

Loading Trail Files on a GPS

Please download & install the GPS track on your unit before the run. The file will be on the Facebook site under FILES or on the Club web site under Trail Files. To Download a file, Read Using Trail Files on the Club web site. The Lowrance instruction should work on other units.

1. Your file should be already be on a SD card.

Place the card in the GPS. Large card if you have a HDS 5 or a micro sd card if you have the newer Lowrance with (2) slots. Install the card in the left slot on newer units. (I always turn off the GPS before taking cards in or out.)

2. Restart the unit. Click on top button (shows picture with (2) pages). Next on the left side of screen, scroll down to FILES. Click on FILES. Click on Left card (newer units). You will see the files on the sd card.

3. Highlite the file you want to use. Then click on Import. This will put the file on your unit. Close the screen. On units with (2) slots don't remove the card. Units with (1) card turn off unit, remove card and reinstall your map card.

4. Click on the button at the top again. Then click on Trails.

You will see the trail that you just installed. Be sure the trail you want shows ON and Record is OFF. To the right you will see the color of the track. Most of the time this is a dark color so you cannot see it on the map.

If you click the color icon you can change the color of the track. The screen will now show a choice of colors. Pick the color you want and then SAVE.

I usually use red for my present trail. If I start a new trail with the current trail still open, I use a different color. You can have more than one trail open.

5. When you get to the start of the trail, Click on Clear Cursor at the top of screen, that will take you to your present location. Be sure you reset your mileage before you start. DO NOT start recording a new trail until you get to your start location.

6. When you return to the start location, be sure you turn off record.

I sometimes stop and start my new trail at my destination. I do this when I use a different return route. Example WM_Topock, Topock_WM.

Read the how to save a trail in Tech Talk on the Club Web site.

Note: I do not sell, install or give advise on GPS units in person, email or phone. Every thing you want to know is in the instructions or on the internet.

Watch the YouTube videos on the internet.

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