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Recreation Map Of The San Diego Backcountry: Waterproof, Synthetic Paper (Tom Harrison Maps)



Synopsis

All maps have color-coded symbols and trails, mileages between trail junctions, latitude/longitude, UTM grids, contour lines, Scale 1:126720 vegetation, and elevations at trail junctions. Tom Harrison Maps is famous for the beauty and accuracy of its maps. All maps printed on waterproof and tear resistant material. Includes Anza Borrego State Park, Cleveland National Forest, Cuyamaca State Park and the Southernmost portion of the Pacific Crest Trail.

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Every so often, I wish I lived in San Diego County's extensive backcountry. It is beautiful. Largely chaparral, the area also features true desert and mountain forests, and you can find something to do there year round. In the hot summer months, Mt. Laguna and the Cuyamaca Mountains offer relatively cooler hiking in evergreen forests. In the winter, those same places offer skiing, or you can explore the nearby Anza-Borrego Desert. And in between, the foothill areas from 1500-4000 feet in elevation, the majority of the backcountry, blossom and offer great hiking, biking, off roading...whatever your outdoor pleasure. Indeed, my wife's great love is sketching wildflowers and spring in the San Diego backcountry offers multiple opportunities for that. So you would think a recreational map covering this whole area would be a great idea, and you would not be alone. Tom Harrison agrees and has updated his mid 1990s map with this 2012 color version on water proof tear resistant plastic. It shows a lot, but therein lies the problem. Basically, in order to show all the San Diego backcountry, Harrison has to use a pretty big scale, 1:125,000. This is two to five times

the scale one would ordinarily use for a topographical map. It means one inch is roughly two miles and contour intervals are 200 feet. Put another way, this map will help you find general recreational areas, but it will not help you explore the trails you find there. Some are not even on this map; others are so portrayed as so tiny that you will really only use this map to find their trail head. Having said that, there are still a lot of nice things to be said about this map. Part of the joy in exploring the San Diego backcountry lies in finding those special recreation spots in this vast land. A map like Harrison's makes this task far easier; certainly less time consuming. It's nice to know when you stay at Agua Caliente Regional Park (some of the nicest hot springs in southern California) that you are close to the multiple trails in Mountain Palm Springs. Daring (or foolish, your call) cross country hikers can use this map to complete a "Canada to Mexico" ecosystem trek, from the top of Mt. Laguna to Vallecito Regional park. And if you are hiking the Pacific Crest Trail in San Diego county, and I have done so more than once, this is a good map for you. Harrison's trail includes point by point mileage and it is accurate! Still, I would recommend getting more detailed maps at major recreation areas like Mt. Laguna, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, and for the Anza-Borrego Desert. There is only so much a map like this can convey and when it comes to exploring the area around hiking trails, less is sometimes more.

I have the prior edition and I am not sure what is different between the two. If you don't already own this map, it is terrific. The map gives you an overall view of the San Diego backcountry. I use it whenever summiting peaks in Anza Borrego because I can identify all of the surrounding peaks.

Bought for my backpacking trip to Jennie Lakes Wilderness. Good detail and color. A good topo map for backpacking is always a must.

Before you order this map, be aware that it is not a bully-detailed backcountry too map. It is a 'recreational' map, meaning it has a bit less detail than some other Harrison maps. So long as you understand that, you will do fine with this map. I used it recently to navigate from I-8 to the Goat Canyon Trestle, and it was fine.

A little cumbersome to open up while you're on the road, but serves its purpose and like the material. Doesn't take a lot of space and isn't heavy aside from being waterproof.

He makes the best trail maps in CA - however this is a bigger range so its not really a trail map

Great info

That's useful tool to know wonderful places in back country San Diego

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