

UK-biased question about GPS

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I'd like to take a GPS with me on my Sunday walks.

I assume that if I buy the bottom level GPS I have to "manually" enter a set of waypoints, which I derive in some manner from my OS map, and it just watches satellites, and points me towards the next waypoint?

Obviously the best thing in the world would be a colour GPS, compass, etc which had a walkers map of the Cotswolds in it.

I assume that if I buy a £350 Garmin, and the Fugawi OS maps CD, I can pretty much achieve that?

That's a bit outside my budget, but maybe I don't have to pay full retail.....

Why can't you just buy a GPS ready-to-go with UK OS and road maps loaded – they seem to ask a lot of an average punter.

Should I write a book of country walks with the downloadable waypoints available?

I already own an XDA-IIs/PDA2K PocketPC, with a much nicer screen than I'm likely to get on a GPS... I suppose I could justify buying one of those battery-powered bluetooth-link GPS bricks. How easy is it to get the OS maps onto my PDA, and get the PDA to take fixes from the GPS lump?

thoughts? recommendations?

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