

Maps For Tar Heel Outdoorsmen

Hardly a day passes that someone doesn't write the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and ask where they can get a good map of some part of the state.

Trout fishermen write to ask about maps of wilderness areas in the west. Bass fishermen want maps of lakes. Hunters and hikers want topographical maps. Salt water fishermen ask for charts of the Atlantic Ocean or the sounds behind the Outer Banks.

Most good sportsmen recognize the value of good maps, and many collect them. A map won't show you how to catch a fish, but it may very well show you where to catch them.

The Wildlife Commission does not keep a file of maps to send sportsmen, partly because there are many types, and partly because most are produced by other agencies and private firms. Also, many of these maps are not free. Even so, we can tell you where you can get some of the maps that you might want.

One of the most frequent requests is for topographic maps that show contour lines, slopes, mountains and other surface characteristics. These maps are quite detailed, and although all of the state has not yet been mapped topographically, the coastal and mountain regions are fairly complete. Topo maps cover only a small area, and there are hundreds available.

Sportsmen who are interested in obtaining topographic maps should write to the Distribution Section, Geological Survey, 1200 South Eads Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202 and ask for a free index to the topographic maps for North Carolina. The maps are not cheap, but by being selective, you can usually find what you're looking for.

Aerial photographs are also often requested, particularly by sportsmen who want to use them in conjunction with topo maps. Aerial photo maps are expensive (several dollars each), but you can get an index for them from your county Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service Office (ASCS). After picking out the ones you want, you can fill out a form so that they may be ordered.

Coastal charts are also often in demand. They are available through the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Environmental Science Services Administration, Washington, D. C. If you order by mail, write first and ask for the catalog of nautical charts for the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. The catalog lists the charts and their cost. You may also find charts at more than a dozen authorized chart agencies along the North Carolina coast.

County maps (either individual or in a bound edition) are available through the State Highway Commission in Raleigh. They show many roads not found on gasoline company road maps, and they can be useful; however, the bound edition is quite expensive and bulky.

The U. S. Forest Service also publishes a number of useful

maps, particularly of Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests. They are roughly the size of gasoline road maps, but show much more detail and also some contours. You can get Forest Service maps by writing the Forest Supervisor, National Forests in North Carolina, Box 2750, Asheville, North Carolina 28802.

Blue Ridge Parkway maps may also be useful, and you may get these by writing the Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Box 1710, Roanoke, Virginia, 24008.

The Tennessee Valley Authority and Duke Power Company have, in the past, offered lake maps of many North Carolina lakes, and some may still be available. Write TVA Maps and Engineering Records Section, 500 Union Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37906, or Duke Power Company, Box 2178, Charlotte, North Carolina 28201.

For the average angler or hunter who would like to have maps and outdoor information in a single, usable book, the best bet statewide is probably to order the "Freshwater Fishing and Hunting in North Carolina" book from the Alexandria Drafting Company, 417 E. Clifford Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22305. The company also sells "Salt Water Sport Fishing and Boating in North Carolina." Both books contain excellent maps, and you may find them on your local newsstand or at tackle stores. They cost \$5.43 including postage.

The "Coastal Fishing and Vacation Guide" published by the Graphic Press, Box 26808, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611 and selling for \$2.50 is another good source of coastal maps. These books are also available at newsstands and tackle stores.

TABLEWARE '72

Dinnerware is undergoing a color revolution this year. Bright, bold colors; earthy, smoky ecological colors and fluffy pastels will all be in evidence, says Mrs. Edith McGlamery, extension house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University.

Look for more pinks, plums, lavenders, rich greens and chocolate browns, she adds.

This Is The Law

JURY TRIAL

Is it unconstitutional to convict a person of a criminal offense without trial by jury?

The Sixth Amendment to the Federal Constitution provides: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed."

The Fourteenth Amendment denies the States the power to "deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law."

In a 1968 decision the United States Supreme Court held that constitutional provisions guaranteeing the right to jury trial were applicable to "serious" criminal cases but not to "petty" offenses.

The Court stated: "So-called petty offenses were tried without juries both in England and in the Colonies, and have always been held to be exempt from the otherwise comprehensive language of the Sixth Amendment's jury trial procedure. There is no substantial evidence that the Framers intended to depart from this established common-law practice, and the possible consequences to defendants from convictions for petty offenses have been thought insufficient to outweigh the benefits to efficient law enforcement and simplified judicial administration resulting from the availability of speedy and inexpensive nonjury adjudications."

The Court has not settled "the exact location of the line between petty offenses and serious crimes." Until this is done, the various states will have great difficulty in determining which of these crimes are "jury" cases and which are "non-jury" cases. Most states, like North Carolina, do not define the terms "serious crimes" and "petty offenses." The existing North Carolina statutes define crimes as either misdemeanors or felonies.

In the federal system, petty offenses are defined as those punishable by not more than six months in prison and a \$500 fine. There is some indication that the state courts may take the six-months period as a guideline.

In the particular case before the United States Supreme Court the defendant was convicted of simple battery in Louisiana and sentenced to

serve 60 days in the parish prison and pay a fine of \$150. Under the law of Louisiana simple battery is a misdemeanor, which carries a maximum punishment of two years' imprisonment and a \$300 fine. The defendant had sought a trial by jury, but the trial judge denied such because it was not a case providing for trial by jury under the Louisiana Constitution. The United States Supreme Court reversed the judgment of the Louisiana court and remanded the case for a new trial with a jury.

If the particular misdemeanor had not been one carrying a possible maximum penalty in excess of six months, apparently the 60-day sentence would not have been one requiring trial by jury. "The penalty authorized for a particular crime is of major relevancy in determining whether it is serious or not."

The Supreme Court found no fault with the practices, common in both federal and state courts, of accepting waivers of jury trial.

Criminal cases below the grade of felony must be tried in the district courts of North Carolina without a jury. The convicted defendant has the right to a de novo trial before a jury in the superior court.

Looking Back

Becoming wiser today isn't an unmixed blessing. It causes a person to realize what a fool he was yesterday.

—Courier, Bristol, Va.

Covered Bridges

"Weathered monuments to the imagination, ingenuity, and determination of our 19th century settlers" is how the Southern Covered Bridge Association describes the four remaining covered bridges in North Carolina—where once there were hundreds.

Traditionally it has been thought that the concept of the covered bridge was introduced to North Carolina by Ithiel Town, an architect from New Haven, Connecticut, who also helped to design our capitol in the 1800s. He is most noted for the "Town Lattice" mode of bridge construction which was patented in 1820 and was widely used as far south as Mississippi. His first bridge in North Carolina was built across the Yadkin River between Salisbury and Winston Salem.

Discovery of the Rascoe Mill Covered Bridge in Bertie County, however, may refute the earlier notion that Ithiel Town built the first covered bridge in the state, though he certainly had more influence than anyone else. The Rascoe Mill Bridge, one of the four still standing, is a combination grist mill and bridge and is thought to have been built in 1786 by Colonel Thomas Pugh. Further research may prove it to be the oldest in the state.

Another of North Carolina's remaining covered bridges, the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge which crosses Lyles Creek east of Claremont in Catawba County, was built in 1895. It is one of only two known examples of the "Haupt Truss" type bridge left in the United States, and is thought to have been built

from plans in a book on bridges written by Herman Haupt and widely sold around the turn of the century.

Randolph County has always had more covered bridges than any other. At one time there were sixty such bridges in that county alone, and forty-two remained as late as 1937. Randolph County, today, has exactly half the old covered bridges still standing in the state: that is to say, it has two.

One of the Randolph County bridges is the Skeen's Mill Bridge which crosses a branch of the Little Uwharrie River northeast of Asheboro and is the only remaining example of the Town Lattice bridge in the state. The other, known as the Pisgah Covered Bridge, crosses a branch of the Little River two miles west of Pisgah. It is unique in that it was built with donated materials as a community project and is said to have cost a total of forty dollars.

The question has long been debated as to why the bridges were covered. While many still prefer to believe that they were constructed solely for the benefit of strolling sweethearts,

SCUPPERNON VINE

The original Scuppernon grape vine was discovered growing wild in northeastern North Carolina, probably in Tyrrell County. Credit for naming the Scuppernon variety is given to Dr. Calvin Jones, a noted naturalist. This was in 1810.

IRON COOKWARE

If rust occurs on iron cookware, remove it with steel wool. Wash, rinse and re-season utensil. When food burns on, boil a solution of two teaspoons of baking soda and one quart of water in the utensil, remove the softened food, scrub, rinse and dry.



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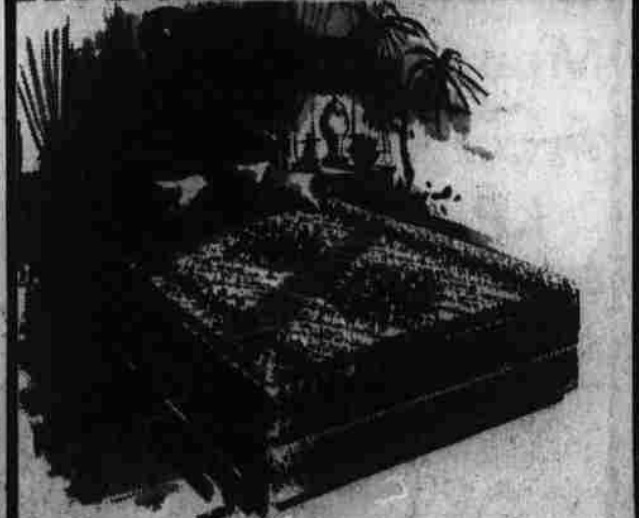
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