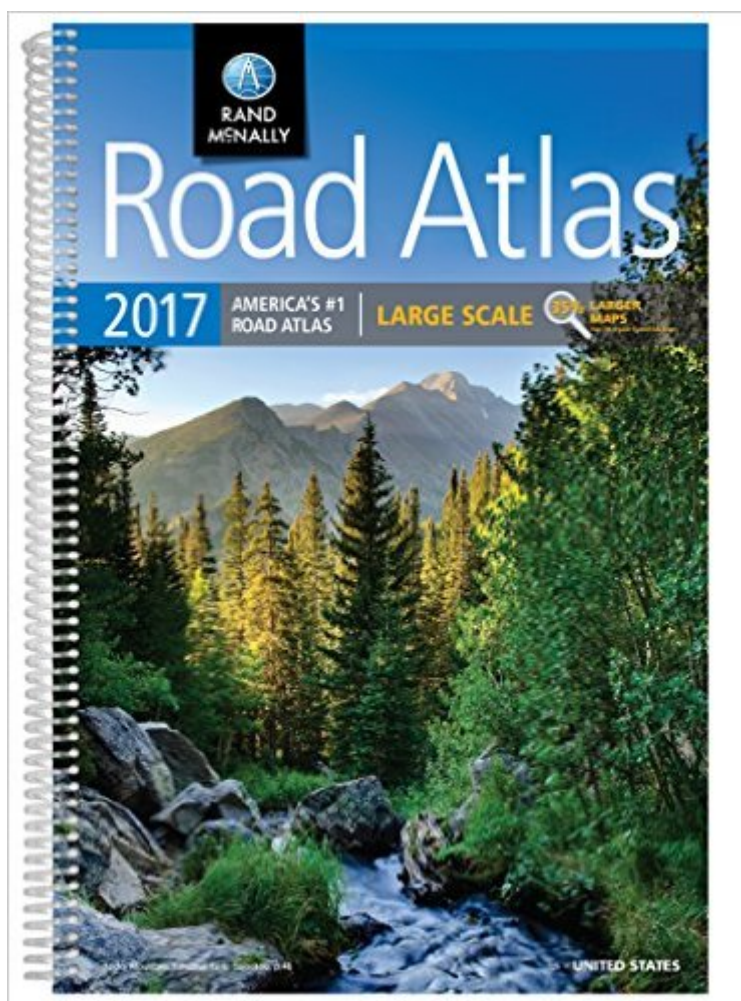


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# Rand McNally 2017 Large Scale Road Atlas (Rand McNally Large Scale Road Atlas USA)



## Synopsis

2017 Large Scale Road Atlas Overview Give road-weary eyes a break with this spiral-bound Large Scale edition featuring all the accuracy you've come to expect from Rand McNally, only bigger. Updated atlas contains maps of every U.S. state that are 35% larger than the standard atlas version plus over 350 detailed city inset and national park maps and a comprehensive, unabridged index. Road construction and conditions contact information for every state conveniently located above the maps. Contains mileage chart showing distances between 77 North American cities and national parks with driving times map. Tough spiral binding allows the book to lay open easily. Other Features Best of the Road® - Our editor's favorite road trips from our Best of the Road® collection follows scenic routes along stretches of coastline, both east and west, to forests mountains, and prairies; and through small towns and big cities. For a weekend or a week there's something for everyone. Tell Rand! As much as we work to keep our atlases up to date, conditions change quickly and new construction projects begin frequently. If you know of something we haven't captured in our atlas, let us know at [randmcnally.com/tellrand](http://randmcnally.com/tellrand). Tourism websites and phone numbers for every U.S. state and Canadian province on map pages

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## Customer Reviews

Even though I have GPS, I always feel the need for a map when traveling. I love how easy it is to read the large print on this Rand McNally road atlas compared to my old 2011 one. The spiral binding keeps the pages flat and I can fold them neatly. The pages don't rip out from folding them back over and over. I am very pleased with the size of the print and the overall ease of use with this

atlas that I purchased at regular price for my own use. The opinions in this review are my own opinions.

Because my husband and I both wanted atlases in the car in case we couldn't use our trust GPS or other travel apps and needed to get out of Dodge or just do some old fashioned route planning (and I want to teach my kids the life skill of planning a travel route) I purchased this atlas and the regular size Michelin North America Road Atlas 2017. I compared the two more extensively in my review of the Michelin atlas which I decided I liked better than this one. I mistakenly thought that if I purchased this super large atlas, it would help me see all those tiny highways better. Nope. I still need a little magnification regardless of the book's bigger size. And, the bigger size prevents us from being able to easily store it in the car. I mean this thing is huge. It won't fit under my seat..it sticks up about 6" past the seat if I put it upright but in between the seat and the console in my van. The cover isn't particularly durable and it gets banged up pretty easily because it's so big. It was so apparent even after moments of purchasing both and looking at them side by side that the Michelin atlas was going to "win out" The winner goes in my car, the most oft used vehicle for road trips. I posted this review without checking this atlas out extensively because I didn't care for it. Also, my area was in a "crack" where the binding is because most areas have a 2-4 page spread (more on that in a moment). From my perspective, there is more distortion in this atlas at the binding area than the Michelin one. I had a hard time quickly matching up where the map left off and where it began on the next page though my eye naturally tracks lines since I am an artist. That's because the lines DON'T match up! Visually, I didn't really like the layout of this one, visually. Something about it seemed chaotic to me. Both atlases have state park coverage which is cool. There are a few featured areas in the front of this atlas. If they did this for more areas, that would be really great. But why offer something helpful only to give us a scant handful of coverage? It's a teaser section and nothing more. Aside from the pages (and subsequent roads) not aligning on many a 2-page spread, I find it super illogical that the atlas ends at the bottom of the page and then picks up on the NEXT 2 page spread (for those maps which have 4 page spreads...and most did). It only makes sense if you are the type of person that can disassemble maps parts and put them back together in your head, or have a photographic memory. Otherwise, you are turning back and forth so much it will make you dizzy. Since the maps are still small, it wouldn't have hurt to size the maps to fit the 2-page scale and just break up the overall map of the US similar to how the Michelin atlas is. Also, unlike the Michelin atlas which had super helpful in-text boxes which indicated a page I could turn to for a more magnified view or other info (such as Metro downtown areas), you get nothing extra here other

than what they chose to feature which just didn't compare to Michelin. Now, I'm not in a featured area of either atlas, but I do tend to travel to areas that are. If you take road trips or drive through areas much, you will probably want an atlas that is intuitive to use, is aligned and one that you can actually hold open in the front seat without moving your seat back which results in complaints like "Mom! you're not leaving me any leg-room!" Also, when this one was shipped to me, it was damaged. , as always, treated the issue with care and I appreciate that. Just goes to show that something this large will have a difficult time in your vehicle too. Just something to think about. In short, this ain't it for me. Because for me, it doesn't line up, isn't intuitive in how to find things, doesn't have a "how to use this atlas" section like the Michelin one does, it is too dang big and it doesn't give me the type of info you would think they had room to pack into such a big honkin' atlas like this. Oh, and it was damaged in shipping, which just speaks of how easily it can get damaged in your vehicle too. Check out my review of the Michelin atlas and see if that one sounds like something you might like. I know I do. You can search my name to find the review quickly. Hope this was helpful to you! Have a nice day!

Rand McNally's 2017 Large Scale Road Atlas disappointed me a bit. True, the maps are a bit bigger than the standard issue atlas so the print was A LITTLE BIT bigger. I will discount the common complaint that the maps are hard to use. IF you are a fan of maps with any intelligence, the maps are no problem to negotiate BUT YOU HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO READ A MAP. If you don't, then stick to your GPS! Maps are colorful but do not have elevation shading. I also was under the impression that, due to the larger size of the maps, there would be more details, out of the way towns, etc. located. Quite the opposite! I have a 2004 National Geographic Adventure Edition and, in spite of having smaller maps, the NatGeo maps have MANY more things of interest (canyons, etc.) located on them than this Rand McNally Atlas. So far, I've found only ONE thing on the Rand McNally Atlas that wasn't on the Nat Geo Adventure Edition. So, sometime in the near future, I'll buy the updated 2016 National Geographic Adventure Edition.

Before there was GPS there were road atlas's. I've planned a lot of trips with maps and road atlas's. Rand McNally was the top of the line. I guess the line has slipped. This is the worst atlas I've ever used. The maps do not interconnect. There is no page number at the margins to tell you what page to turn to to continue your route. It's an absolute mess. Very sorry I bought it.

This is the one if your looking for easy to read, with lots of detail. 264 pages, with no

advertising/filler. As an example. Pennsylvania takes 8 full pages, and Iowa takes 4.

Bought for a road trip to Montana but as we were crossing the border of Idaho/Montana, we realized it was misprinted and we are completely missing the pages for Montana. BUT, we have a second set of the Minnesota, Mississippi and Missouri maps!! (We are missing pages 121-128 and pages 113-120 are duplicated). Now that we are back from our 3 week vacation we are outside the return/exchange time period. Maybe I'll go online and download some Montana and Nebraska maps and paste them onto the duplicated pages. That will look awesome...

The maps are almost impossible to use because there are no regional maps. State maps are broken into multiple parts on multiple pages. We went on a cross country trip out west to the national parks and found the book of maps unusable. You have to move to several maps to look at a single route. For example, going from South Dakota to Montana, Idaho and Washington state was impossible. We ended up using free highway maps from each state that we got at tourist bureau stops. Regional maps are needed, and each state needs to be on adjoining pages. The maps are useless for cross-country travel.

This is truly large scale. We are traveling from NY state to Arizona and need an accurate Atlas. Rand McNally has been around for a very very long time. Easy to read and chart your course. I like the extra large size for reading in the car. Rand McNally 2017 Large Scale Road Atlas (Rand McNally Large Scale Road Atlas USA)

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