

## Where can you get a GPS unit?

### Purchase your own

New: GPS units are commonly sold anyplace you can buy sporting goods, hunting or fishing equipment. Check your local sporting goods store.

Used:

- Check second-hand stores near you.
- Sometimes a GPS comes up in the newspaper classifieds.
- If online buying is your thing, for sure check out internet auction sites or the "for sale" section on a geocaching forum (like <http://forums.groundspeak.com>).
- Many of us have friends who have GPS units they do not use. Ask around and you might find a friend who would sell you a unit they don't use because they don't understand it.

### Borrow a GPS Unit

As in the above, check with friends. There is a good chance someone has a GPS they don't understand or use. They might let you borrow it in exchange for future "lessons."

Many schools in South Dakota now have sets of GPS units. These are for student use and generally not available for use outside of school. However, you might find a group of students in your local school who have experience with GPS and would be willing to work with you on a GPS project.

Several organizations in South Dakota have GPS units they make available for groups to check out for projects, FREE!

- The South Dakota State Parks has distributed GPS units to education outreach staff in most state parks. In addition, we have a set of 10 10 Garmin etrex GPS units available for checkout by schools. Contact us by email ([ParkInfo@state.sd.us](mailto:ParkInfo@state.sd.us)) or call (605) 773-3391 for more information.
- The South Dakota Department of Education, Technology and Assessment <http://doe.sd.gov/octa/ddn4learning/statewide/gps/index.htm> has information on GPS and tells how teachers and groups can borrow sets of 12 GPS units from the State of South Dakota for several weeks. Contact them at (605) 773-3134.

- The South Dakota Education Public Access Resource Center (EdPARC) has two sets of 10 GPS units. EdPARC will check out and ship GPS units to you for specific dates. Contact the South Dakota State University (SDSU) Office of Remote Sensing <http://www3.sdstate.edu/Academics/CollegeOfEngineering/redirect/EngineeringResourceCenter/OfficeofRemoteSensing/Index.cfm> or call them at (605) 688-4184.
- A set of GPS units are available on loan from the SD Discovery Center & Aquarium, Pierre, SD. Contact them at (605) 224-8295, [info@sd-discovery.com](mailto:info@sd-discovery.com) or visit [www.sd-discovery.com](http://www.sd-discovery.com)

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- Black Hills State University (BHSU) Center for Advancement of Math and Science Education (CAMSE)
- Plant Science Department, SDSU
- The Outdoor Campus, Sioux Falls, SD Game, Fish and Parks
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