

## Re: [OT?] WEB based driving instructions

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Arthur Hass wrote:

Sorry, I misread your post (Mapquest != Mapsource).

No problem. Been there. Done that. Have the T-shirt ;/

I see that

Mapquest has "Advanced options." If you use "Shortest Distance," you get 20.23 miles in 41 minutes taking AR-235, CR-510, AR-235, and AR-125.

I got it to work yesterday. Don't know if problem was me, my browser settings or the site.

"Fastest Time" gives 21.35 miles in 38 minutes using a slightly different route excluding CR-510.

I see no other options to restrict routes. The developer tool doesn't include anything like that.

Arthur Hass

Richard Owlett wrote:

Thank you for comments on Mapsource. But my need is explicitly for a WEB based (read free) route planner to demonstrate "proof of concept" -- as in applicability to our specific region.

mapquest.com claims to have the intersection-to-intersection specification method I want. It wasn't working the last three time I tried. I'll try again and with a different browser.

Arthur Hass wrote:

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I think you will find that Mapsource requires one of Garmin's auto-routing programs (City Select for instance). In my version (7.00), you can identify routes that you want to specifically exclude. You can also set it to take the "fastest" route, or "shorter distance." And, to prefer highways or minor roads. For instance, if I set City Select to prefer highways, it routes you up US-65 to US-62 (38 miles, 42 minutes). However, if you selects minor roads, it routes you up AR-235 to AR-125 to AR-14 (19 mile, 26 minutes).

You would have to identify logging roads yourself (under Preferences, Routing, Advanced) and set it to avoid them (Avoidances). It may require a little monkeying around, but I can usually get what I want.

One other point, the Avoidances don't transfer to a GPS :(

Arthur Hass

Richard Owlett wrote:

I'm looking for source of driving instructions given starting and ending intersections.

EG  
from intersection of us-65 and ar-235  
to intersection of ar-62 and ar-14

[a specific route from Pindall, AR to  
Yellville,AR]

mapquest.com \*CLAIMS\* to have that  
capability  
IT IS BROKEN

Any suggestions?

Specifically I am a Red Cross Hospital  
Services Courier covering southern Missouri  
and northern Arkansas.

I'm trying to optimize our routes.  
Simple "start address", "end address" will  
not work.  
[I know of \*NO\* routing software that  
accounts for route being heavily used by  
logging trucks or tourists]

[ the \*theoretical\* minimum time/distance  
route

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would use us-65, ar-27, ar-14  
THAT route would have at least two  
problems  
a. heavily loaded logging trucks  
and/or  
b. tourists ;{

That inclines me to restrict routes. ]

Thank you.