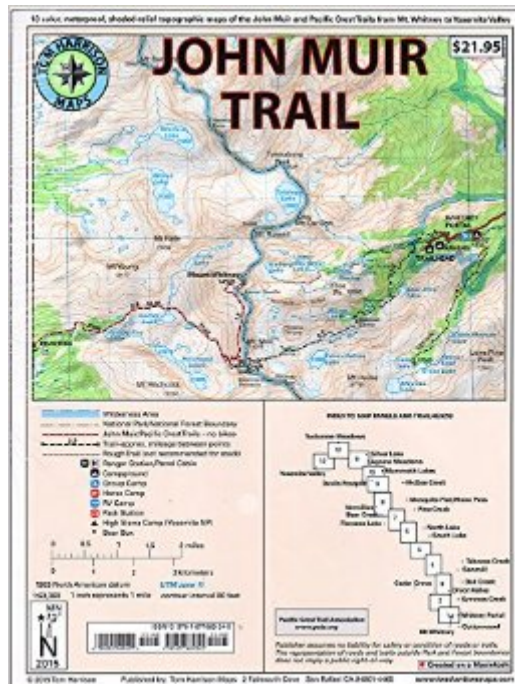


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John Muir Trail Map-Pack: Shaded Relief Topo Maps (Tom Harrison Maps)



Synopsis

Shaded Relief Topo Maps packet of the famous Sierra High Route that will take hikers from Mount Whitney to Yosemite, CA. Well marked trails over USGS topo maps that were beautifully enhanced with shaded relief to better distinguish details. Scale 1:630360. 1 inch on map equals 1 mile.

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Customer Reviews

I wanted to write this review because I own both this set, and the 'high country' maps (both from Tom Harrison Maps) which cover the same territory. I don't regret owning both, however it is I think worth noting that there is a choice: The JMT collections featured on this page is a NICE set. It is only ~\$18 and includes 13 8x11 maps that are light weight and easy to deal with. On the other hand, they aren't folded and feel somewhat less durable than the high country maps. The scale is not as detailed as the high country maps, but they don't need to be. If you only plan on hiking the JMT, this is a great purchase, but it won't service all your sierra hiking needs (probably obvious, but worth pointing out.) The following High Country maps cover the same region (Yosemite, Mammoth, Mono Divide, Kings Canyon and Mt. Whitney.) Together, they'd come to around \$50 (so \$30 more than the JMT set!) To my sense of touch, these maps feel thicker and more durable. Each is folded to the

same size (~4"x9") and together have a depth of about three quarters of an inch. For the real survivalist hiking the JMT all at once, the increased weight of these maps (about the equivalent of a light weight paperback book) might be significant. I'm not sure. What is most definitely significant is the additional coverage and detail on these maps. Once again, if your intention is to enjoy these mountains repeatedly, you'll eventually end up needing the high country maps anyway. Incidentally, the Tom Harrison maps web page does an excellent job of showing the coverage, but of course, it is hard to compare until you have the maps in your hands. Owning both sets, I would tend to favor the high country maps for their completeness, but in making my plans for part of the JMT trail this summer, I am still not sure which will make it in the backpack.

I purchased this Tom Harrison map set to thru-hike the JMT. At the same time I ordered the maps from the national park service. The T.H. maps are thin, tearproof, waterproof, lightweight and they pack down into a small size. The NPS maps are paper, they tear easily, they'd be damaged easily by water, and because they cover the 3 parks/national forests, rather than just the trail, they are about 10 times as large and heavier. When I go hiking later this year, the T.H. maps are coming with me. The NPS maps are staying at home.

I've used the same set of Harrison's JMT maps a couple of times now, the first hike took 30 days and second took 18. They're durable, for sure. The scale (1:63,360) is appropriate for the set of 13 8.5"x11" maps - if you really, really hustle you can hike a map per day. The size means you don't have to unfold a huge sheet of paper each time you want to check where you are. The mileage between waypoints on the trail is clearly marked. The maps don't have the detail of 7.5-minute USGS maps but you wouldn't want that kind of detail for this hike. Harrison also has some larger maps, e.g., "Sequoia & King's Canyon Nat'l Parks" with a 1:125,000 scale but the size is inconvenient for the JMT hike. Conceivably you could scissor his larger maps to make a map of the trail but since he's already done the job about perfectly, why bother? (Incidentally the JMT runs between Mt. Whitney and Yosemite's Happy Isles, so being disappointed at not getting a Mexico-to-Canada map doesn't make very much sense.)

If you are planning on hiking the JMT, buy this! It is EXACTLY what you need and no more.

this is a GREAT map of the JMT. its durable and well colored and its sectioned out in 1-day hiking segments, plus it has a GPS grid on it. the only problem is that the map is too focused on the trail.

there is very limited coverage of the surrounding areas, so lets say if i wanted to bail out half way through the JMT, i would have trouble finding my way back to civilization. don't get me wrong, this is the map you need to get, just make sure you also have a broader map of the surrounding area in conjunction with this map.

I was looking forward to these to do a little armchair planning for a JMT trip in the next couple years and was really disappointed. I believe they are waterproof (it says so on them) but they are tissue thin and feel like they will tear just looking at them. I don't think they are tyvek which is tissue thin but bullet proof. They also don't give much extra info. I was expecting maybe some campsite locations or other details but they are really just a basic topo but split up into 13 single sided pages (kinda cumbersome). I've section hiked portions of the JMT... you really can't get lost so I'm not sure what these maps offer over a typical fold out map. Maybe I was expecting too much but for \$18 they are a bit pricey. I will say the map quality and resolution is nice.

These maps are very good. I did find one case where the distance shown on the map was off by close to 2 miles between Purple and Virginia Lakes. I hiked JMT with these maps. Another fellow brought Erik the Black's John Muir Trail Atlas available at johnmuirtrailmap.com. I personally preferred the Atlas because all the pages are bound together and it shows campsite locations and other useful info. I'm sure these maps show more of the surrounding area than the atlas however. Both are good choices.

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