

Maps Library

The Brooks Library maps collection contains approximately 90,000 sheet maps available to be checked out. The collection is housed in map cabinets located within our Maps Room in Room 303. Atlases and other materials covering a variety of geographic areas and topics are also available.

Assistance with finding maps is available at the Government Publications & Current Periodical service desk or contact [Aimee Quinn](#), Government Publications Librarian. For additional help, please look at the [Maps, Atlases, and Cartographic Resources Research Guide](#).

Web Sites used to Locate Geographic Features and Named Places

- [GEOnet Names Server](#) - Foreign place and feature names locator from the Board on Geographic Names.
- [Geographic Names Information System \(GNIS\)](#) - U.S. place and feature names locator from the U.S. Geological Survey.

U.S. Government Agencies Involved with Mapping

- [Census Bureau, U.S. \(U.S. Department of Commerce\)](#): the most prolific creator of statistics and maps in the country. You will be able to find Congressional district maps, gazetteers, official place names for the U.S. and much more. One of their most popular sites is the [American Factfinder](#) where you will find census information from the 2000 and 2010 censuses and create your own maps based on the information created by the Bureau.
- [Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. \(U.S. Department of the Interior\)](#): creates a great deal of maps for the National Wildlife Refuge program and for the countless reports they publish on animal life in this country.
- [Forest Service, U.S. \(U.S. Department of Agriculture\)](#): publishes all those nifty maps you pick up at national forests around the country. They also update their own topographic maps for quadrangles located within national forest boundaries.
- [Geological Survey, U.S. \(U.S. Department of the Interior\)](#): oversees research and work pertaining to the geology of the country. They publish a myriad of maps including topographic, thematic, geological, climactic, and biological just to name a few. With maps going back to 1800, this agency produces a lot of material in print and digitally.
- [National Agricultural Statistics Service \(U.S. Department of Agriculture\)](#): are the publishers of [Agricultural Statistics](#) and the [Census of Agriculture](#). The Census of Agriculture goes as far back as 1840.
- [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(U.S. Department of Commerce\)](#): oversees a lot of functions having to do with the climate and weather like the [National Weather Service](#). NOAA's Central Library has [current and historical daily weather maps](#) going as far back as 1871. The Office of Coast Survey has a collection of historical maps and charts going as far back as the 1700s.
- [National Park Service \(U.S. Department of the Interior\)](#): creates the very wonderful maps that you pick up when you visit a national park.
- [Natural Resources Conservation Service \(U.S. Department of Agriculture\)](#): these are the folks who provide government resources to farmers and agricultural workers.

Maps Online

- [Geography & Map Reading Room](#) at the Library of Congress has the largest collection of maps & cartographic materials in the world.
- [Map Collection](#) from the Library of Congress' American Memory website.
- [National Map](#) You will find all sorts of maps for the United States in all sorts of formats and interests.
- [Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection](#) Electronic collection of maps gathered by University of Texas. Includes over 300 maps of the United States, historical maps, and city maps.
- [USGS EarthExplorer](#) Access to all types of maps online.



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