

## Topographic Maps

### How to Find a Topographic Map

**Locate the correct region.**

The topographic map cases are arranged first by region.

There are five regions: Northern, Southern, Midwest, Western, and Hawaii and Alaska (including Puerto Rico).

**Locate the correct state.** Within each region, they are arranged alphabetically by state.

**Choose a series.**

Then, the maps are arranged by scale series.

There are two primary series:

1:62,500 (15 minute) and 1:24,000 (7.5 minute).

Puerto Rico is 1:20,000

**Check by the area name.** They are then arranged alphabetically by area name.

For example, Mankato is under both Mankato East and Mankato West in the 1:24,000 series.

**If there is nothing there.... See below.**

### Tips

**If the general location of the area is known,**

Locate the index maps for the appropriate series.

Find the desired area on the index map.

The brown colored name next to the desired area is the area name.

**If the general location of the area is not known,**

Use PALS or WebPALS to locate an atlas or highway map of the area.

Locate the name of the largest city or most prominent land mark within ten miles of the desired area.

Use this as the area name.

**Otherwise, Topographic Quadrangle names can be found on-line at:**

[MapQuest Map Store](#)