

Convert Files to Other Formats (Updated 1/15/18)

If you want to convert a Trail file to GPX or KML format so you can view it in Google Earth or use it on your GPS you can use this Free program.

This works great on the USR (Lowrance) format. ONLY if you saved the file on your Lowrance using Ver. (5), Not Ver. (6). Gpsvisualizer & Babel will not work if you saved the file using Ver. 6. Unless there is a new update for the HDS 5 you cannot save a file as a Ver. 6 or a GPX.

***** On the Lowrance HDS7 Gen3 (Using software update 6.0) you can save the file as a GPX. When using Google Earth to view the file you saved as GPX. You must put a check mark in all (3) boxes before you click on the final step. Create KML line string (Center Box)**

<http://www.gpsvisualizer.com>

You do not have to download the program. Place check in GPX or KML format. Then browse to find the file on your computer. Click Convert the File. Click on download and then on lower part of your screen, click SAVE AS. RENAME the file but be sure and leave the .gpx or .kml at the end. (See suggestion below) Make it as short as possible. On professional web sites they use _ (underline) rather than a dash or space.

Download it to your computer. I just use the download directory. Check the file again to be sure it works in most programs.

Open Google Earth (See Tech file Using Google Earth)

Renaming files. We need to use a common way to name a file that includes (From) to (Location), City or Area & Date. You cannot use some file marks like /. I used a known common North side location (Walmart or WM) because it is easy to find. You can use your own start location. Members, without a GPS, can preview the map in Google Earth.

Example: (Walmart)_WM_R_Burger_Yucca 121516. If it a local ride you could use (Standard Wash) SW_Roveys_Needle 110516.

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