

LOCATION

The Map Collection at VT, the largest in the State outside of the Washington, D.C. area, is divided into two primary collections. Original historic maps are located in the Special Collections on the first floor of Newman Library. *A Guide to the Map Collection in the Special Collections Department, Newman Library, Virginia Tech* inventories the collection. The majority of maps are housed in the Map/Atlas Section on the first floor of Newman Library.

COLLECTION

Topographic coverage of the U.S. and foreign areas produced by the U.S. Geological Survey, National Imagery and Mapping Agency, Defense Mapping Agency and others form the backbone of the collection. Other important map series include maps of the Census Bureau, CIA, National Geographic Society, National Forest Service and the National Park Service. The collection is rounded out by an extensive collection of state and city road maps, raised relief maps, reproductions of historic maps and views, and nautical and aeronautical charts.

Several digital mapping resources are available. See the Maps, GIS and Cartographic Data Page at <http://www.lib.vt.edu/help/subjects/maps/gis.html>

LOCATING A MAP

Maps are divided according to format. Folded road maps are found in boxes arranged in alphabetical order by state for the U.S. and by country for the rest of the world. Flat map sheets are stored in map cases arranged by continent, country and country division. Access to the collection is by browsing the appropriately labeled drawer or box. Few maps are cataloged and are available on Addison.

ATLASES AND GAZATTEERS

Atlases, gazetteers and related reference materials are also available in the Map/Atlas Section. These complement and assist in interpreting the information available on maps. They are cataloged and available on Addison. Materials with the location designation of Newman/Maps, Newman/Maps/Folio and Newman/Maps/Reference are located in this Section.

REFERENCE SERVICES

Reference is provided from the Reference Desk. Difficult questions may be referred to Bruce Obenhaus (phone: 231-6181 or <mailto:obenhaus@vt.edu>) or Ed Brooks (phone: 231-9225 or <mailto:gisdata@vt.edu>).

CIRCULATION POLICY

Maps circulate on a limited basis. Check at the Reference Desk, second floor, for the maps lending policy. Atlases and gazetteers in the Map/Atlas Section labeled Reference or Non-circulating do not circulate. All other book materials may be checked out at the Circulation Desk.

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