

Re: Magellan Explorist GPS

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Nigel Cliffe wrote:

Danny Colyer wrote:

I like the idea of the compass on the Magellan,

Garmin has near identical compass screen,

That could explain why one of the screen shots on the Garmin website looks like a compass display, despite the specs saying it doesn't have an electronic compass. Now that I've read the description of the compass feature in the Magellan manual, it doesn't seem quite so great. You have to be moving for it to give a bearing, and if I'm moving then I should be able to work out which direction I'm heading in just by watching which direction the arrow moves in.

It looks as though the
Magellan can store more waypoints.

That looks to be the case. Though I've never had a problem in a couple of years with the 500 limit of the Garmin.

My email gave hints of how to extend the waypoint total to millions by converting to POI data as another map layer. This is easy if you are OK with computer tools.

Great, I'll look into that further if I order the Garmin (though as you say, 500 ought to be plenty).

I've downloaded the user manuals for both, I'm going to have a look through those to help with my decision.

Good plan.

However, I suspect both manuals don't really do both machines justice.

Before reading the manuals, I was leaning slightly towards the Garmin. I've now read the Magellan manual

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and am satisfied that the Magellan is an excellent choice. I just need to read the Garmin manual and decide whether it's a better choice.

There is an alternative good Garmin manual available, some of it online, by Dale Priest (no time to google the URL for you).

I'm sure I can find it, thanks.

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Reply address is valid, but that on my website is checked more often

"Daddy, put that down. Daddy, put that down. Daddy, put that down. Daddy, why did you put that down?" –

Charlie Colyer, age 2

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