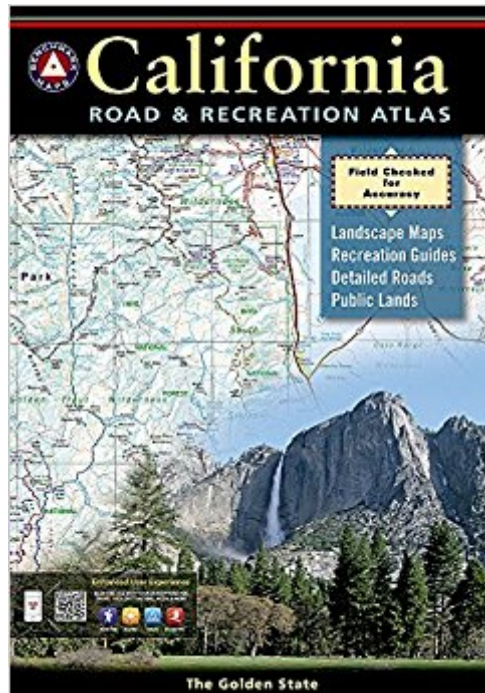




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Synopsis

California deserves an atlas that matches its varied culture and scenery and Benchmark's California Road & Recreation Atlas is it. Nearly 225,000 copies have been sold since its introduction in 1998...an impressive acceptance that has made this atlas one of the most successful California map products of the last decade. Now, the new 8th edition has improvements and refinements that will insure its continued success. Benchmark's Landscape Maps™ now show ground-cover detail at a very high-resolution. It's easy to see, at-a-glance, whether an area is forested, cultivated, marshland, desert, or scrubland. This feature is ideal for the person who wants to know the most about an area being visited beforehand. Along with the all-new Landscape Maps, Benchmark has extensively revised the 14-page Metro Map section. Of course, the atlas still has features people love; a complete Recreation Guide, page-to-page overlap and legendary accuracy, features that assure this atlas will continue winning accolades for many years to come.

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For land lovers, a new series of Benchmark atlases highlights recreation and topographical map features. The heart of these maps is the landscape map pages, which show landforms with impressive clarity. Roads and rivers are shown as they fit into the land, not as schematic diagrams. The maps seem to be designed specifically for the hunter, fisherman, and recreational outdoorsman." ~Lew Carpenter, Editor, Western Outdoors Magazine --Lew Carpenter, Editor, Western Outdoors Magazine

Benchmark Maps publish a line of state road atlases that include landscape and physical features of the topography, along with road and recreation information. Benchmark state atlases are created for people who need an authoritative reference to the natural beauty, culture, and history of the American West. Nowhere else will the camper, boater, traveler, or armchair explorer find a more comprehensive guide and travel companion. At the heart of the atlases are the richly detailed Landscape Maps, compiled by skilled cartographers using the latest digital technologies. They are simply the clearest, the most beautiful, and the most up to date of any now published.

Great for Recreation areas. If you are RVing around CA, you'll need it!! Benchmark maps are almost a necessity for RV boondockers! They contain such a variety of information about public lands, unmarked backroads, and hidden hot pools. California has such a variety of scenery and natural resources and this book details them minutely. Get a Benchmark for each state you RV in!!

This has been a pretty solid addition to my adventures. There have been a bunch of times on BLM land where the book shows roads where they are gated and private. This seems especially bad in rangeland in the coast range (mostly south of the bay). Besides that, it's solid.

I've enjoyed the Benchmark atlases for years because they are (were) so easy to read. I much preferred them to the Delorme atlases for this reason -- they included enough information but not so much that it was cluttered. My old California atlas was wearing out so I upgraded -- but don't care for the new one. It's so much harder to read that we kept the old and will use it most of the time, referring to the new one on occasion. Benchmark has now included so much detail -- every tiny stream, for example -- that it's hard to read. Surely they have professionals on staff who know when enough is enough and when it's too much. Still, it's a good atlas, but I'd look at the alternatives before buying it and I won't automatically upgrade any of my other older atlases without checking out the new version and the competition.

These books are great for detail of landmarks, points of interests, altitude, and trails. I already had Nevada but found more information in this book for a road that was in California that headed back to Nevada. I had to check and make sure it was open because the book said "closed in winter" and the Nevada book did not state that. I would love to have one of these for each state we will travel in but I

think my husband would limit me on that. These are the best books for detail of every corner of the state and detail maps of bigger areas as well.

Three different scales. Shows most of the trails. Its a large book but should fit under the seat of most cars and trucks.

down to the faintest of foot paths. This Atlas has it all from the big to the small. I like the back roads that are less travelled. This Atlas helps me get there every time. Of course, it is not as detailed as a USGS quad, but it allows you to figure out which quad you might want and where the nearest ranger station is to get it!

Nice map, but not really much of an update from the 2007 version.

Devoted to the Benchmark series, and this new edition didn't disappoint me. I love the new level of detail, and didn't find it cluttered the maps. Can't even count how many times we've used this map to explore wilderness and backcountry areas of the state, or simply to navigate around traffic jams on the interstates. Not so useful for urban areas, however; if you're visiting LA, SF, Orange County or San Diego, you'll need to supplement with city maps.

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