. S. Kals
<http://www.edu-observatory.org/eo/bkr/bkr.93.04>

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http://edu-observatory.org/gps/gps_books.html