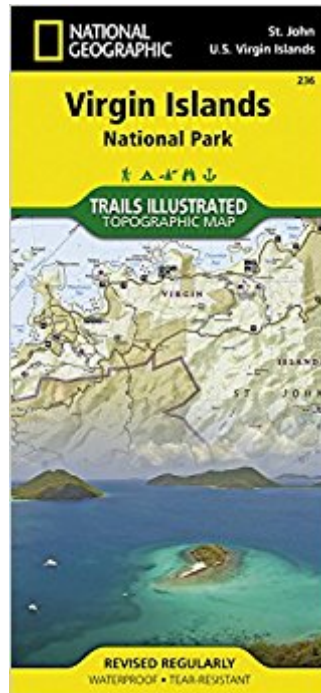


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# Virgin Islands National Park (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)



## Synopsis

Waterproof Tear-Resistant Topographic Map Virgin Islands National Park is an island paradise of white sand beaches and turquoise water. Created in cooperation with the National Park Service and others, National Geographic's Trails Illustrated map of Virgin Islands National Park is a complete travel guide to this tropical wonderland. Ferry routes will get you to the main visitor center at Cruz Bay. Use the trail guide, with trail descriptions, lengths and hiking times, to select a suitable route. Follow the trail on the topographic map that is complete with contour lines and elevations, as well as key points of interest and nearby facilities, including parking, campgrounds, showers, picnic areas, restrooms and beaches. Descriptions of the snorkeling areas along with a snorkeling and diving ethics guide is provided. Areas of coral reefs are marked on the map as are the boundaries of Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument. For those who prefer navigating their own boat, anchoring information, safety tips and regulations are included. The color-coded buoys surrounding the island are displayed on the map as are scuba moorings. Information about birdwatching and park vegetation along with illustrations of a number of bird species and local flora is provided as well. The map also covers nearby Great Thatch Island, Little Thatch Island, Frenchmans Cay, Tortola Island, Dog Island, Lovango Cay and Durlow Cays. Every Trails Illustrated map is printed on "Backcountry Tough" waterproof, tear-resistant paper. A full UTM grid is printed on the map to aid with GPS navigation. Other features found on this map include: Saint John, Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument, Virgin Islands National Park. Map Scale = 1:22,000 Sheet Size = 37.75" x 25.5" Folded Size = 4.25" x 9.25"

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Founded in 1915 as the Cartographic Group, the first division of National Geographic, National Geographic Maps has been responsible for illustrating the world around us through the art and science of mapmaking. Today, National Geographic Maps continues this mission by creating the world's best wall maps, recreation maps, atlases, and globes which inspire people to care about and explore their world.

Let me start by saying that I typically love these maps. I have at least 10 of them and usually find them to be the best map available for the area that they cover, and that's why I purchased this one. This is the first time I've ever been disappointed by one. There are quite a few well maintained "rogue" trails on St. John that this map doesn't cover. I can't say for sure, but I believe they only have the "official" park trails on this map. A better option is to download the Trail Bandit map, which won't let me post a link to, but if you Google "Trail Bandit St. John" you should find it. There is also a mobile app available for a couple of bucks that will show your blue dot on the trail bandit map and also works offline. I found the Trail Bandit map to be much more complete than this map. I used the "st. john off the beaten track" app most of the time when exploring the island. The one area in which the Trails Illustrated map is better than the Trail Bandit's is when looking for reefs. I found the reef locations on this map to be fairly accurate, but again, the app had more information about the best spots. There were several cool places that I wouldn't have found by just looking at this map. Have you seen the plane crash at Little Cinnamon? You won't find anything about it on this map, but the app will tell you the location.

This map is quite detailed and does a great job of mapping out the island. I did not use it near as much as I expected because I discovered snorkeling and did not take as many hikes as I planned because the water was so magnificent. But on the hikes I did take, and I enjoyed them all, I am glad I had this map.

We got a lot of use out of this map in St. John. It's coated so won't tear or get wet. It made it easy to decide where to spend the day when planning outings. Highly recommended!

This is the map to get if you are going to St. John. All of the different bays for snorkeling are

indicated in great detail, along with depth information. It will help to locate interesting places to snorkel. The free maps and maps in the guide books do not have the essential detail.

Great map, very helpful if you want to explore the island of St. John. Very detailed, makes it easier to find out if the way places on the island.

Excellent...great descriptions of land air and sea!

This map sealed in a plastic coating is incredibly durable and has all of the roads marked. You will need this kind of covering if you want the map not to disintegrate on you. I got around St. John and St. Thomas islands, USVI using this thing and it is still as good today as it was when I bought it.

We just got back from St John and this map was one of the most indispensable tools of our trip. If you're headed to St John, get this map. It has a ton of detail and is better than any other map we found.

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