

Viewing GPX trail files using Google Earth (Updated 1/15/18)

Most GPX & other trail files can be viewed using Google Earth if you use the following instructions. (Some files will not open because they are too large or not formatted properly causing the program to lock up. Just close the program.)

- 1. Open Google Earth (Free program) on your computer.**
- 2. On top of the screen you will see (OPEN). Click on OPEN. This will open a small box. On the right side of the box you will see (Google Earth .kml kmz, etc). Click on the small arrow, then scroll down to the bottom and select ALL FILES, click on All Files. Then to the left, select the location of the file on your computer. If you did not move the file it could be in the download directory. Click on the file and it will open.**

The map program will open a small box. GPX Files that were saved using ver. 6 on a Lowrance HDS gen 3 with updated (ver 6 software), will not show unless you put a check mark box in the center box. (Convert KML Line string)

- 3. You might have to scroll on the map to see the trail. Also you can use the + and - arrows on right side of screen to enlarge/make smaller the map.**

- 4. When you close Google Earth, I recommend you click on the Discard box so it does not save the file. If you start saving files you will have so many files the program will not open.**

The first time you use Google Earth, type in your home address. When the program takes you to that address, Go to the top of the page, click on VIEW. Scroll down & click Make this my start location. Program will now always start at that location.

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