

# Downloading and Purchasing USGS Topo Maps of Alaska

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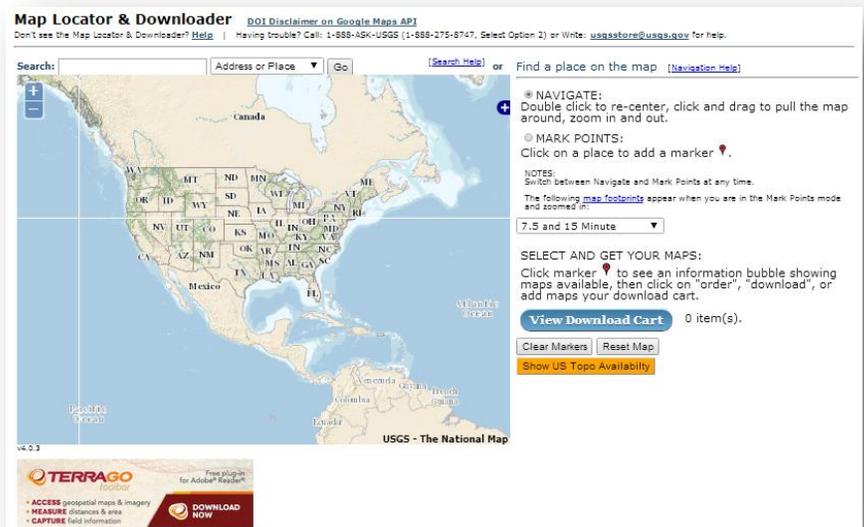
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For assistance, please call the **USGS Science Information Services at 1-888-ASK-USGS (1-888-275-8747)**.

*Detailed instructions for downloading and purchasing USGS topographic maps are given on the reverse page of this handout.*



# USGS Topographic Maps Available for Alaska



US Topo, Anchorage B-2 SW

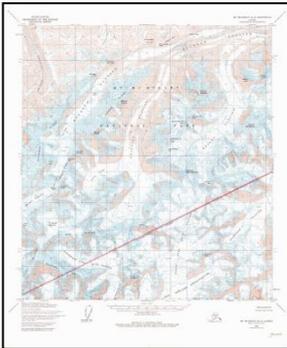
**US Topo** maps are our most current maps for Alaska, beginning production in 2013. They are drawn at 1:25,000 scale and differ considerably from the traditional maps we made for decades. Digital versions are free for download and hardcopy versions can be purchased for \$15 online (plus a handling fee). For more information please visit

[http://nationalmap.gov/alaska/ami\\_ustopo.html](http://nationalmap.gov/alaska/ami_ustopo.html)



7.5'-minute, Anchorage A-7

**7.5 Minute** maps are our traditional maps drawn at either 1:24,000 scale or 1:25,000 scale in Alaska and cover only very limited areas of the state. These maps were generally created from the 1970s to the 1990s. Digital versions are free for download and hardcopy maps can be purchased for between \$8-\$15 online (plus a handling fee).



15'x15', Mount McKinley A-2

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1 x 3, Anchorage

**1 Degree** maps are drawn at 1:250,000 scale. In Alaska, these maps are from the Alaska Reconnaissance Topographic Series from the 1940s and 1950s and the later Alaska Topographic Series. Digital versions are free for download and hardcopy maps can be purchased for between \$9-\$15 online (plus a handling fee).

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### *Step-by-Step Instructions*

- Visit the **Map Locator & Downloader** link in the center of the USGS Store page: [store.usgs.gov](http://store.usgs.gov)
- If you would like to see US Topo maps available, click the **Show US Topo Availability** button on at the bottom right of the page to view available maps.
- Enter a quadrangle name, place name or address into the **Search** box and a red marker  will appear on the map. Or, pan and zoom to your area of interest, click the radio button next to  **MARK POINTS** and click the desired place.
- Click the red marker  that appears for a listing of topographic maps available in the area.
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