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NEWSLETTER #14

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOWNLOADING ROUTES AND WAYPOINTS INTO YOUR **GARMIN 53, 66, 76 and 86 ONLY.**

Allow about 30 minutes to complete this process. You will need your Garmin, a PC or laptop, the **GARMIN connecting cable and some patience.**

1. You do NOT have to use **Garmin Basecamp** or **Garmin Express** to download the Routes and Waypoints if you have a **Windows operating system**. IOS devices might need to use Basecamp. Try this first and if it doesn't work, I will send you an alternative method.
2. Be sure your Garmin is charged, and you have your **GARMIN** to computer USB cable. Other cables will probably not work.

Updating your Garmin

It is a good idea to Update your Garmin, even if it is new. You do this via an App called **Garmin Express**, which is free and readily available in you App Store.

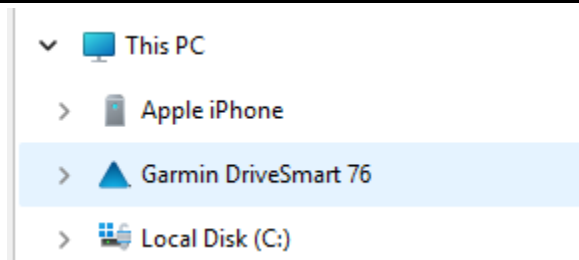
3. Download the Garmin Express App (not Garmin Basecamp).
4. Plug your Garmin into your PC or laptop, turn it on and put it in "file transfer" mode.
5. Garmin Express may launch on its own, or you may have to open it.
6. Click on "Add Device" and the program will find your Garmin.
7. Click on "Check for Updates" and the program will check for firmware and map updates.
8. Install the update(s) until Garmin Express says your unit is up to date.

Deleting Old Waypoints and Routes **(if your Garmin is new, skip this step)**

9. Turn on the Garmin, but do not connect it to the computer. We will now delete any old Routes and Waypoints in memory
 - a. Hit "Accept All"
 - b. Hit "Agree "
 - c. Hit "Where To"
 - d. Hit "Favorites"
 - e. Hit the three bars in the upper left corner
 - f. Hit "Delete"
 - g. Hit "Select All" (This will delete any saved Waypoints you may have stored from earlier trips. These must be deleted, or you will have a great deal of difficulty finding the correct Waypoints on this trip.
 - h. Hit "Delete"
 - i. Hit the "back arrow" until you reach the main menu
 - j. Select "Apps"
 - k. Hit "Route Planner"
 - l. Hit the Wrench in the upper right corner
 - m. Hit "Delete Routes"
 - n. Hit "Select All"
 - o. Hit "Delete"
 - p. Turn off your Garmin

Loading the New Routes and Waypoints

10. Copy the .GPX file I sent in my email to the desktop on your PC or laptop.
11. Now connect your Garmin to your computer and turn the Garmin on. Your Garmin will display a message about going into USB Mode. Let it go into USB mode. Some later Garmin's will have a button to "connect to computer". If so, select that.
12. Your computer should ding, and you should see the Garmin shown when you look at My Computer, This PC or similar window as below.



13. Click on the Garmin folder on your computer. You should see two “drives”. One is the Internal Storage, and one is the Memory Card. (If you do not have a memory card, don’t worry, you don’t need it for this trip, you have plenty of storage on the Internal drive.)



14. Select **the Internal Storage drive** and then open the Folder labeled **GPX**. Delete everything in the GPX folder (and ONLY that folder). Do not delete the Folder itself.



15. Select the **Memory Card**, then open the Folder labeled **GPX if there is one**. Delete everything in the folder, but not the Folder itself.

16. From your desktop, copy and paste the file I sent you (“2025 USA.gpx”) into the empty GPX folders on the **Internal Storage**.



17. Wait about two minutes to allow the files to be fully transferred to your Garmin.
18. Disconnect your Garmin from your computer and turn the Garmin off and then back on again, after removing the USB cable. Your Garmin should boot up as normal.
19. Select **“Where To”** and then **“Favorites”**.
- You should see many numbered Waypoints. They might not be in perfect order. These numbers correspond to the information in your “TOUR BOOK” which you will receive later. (Note: selecting one of these Waypoints now is going to give you directions from your current location to the Waypoint.... a long way! But no harm, that’s how Waypoints work. They get you to the end point no matter where you start).
20. Hit the “Back” Button twice to get to the main menu.

- a. Hit “Apps”
 - b. Scroll down and select “**Route Planner**”
 - c. If there is a number after “Saved Routes” it means the new ROUTES are loaded (or are loading).
 - d. IMPORTANT: THE GARMIN WILL DO SOME INTERNAL PROCESSING OF THE ROUTES.... IT SHOULDN’T TAKE MORE THAN A MINUTE BEFORE THE ROUTES APPEAR. DO NOT TURN OFF YOUR GARMIN OR GO TO ANY OTHER SCREENS WHILE THIS IS HAPPENING. **YOU WILL SEE A LITTLE BLUE SPINNING CIRCLE.** DON’T WORRY IF THE GARMIN GOES INTO POWER-SAVING MODE OR EVEN SHUTS OFF WHILE THIS IS HAPPENING. JUST TURN IT ON AGAIN AND PROCEED AS BELOW.
 - e. When the Spinning Blue Circle goes away, the Routes should now be listed. They are numbered and correspond to the “Day” of our Tour, Route 09 is used on Day 9. Some days have more than one Route, labeled “A”, “B”, etc.
- 21.** If you have several “Imported Routes” and several “Favorite” locations (Waypoints), you are done. Please read the warning below. The Routes and Waypoints cannot be “locked”. The Garmin is designed so that it is possible to modify Routes and Waypoints on the fly. **That would be a very bad thing for our trip.**

PLEASE RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO “FIDDLE” WITH THE ROUTES OR WAYPOINTS. IT IS VERY EASY TO DAMAGE THEM WHEN YOU ARE POKING AROUND. ONCE YOU DAMAGE ANY ROUTE OR WAYPOINT, YOU WILL HAVE TO START THE RELOAD ALL OVER AGAIN

This Newsletter covers ONLY how to load the Routes and Waypoints. The next one will discuss how they work and how you use them, plus cover some tips and tricks, as well as some common weaknesses in the Garmin system. Please read the red copy above again.

If you could not get all the Routes and Waypoints loaded after a couple of tries, call me. 949-903-0957 or 949-261-8208. Worst case scenario, I will load your files to your Garmin when we meet up for the Tour.