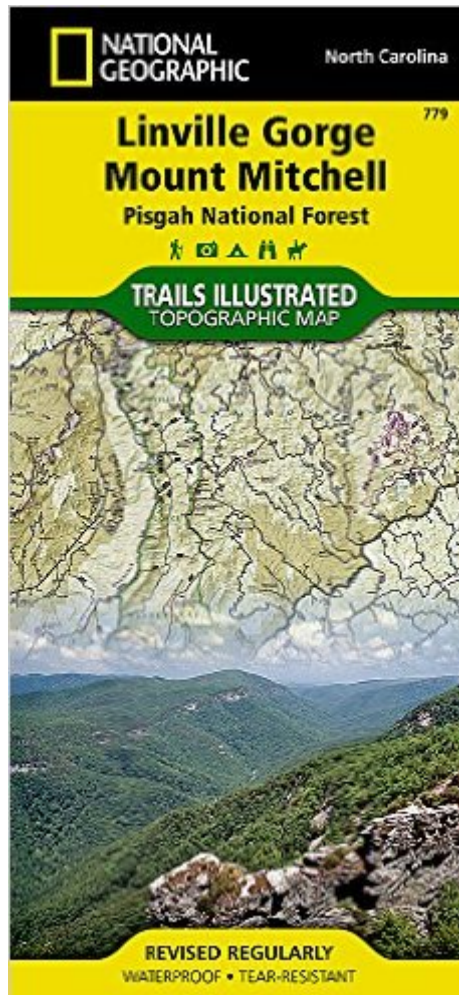


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# Linville Gorge, Mount Mitchell [Pisgah National Forest] (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)



## Synopsis

â € Waterproof â € Tear-Resistant â € Topographic Map Expertly researched and created in partnership with local land management agencies, National Geographic's Trails Illustrated map of Linville Gorge and Mount Mitchell provides an unparalleled tool for exploring these remarkable features within Pisgah National Forest. This map includes such key areas of interest as Linville Gorge Wilderness, Mount Mitchell State Park, Craggy Gardens, Grandfather Mountain Biosphere Reserve, Lake James State Park, and Brown Mountain OHV Area. Whether you're exploring on foot, or by horse, bike, or motorized vehicle, you'll find this map an invaluable resource for exploring the miles of mapped trails and roadways within the region, including the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Mountains-to-Sea Trail, and Blue Ridge Parkway. An extensive chart with the location, mileage, rating, and designated use for dozens of trails and a handy activity guide will help you make the most of your visit. Recreation features are clearly marked, including campgrounds, points of interest, lookout towers, museums, and fishing and swimming areas. The map base includes contour lines and elevations for summits and passes. 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. All proceeds from the purchase of a National Geographic map help support the Society's vital exploration, conservation, scientific research, and education programs. Other features found on this map include: Bakersville, Bald Creek, Big Tom, Black Mountain, Blue Ridge, Burnsville, Celo, Collettsville, Dillingham, Drexel, Glen Alpine, Glenwood, Grandfather Mountain, Hawksbill Mountain, Iowa Hill, Lake James, Ledger, Linville, Marion, Micaville, Morganton, Mount Craig, Mount Mitchell, Newland, Old Fort, Pisgah National Forest, South Mountains, Spear, Spruce Pine, Swannanoa, Woodlawn, North Carolina. Map Scale = 1:65,000 Sheet Size = 25.5" x 37.75" Folded Size = 4.25" x 9.25"

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## Customer Reviews

This map has a tiny section, less than the size of a piece of paper, in the entire huge map devoted to the Linville Gorge area. Highly useless if you are planning a trip to or visiting Linville Gorge.

I bought this for a trip to mt. Mitchell along the Black Mountain Crest Trail. The map scale is not detailed enough for a backcountry trip. I think the more popular destinations should have better detailed inset maps. It does give a great overview, just not what I was expecting.

The map material is high quality anti tear and water resistant. The topographical details is well done. Unfortunately I found out too late that it also has erroneous trail data. The problems in detail:

- 1 - Practically every trail is rated "moderate", the fact is that many of these "moderate" trails are extremely difficult.
- 2 - The extremely popular Linville Falls trail is labeled "248", Hawksbill. The Pine Gap trail just south of Linville Falls is labeled "231", the Linville Gorge Trail. Signage at both of these trailheads contradicts the NatGeo map, potentially leading to confusion.
- 3 - The route shown for the Hawksbill Trail is completely fictional. The map simultaneously omits the southern half of the Jonas Ridge Trail (#245 on the map). The Jonas Ridge Trail intersects the newly rerouted Hawksbill Trail in a way that is unfortunately confusing.
- 4 - The NatGeo map completely misrepresents access to the extremely popular Table Rock Summit Trail, giving the impression that one might hike up and over the top of Table Rock Mountain by following the Mountains-to-Sea Trail.
- 5 - The NatGeo's portrayal of the western end of Cambric Trail is not in keeping with the ground truth.
- 6 - In addition to the MST confusion at Table Rock, there is potential trouble in the south end of the gorge as well. The route is mangled and misleading. A number of access trails are omitted by the map's oversimplification.
- 7 - Only the northern end of Rock Jock (#247) is portrayed by NatGeo. The majority of the trail, and also a number of side trails, are omitted.

Be sure to check the edition ships you. According to the description this map is Publisher: Natl Geographic Society Maps; 2 edition (September 1, 2008). What sent me was an older 2006 edition.

When it comes to this type of map for offroad trails etc, two years makes a huge difference...I have returned this map along with two other maps ordered at the same time that was also older editions (#782 and #783 - both should be 2004 editions and I received 2000 editions) needs to ensure they are sending the correct editions....

This is a good map as far as cataloging trails in a given area but there are many errors so BEWARE. These National Geographic Maps are a fancy reprint of maps from the US Forest Service which are cheaper and just as erroneous but not as pretty. The error in these maps comes from not being updated since 1983, so trails have changed routes and new trails have been added. Make sure to take a good GPS with you in conjunction with the maps.

these are nice waterproof tear proof maps good for hiking. My only complaint is that on the National Geographic website it is very difficult to look on their map and decide which map to purchase based on where you were going.

Decent map but still I'm still looking for a better map on the Linville Gorge area. I wish this did a bigger blow up of it. I'm using it to route another trip at Linville Gorge and one to Mount Mitchell(never been to Mount Mitchell). [letsgehikeit.com](http://letsgehikeit.com)

If you're going to be hiking in this area this is the map to get. A map on a phone might not work too well due to some of the topography in this area, esp around Linville. The map paper is water resistant and is sturdy.

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