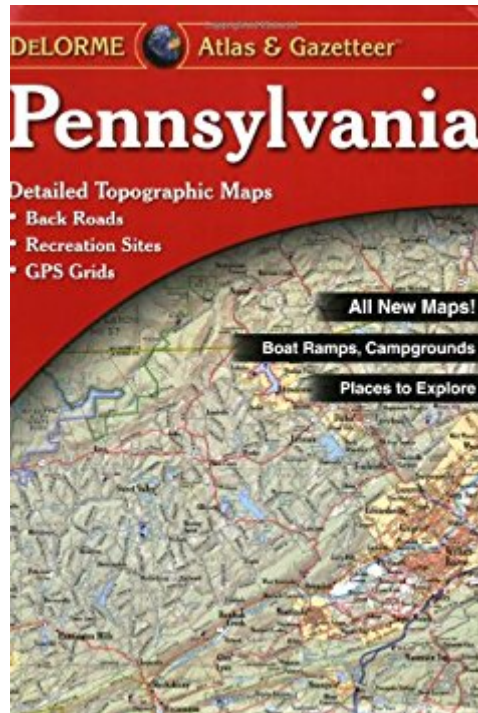




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(Since AMZN seems to use the same listing for all editions of the DeLorme Pennsylvania Atlas & Gazetteer, here I am reviewing the 10th Edition.) I am a huge fan of DeLorme's topographic atlases, which are indispensable for backroad travel and finding outdoor recreation opportunities, while the topographic detail really creates an understanding of the landscape. This latest (2007) edition for Pennsylvania indicates a switch in format, from the basic red lines for all roads to the more colorful representations of different categories of roads and easier-to-read labels for features of interest. However, something has gone seriously wrong with accuracy in this edition, and those familiar with the previous Pennsylvania editions (not to mention the state itself) will notice the problems very quickly. DeLorme is usually diligent about the accuracy of its maps, but any sharp-eyed traveler will notice many, many errors in this edition. And strangely, most of them represent the cartographic situation several decades ago. Apparently DeLorme has reverted to direct modifications of existing USGS maps, which for many parts of Pennsylvania have not been updated by the feds for many years. Therefore, recent developments are missing for wide areas of the state. This is especially perplexing because the previous DeLorme editions for Pennsylvania were much more accurate and showed more cartographic research on then-recent developments. But the 10th edition presents a bizarre reversion to past realities, with a dismissal of DeLorme's own previous cartography. Here are just a few examples among a great many, all of which depict information from old non-updated USGS maps.

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