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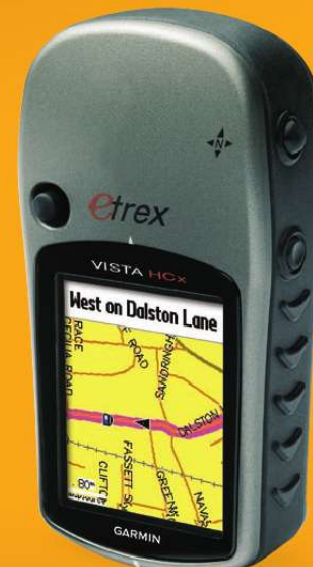
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To quickly return to the Main Menu from any page, press the MENU key twice. To extend battery life, turn off the GPS when not using the eTrex for navigation. Decrease the level of the display's backlight by quickly pressing and releasing the POWER key. Optional ccessories For a complete list of available accessories and maps for use with the eTrex, refer to <http://buy.garmin.com>.

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Optional belt clip (attaches to belt or waistband) USB connector port (under weather cap) 1. Removethebattery coverbyturningthe lockingring1/4turn counter-clockwise andpullingthecover loose. 2. Insertthebatteries, observingtheproper Locking pin slot polarity. PUSH TO EJECT Battery compartment Belt clip knob Remove the batteries when you do not plan to use the unit for several months. Stored data is not lost when batteries are removed. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual Lanyard installation Auxiliary mount adapter (Do not discard. This adapter attaches to the unit for connection to mounting kits.) GetInG Started Operating the eTrex Understanding Terms Select--move the highlighted area on the screen up, down, left, or right with the ENTER/ROCKER key to select individual fields. Key--when you are directed to press a key, press and quickly release the key.

Field--the location on a page where data or an option can be shown or entered. On-screen button--use the ENTER/ROCKER key to select a button, and press it in to ENTER. Scroll bar--when viewing a list of items too long to appear on the screen, a scroll bar appears next to the list. To scroll through a list, press up or down on the ROCKER, or use the In and Out keys. Default--the factory setting saved in the unit's memory.

You can change the settings, and revert to the factory settings when you select Restore Defaults. On-screen buttons Highlighted field Field Manual Conventions In this manual, when you are instructed to select an item, small arrows (>) appear in the text. They indicate that you should highlight a series of items on the screen using the ROCKER, and press in to ENTER after each item. For example, if you see "select Service > Show Info," you should highlight Service, and press ENTER. Then highlight Show Info, and press ENTER again.

eTrex HC series Owner's Manual GetInG Started Key Functions ENTER/ROCKER key Rock up or down or right or left to move through lists; highlight fields, on-screen buttons, or icons; enter data; or move the map panning arrow. Press in and release to enter highlighted options and data or confirm on-screen messages.



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Press in and hold at any time to MARK your current location as a waypoint. QUIT/PAGE key Press to cycle through the main pages. Press and hold to turn the compass on or off (Vista HCx and Summit HC only). POWER key Press and hold to turn on or off. Press and release for backlighting or to view time, date, and battery capacity. IN/OUT Zoom keys From the Map page, press to zoom the map in or out. From any other page, press to scroll up or down a list or move a highlighted slider. MENU/FIND key Press and release to view the Options Menu for a page.

Press and hold to display the Find Menu. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual GettInG Started Turning on the eTrex PressandholdPOWER. To initialize your eTrex: To turn the eTrex on and off: djusting the Backlight 1. PressandquicklyreleasethePOWERkey. 2. PressupontheROCKERtoincreasethe brightnessanddowntodecrease. 3. PressENTERorQUIT toclose. To adjust the backlight level: Holdtheunitinfrontofyoufacingthesky.

WhiletheGPSreceiverissearchingforthesatellitesignals,a"LocatingSatellites" messageisreplacedbyan"Acquiring Satellites"messageuntilenoughsignalsare acquired to fix its location.

The outer circle represents the horizon. The inner circle is a location 5 degrees from the horizon. Initializing the GPS Receiver The first time you turn on your eTrex, the GPS receiver must collect satellite data and establish its current location. To receive satellite signals, you must be outdoors and have a clear view of the sky. The number of each overhead satellite is shown.

The strength of each satellite signal is shown. If the unit cannot establish a satellite fix, a list of solutions appears. Highlight the appropriate solution, and press ENTER. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual GettInG Started The Status Bar and Date and Time The Status Bar and Date/Time Window appear below the backlight adjustment slider when you press and release POWER. Using the Mapping Databases Status Bar - Date/Time Window Power to the unit is provided by batteries or from an auxiliary source.

Power status is shown on the Main Menu and the Status Bar. The Battery Power icon shows the remaining power as the battery is depleted. The external power icon is shown when the unit is powered externally. Satellite signal status is shown when searching for or acquiring satellites, a 2D fix is attained and a 3D fix is attained. The Electronic Compass (Vista HCx and Summit HC only) appears when activated. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual Many of the eTrex features require detailed mapping data to be fully operational, so you need to transfer maps before using the unit. The eTrex Vista HCx and Legend HCx are equipped with a slot for a microSD card (user provided) that can be loaded with detailed maps from optional MapSource disks. With selected MapSource mapping data, you can view listings of nearby restaurants, lodging, shopping centers, attractions and entertainment, and addresses. The amount of data transferable is 24 MB for the eTrex Summit HC and Venture HC, for the eTrex Vista HCx and Legend HCx it is determined by the size of the microSD card.

Use the USB Interface Cable, provided with the unit, to transfer MapSource data from a computer to the microSD card when installed in the eTrex.

Purchase additional microSD cards at your local electronics supplier, or see the Garmin Web site: www.garmin.com for compatible MapSource products and pre-lation to a new location. 1. PressFIND >Waypoints. 2. Selectthewaypointyouwantoproject.The WaypointInformationpageopens. 3. PressMENU>Project Waypointtoopenthe ProjectWaypointpage.

4. Enterthedistanceandbearingtotheprojected waypoint in the appropriate fields, and press QUIT when finished. To project a waypoint: Proximity Waypoints Page 1. PressMENUtwice>Proximity. 2.

Selectanemptyline,andpressENTER. 3. SelectawaypointfromtheWaypointsListor fromanyothergroupofFinditemstoopenthe informationpagefortheitem. 4. SelectUsetoaddthepointtothelistonthe Proximity Waypoints page.

5. UsingtheROCKER,selecttheRadius field andenteravalue. To add a proximity waypoint: eTrex HC series Owner's Manual BaSic operatIon To clear one or all proximity waypoints from the list: Using the Find Menu Toremoveasingleentry,pressENTER.To removeallwaypointsfromthelist,pressMENU >Remove ll. 1.

SelectProximity larm Tones (eTrex HCx units only). The tone for alarms on the eTrex HCunitsispre-set. 2. Use the setup page on HCx units to assign tonestothetypesofalarmlisted.SpeedAlerts areobtainedbyusingPOILoader.

(seepage16). 3. Whenuoutriggeranalarm,atonesoundsand a "Near Proximity Point" message appears. Whenoutsidethesetradius,a"Leaving Proximity Point" message is shown. To set proximity alarm tones: Find Menu with optional MapSource data Use the Find Menu to search for waypoints, geocaches, cities, and exits in the eTrex basemap. Additional icons appear depending on the optional MapSource data loaded to the unit. Press and hold the FIND key to open the Find Menu. When you access a Find group list, it contains items near your current location or the map pointer. The options menu for each category contains search options. Select a Category.

eTrex HC series Owner's Manual To turn proximity alarms on or off: PressMENUtwice>Proximity (eTrex HCx andHCunits) > Proximity larm Tones(eTrex HCx units) andcheckorunchecktheProximity larms box. 0 BaSic operatIon Find By Name Use Find By Name, if you know the name of the location you want to find. 1. PressandholdFINDtoopentheFindMenu. 2.

Selecttheiconforthetypeofitemyouwant tosearchfor,orsearchtheentiredatabaseby selectingll Points of Interest. 3. PressMENU>Find By Name. 4.

UsetheROCKERtooperatetheon-screen keypadandenterthenameofthelocation you want to find.

When the Find list contains a match,highlightOK. 5. SelectthelocationitemfromtheFindlistand pressENTER.Theitem'sinformationpage opens,allowingyoutosavetheitemasa waypoint,showtheitemonthemap,orcreate aroutetotheitem(GoTo). Recent Finds The Recent Finds page shows a list of the last 50 items you have searched for or gone to recently. To find a location using Find By Name: Recent Finds icon List of recently found items 1.

PressandholdFIND. 2. SelectRecent Find. 3.

UsetheROCKERtoselecttheitemyouwant togoto,andpressENTER. 4. SelectGo Totobeginnavigation. To go to a recently found item: eTrex HC series Owner's Manual BaSic operatIon Using the Find Item Information Page When you select an item from the Find item list and press ENTER, detailed information about the item is shown. Each information page contains three onscreen buttons. Different buttons appear depending on whether you are selecting a Find item to navigate to, or adding a Find item to a route list as a waypoint. Find Information Page Options Menu 1. WithaninformationpageopenforaFinditem, pressMENUtoopentheOptionsMenu. 2. UsetheROCKERtoselectanoption: To use the Options Menu: · Average Location--sample a new waypoint location over time, and average the result for a more accurate location reference.



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See page 9. · **Project Waypoint**--create a new waypoint referencing another location by entering bearing and distance from the referenced location. See page 9. · **Find Near Here**--return to the Find Menu to search for map items near the item. · **Change Reference**--point to a new location on the Map page using the pointer.

· **Set Proximity**--program an alarm to sound when you are within a specified radius of an item. · **Add To Route**--include this item on a new route or add it to an existing route. See page 20. · **View Sun and Moon**--view Sun and Moon tables for this item's location. See page 44.

· **View Hunt and Fish**--view Hunt and Fish tables for this item's location. See page 44. · **Map Information**--show the map from which the map item originated. See page 6 for information about downloading detailed maps. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual BaSiC operatIon 1. Press and hold FIND. 2. Select a category. 3. Select an item from the Find list.

4. Press MENU, select Find Near Here. The Find Menu opens with each category containing items near the item selected. 5. Select a category icon, and press ENTER to open a Find list of items near the item. To find an item near another item: Finding a Waypoint The Waypoints page contains a list of all saved waypoints.

Waypoints are stored in alphanumeric order and are identified by an assigned symbol. 1. Press and hold FIND. 2.

Select Waypoints and choose a waypoint. To find a waypoint: 1. Press and hold FIND. 2. Select an icon on the Find Menu.

3. Press MENU, select Change Reference. The Map page appears. 4. Use the ROCKER top arrow (pointer) to the map location you want.

The Find list shows a list of items near the new map location. To find an item from another location on the map: Waypoints icon Finding a Geocache Select Geocache to view the list of geocache locations created by you or downloaded from your computer. A geocache location is a waypoint with a geocache symbol to separate it from others. For more information about geocaching, log on to <http://my.garmin.com>, and click "Go Geocaching." eTrex HC series Owner's Manual BaSiC operatIon 1. Press and hold FIND. 2. Highlight Geocache.

You can view found geocaches or those that have not been found. 3. Use the ROCKER to highlight a geocache on the list. 4. Select Go To to navigate to the geocache location. When navigating to a geocache, the Compass page changes to Geocache Navigation mode and any additional information about the downloaded cache location is shown in the comment field. To find a geocache: Finding a City Select Cities from the Find Menu to find any city listed in the mapping data. 1. Press and hold FIND. 2.

Select Cities. The Cities page shows a list of cities near your current location. 3. Select a city from the list, and press ENTER. OR If the city you want is not listed, press MENU > select a search method.

To find a city: When a geocache is found, the unit marks the cache as found, logs an entry into the calendar, and provides an option that shows the nearest cache. Finding an Interstate Exit Use the Exits icon on the Find Menu to find an interstate exit. 1. Press and hold FIND. 2.

Select Exits. A list of interstate exits near your location is shown. To find an interstate exit: eTrex HC series Owner's Manual BaSiC operatIon 3.

Use the ROCKER to select an exit, and press ENTER. This page contains the exit description, a list of available services near the exit, and the distance and bearing from the exit to the highlighted service. 4. Select a service from the list, and press ENTER. 1. Press and hold FIND. 2.

Select addresses. NOTE: If your unit has a GPS fix, the <Enter Region> field is populated with To find an address: Finding an Address If you downloaded detailed mapping data, use the Addresses icon on the Find Menu to find an address. When you enter the street number, street name, and city, the find feature matches that data with addresses in the map database. your current region. You do not have to specify a city in the <Enter City>, because the database has information for the entire region. 3. Select the <Enter Number> field and type the street number using the on-screen keypad. Select OK. 4. Select the <Enter Street Name> field. The street list opens.

5. Use the on-screen keypad to enter the street name. Select OK. A list of matches appears. 6.

Select the address. Addresses icon Finding an Intersection addresses Page This feature also requires detailed mapping data. Follow the basic steps for finding an address when searching for an intersection. 5 eTrex HC series Owner's Manual BaSiC operatIon Searching for a Point of Interest If you downloaded MapSource detailed mapping, you can use the All Points of Interest category on the Find Menu to locate a nearby restaurant, lodging, landmark, public building, or select a category. 1.

Press and hold FIND. 2. Select all Points of Interest to show a list of all points near your current location. 3. Press MENU. 4. Select an item from the list, and press ENTER. Using Tracks The Tracks feature creates an electronic bread crumb trail, or "track log," on the Map page as you travel. The track log contains information about points along its path. The track log starts recording as soon as the unit gets a location fix.

The percentage of memory used by the current track log appears at the top of the Tracks page. Percentage of memory used To find a point of interest: POI Loader and Custom Points of Interest List of saved tracks You can create your own category for points of interest by using the Garmin POI Loader utility for HCx units, downloadable from the Garmin Web site: www.garmin.com/products/poiloader/. Follow the Help instructions to use POI Loader. Tracks Page 1.

Press MENU twice to open the Main Menu. 2. Select Tracks. 3.

Select the Clear button. A confirmation message appears. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual To clear the track log: BaSiC operatIon 1.

Press MENU twice > Tracks. 2.

Select Setup. To set up a track log: Data card option (HCx units only) · Color--select the color of the active track on the map. · Log Track to Data Card--(HCx units only) records the current track log to the microSD card, in addition to the unit's internal memory. Using this option allows you to record a large number of track points (depending on the capacity of the microSD card). Track logs on the data card are .

gpx GPS position data files, and are not used by your unit. 1. Press MENU twice > Tracks. 2. Select Save. A message appears asking you if you want to save the entire track. 3. Select Yes to save the track. · Wrap When Full--the track log records over the oldest data with new data. · Record Method--distance records track points after a specified distance is traveled. Time creates track points after a specified time has elapsed.

Auto (recommended) allows you to choose from five intervals. · Interval--records a track according to the Record Method and Interval. Enter a specific distance, time, or frequency. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual To save the entire track log: BaSiC operatIon Track name Calculated area Track distance Track color Saved Track Page 1.



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Press MENU twice > Tracks. 2. Select Save. 3. Select Not to save only a portion of the track log. 4. Use the ROCKERT to move the pointer to the point on the track line that you want to be the beginning point, and press ENTER. 5. Repeat to select an ending point. Select OK. To save a portion of the track log: 1.

With the Track Log Setup pages shown, select Data Card Setup. 2. Highlight the Log Track to Data Card option, and then press ENTER. A current date .gpx file appears in the Data Card Tracks list.

This file is a continuous compilation of all track data for the indicated date. As long as this feature is enabled, a new file is recorded for each day you use the unit. Recording continues until the card is filled. 3. Use the USB cable to connect the unit to your computer, then access the USB Mass Storage feature explained on page 38. Open the track logs using Garmin MapSource or another .gpx file-compatible application. 4. To delete the set track logs from the microSD card, highlight individual logs, and then press ENTER. NOTE: Do not remove the microSD card from the unit while logging a track or corruption of the data can result.

To log tracks to an HCx unit microSD card: eTrex HC series Owner's Manual Basic operation To view a track on the map: On the Saved Track page, select Map. A map showing the entire track appears. Begin and End markers and waypoints are added to the track. Track Profiles A Track Elevation Profile is created from elevation readings when using the eTrex Summit HC or the eTrex Vista HCx. All units show profiles, if using Digital Elevation Model (DEM) maps. Refer to the Garmin Web site for information about these maps. 1. Open the Saved Track page, and press MENU. 2. Select Profile. The beginning of the track is marked by a flag. Use the ROCKERT to scroll across the track profile. At any point along the profile, press ENTER to show it on the map. 3. Press MENU to use Zoom Range and Hide Symbols options.

Elevation Begin marker Distance from begin and end points End marker To view a track profile: Saved track on the Map page 1.

With the Track Log page open and the Track Log on, press MENU. 2. Select Area Calculation, and press ENTER. 3.

Press ENTER to start the area calculation. As you move and define the area's boundaries, a Stop button appears on the page. 4. When finished defining the area, press ENTER, and select Save. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual To calculate the area of a track: Track Profile Page Basic operation Navigating a Saved Track 1. With the Saved Track page for the track or the Track Log open, select TracBack, to show the track. Select the point to TracBack. 2.

Use the ROCKERT to move the pointer to the point on the map to start navigating the TracBack. 3.

Select Follow Road (HCx units with detailed map only) to route back to the point using available roadways, or select Follow Track to retrace your original path of travel. The Map page gives directions to the first turn on the track. 4. Move in the direction of the first turn. At the first turn, directions to each turn are shown. 5. Select MENU > Stop Navigation to exit. 1. With a saved track on the map, use the ROCKERT to move the pointer on the track point that you want to mark as a user waypoint. 2.

Press and hold ENTER. 0 To use the TracBack feature: Creating a Route Routing creates a sequence of waypoints that lead you to your final destination. The eTrex stores 50 routes with up to 250 points each. Create or modify a route using the Routes page, and add waypoints to a route. Create complex routes using MapSource mapping.

Route Page Route on the Map Page To create a waypoint on a saved track: 1. Press MENU twice > Routes. 2. Select New > <Select Next Point>. 3.

Use the Find Menu to select a route waypoint from one of the Find groups. 4. Select Use to add it to the route. 5. Select Navigate. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual To create a route: Basic operation Methods for routing you to a destination - If you select Go To on the Waypoint page, or for other Find items, a straight path is created. - If you select Navigate when on a Route page, the eTrex uses a route made of waypoints or Find Menu items. It navigates directly from point to point. - When using an eTrex HCx unit, both navigation methods change when you select the Follow Roads option on the Routing Setup page. Both Go To navigation and point-to-point allow you to Auto-route using roads.

Auto-routing uses roadways in the map database to automatically calculate a route to your destination. Turns on roadways are preceded by a guidance message with a graphic of the turn. Using Auto-Routing (Auto-Routing is a feature available only with the eTrex Vista HCx and Legend HCx.) This feature is enabled when using City Navigator® mapping data. When you select a destination, and select Go To, you are queried, "Follow Road" or "Off Road." Using Follow Roads increases the number of turns and shows an Active Route page. Select Off Road to view only a list of route points. A "Calculating Route" message appears until the route calculation is complete. Your route appears as a magenta line overlaying the map. Navigating a Route 1.

Press MENU twice > Routes. 2. Select a saved route > Navigate. 3. To stop navigating, press MENU > Stop Navigation.

eTrex HC series Owner's Manual To navigate a saved route: Route on Map Page Basic operation 1. From the Routes page, select a saved route. 2.

Select Navigate to begin navigation. 3.

@ @ @ @ 4. @ @ @ @ Press MENU twice > Routes. @ @ 3. @ @ 1. Press MENU twice > Routes > MENU. 2. Select Off Road Transition > Route Leg Transition. 3. @ @ To change the name of the route: 1. @ @ @ @ The eTrex Legend HCx and Venture HC do not have the Altimeter page.

Cycle through these pages by pressing QUIT. @ @ @ @ The Satellite page appears only at start up. Each page has an options menu.

@ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ The position marker shows your travel on the Map page. @ @ @ @ Press MENU > Data Fields. The Show sub-menu appears. 2. @ @ 1. Press MENU > Change Data Fields. The first data field is highlighted.

2. Press ENTER. 3. Select an option. 4.

@ @ To review map information: 1. From the Map page, press MENU > Setup Map. 2. @ @ @ @ If no further map information is available, "overzoom" appears under the zoom range. When using MapSource maps, "mapsource" appears below the scale.

5 eTrex HC series Owner's Manual Main page Map Orientation There are two map orientations in the Setup Map option. North Up orients the map like a paper map. Track Up orients the map in the direction of travel. Map Page Options - Stop (Resume) Navigation - stops/resumes navigation. - Recalculate - recalculates a route. - Data Fields - opens the Show sub-menu so you can select the number of data fields to show: Map Only, 1 Wide Data Field, 2 Data Fields, 2 Wide Data Fields, 3 Data Fields, or 4 Data Fields. - Change Data Fields - allows you to select the type of data in the data fields. This option is available if data fields are selected. - Guidance Text - shows messages on the screen advising you of your next navigation move. - Setup Map - accesses six pages of display options.

- Measure Distance (Stop Measuring) - measures the distance from your current location to the map pointer. - Turn Declutter On (Off) - eliminates the display of items that can block road details.

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· Restore Defaults--returns to factory defaults. Guidance Text When navigating, guidance text appears above the map. Guidance Text gives directions to a destination. Guidance text 1. Press MENU > Guidance Text. 2. Select ways Show, Never Show, or Show When Navigating. To show guidance text: If you select Always Show, a guidance message always appears.

If you select Show When Navigating, a guidance message appears until you select Stop Navigation. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS Measuring Distance 1. Press MENU > Measure Distance. An on-screen arrow appears at your location with "REF" below it. 2.

Move the arrow to the reference point (the starting point you want to measure from), and press ENTER. A pushpin icon marks the starting point. 3. Move the arrow to the point you want to measure. The distance between the two points is shown in the upper-right corner.

To measure distance between two points: Compass Page The Compass page guides you to your destination with a graphic compass display and a bearing or course pointer. Bearing pointer The compass ring moves to indicate North orientation. Compass Page The rotating compass ring indicates the direction you are heading. The bearing and course pointers indicate the direction (bearing to or course of travel) to your destination, relative to your current heading direction. Choose a bearing pointer or course pointer for guidance. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS Using the Electronic Compass (All of the eTrex HC series units use a GPS data driven compass but only the Vista HCx and Summit HC have an additional electronic compass.) When you press and hold QUIT on these units, the electronic compass turns off and stays off until you press and hold QUIT again. The electronic compass functions like a magnetic compass when you are stationary. When you are moving and reach a pre-set speed, it uses data from the GPS receiver to maintain your heading. When you stop (after a pre-set time), it again operates like a magnetic compass.

To turn the electronic compass on or off: 1. Press and hold QUIT to turn the electronic compass on or off. The compass icon appears in the status bar when the electronic compass is on. When you are not using the electronic compass, turn it off to conserve batteries. When it is turned off, the unit uses the GPS receiver for navigation. 2. Hold the Vista HCx level to get an accurate electronic compass reading. 1. Press MENU twice > Setup. 2.

Select Heading. 3. Select Switch to compass heading when below...

4. Use the numeric keypad to enter a speed. 5. Select for more than...

...to set the time delay from the time options list. Setting the speed and time for Compass to On and Off: Calibrating the Electronic Compass Calibrate the electronic compass outdoors when you first use the Vista HCx or Summit HC. To ensure continued accuracy, calibrate after installing new batteries, after moving more than 100 miles (160 km), or experiencing a temperature change greater than 68° F (20° C) from the last calibration. The accuracy of the electronic compass is also adversely affected if the unit is not held level or you are near objects that affect magnetic fields, such as cars or buildings. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS To calibrate the electronic compass: 1. Press MENU > Calibration. 2. With Start selected, press ENTER, and follow on-screen directions for holding and turning the unit.

Hold the unit level and turn slowly. Compass Page Options · A Just Right, Too Fast, or Too Slow message appears notifying you to adjust your turning speed. Hold the unit level while turning. · A Calibration Successful message appears when finished. · If a Calibration Failed message appears, repeat the process. 3.

Press ENTER to return to the Compass page. · Sight N Go--navigate to an object within your sight (Vista HCx and Summit HC only). · Stop/Resume Navigation--turns active navigation for a route or Go To on and off. · Recalculate--recalculates the path to a destination.

· Course or Bearing Pointer--toggles between the course pointer and the bearing pointer. · Data Fields--selects the number of data fields that appear on the Compass page. · Change Data Fields--selects the type of data you want to show in the data fields. · Calibrate Compass--accesses the compass Calibration page (Vista HCx and Summit HC only). · Restore Defaults--returns to factory settings.

eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS Sight N Go Navigation Sight N Go navigation is available only on the Summit HC and Vista HCx with electronic compass. To use Sight N Go to navigate: 1. Press MENU > Sight N Go to start the feature. The compass ring with pointer is in-line with the two white sighting marks, one at the base of the screen and one at the top of the screen. 4.

Begin traveling to your destination on a course line using the course pointer as a guide. OR Select Project Waypoint. Project Waypoint Page Sighting Page 2.

Hold the unit at eye level and line up the two sighting marks with the distant object. Press ENTER to lock the direction. 3. Select Set Course. 0 5.

Enter an estimated distance from your current location to establish a projected waypoint location. 6.

Select Go To to open the Map page and begin navigation to the projected waypoint. The Compass page shows a bearing pointer for guidance. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS Using the Course or Bearing Pointer The bearing pointer and course pointer are independent of each other. The bearing pointer indicates the direction to your destination, and the course pointer indicates your relationship to a course line leading to the destination. If the bearing pointer arrow is pointing straight up, for example, you are going directly to your destination. If it points any direction other than up, turn toward that direction until the arrow is pointing up and then continue in that direction. The bearing pointer points to the destination. If you are using the course pointer option, and you drift away from the line of travel from your original location to your destination, the course deviation indicator (an arrow with horizontal dotted line) provides graphic indication of drift (right or left) according to the scale shown on the compass ring. Move to the right or left to get back on course. 0.

25 mi Scale The course pointer indicates your course of travel from your original location and the distance off course. The bearing pointer always indicates the direction to your destination from your current location. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS Itinerary Page (The Altimeter page is provided with the Vista HCx and Summit HC only.) The Altimeter page shows you a profile of elevation changes over distance or time, or a profile of pressure changes over time. Selectable data fields Range grid measurement scale Elevation profile Altimeter Page Options Rate of ascent and descent Itinerary Page Current elevation Configure the profile field in the center of the page to show either elevation or ambient pressure plots.

Data fields at the top of the page are user selectable.



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· View Elevation Plot--Over Time or Over Distance--view over a set period of time or over a set distance. · View Pressure Plot--Barometer or Ambient Pressure--view a plot of elevation changes that occur over a set distance or view changes in barometric pressure for a set period of time. · Zoom Ranges--set the Zoom Ranges for elevation, distance, or time when you show the View Elevation Plot. Customize the View option displays using the Zoom Ranges option. · Change Data Fields--select the type of data you want to show in the data fields. · Reset--reset the elevation data and the maximum elevation data. · Calibrate Altimeter--if you know the correct elevation for your location, increase accuracy by using the Calibrate Altimeter option. · Restore Defaults--clears recorded data from the page and begin recording new data. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS Plot Over Time or Distance These two measurement options (changes over a set period of time or changes over a set distance) apply only to the View Elevation Plot option. View Pressure Plot is measured by time. 2. Adjustthetimeanddistancemeasurement usingtheelevationplotZoom Rangesoption. 3. Tocleartheplot,cleartheTrackLog.

Adjusting the Zoom Ranges Set the zoom ranges for elevation, distance, or time when you use the View Elevation Plot. Elevation Over Distance plot Pressure Over Time Plot Zoom Range Selection View Pressure or Elevation Plots Select the View Elevation Plot to plot elevation. Select View Pressure Plot to barometric pressure. To view elevation or pressure plots: 1. SelecttheoptionyouwantfromtheAltimeter optionsmenutoshowtheplot. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual To adjust zoom ranges: 1. Selectthetypeofplotyouwanttoshowand usetheROCKERtoselectZoomRanges. 2. MovetheROCKERupordowntoadjustthe verticaldistance,andlefttorighttoadjustthe timeordistance.PressENTERto return.

MaIn paGeS View Points Scroll through a recorded elevation or pressure profile to view the elevation or pressure, time of day, and date the point was created. Red crosshairs View Points on Map View the location of points on the Map page. 1. WiththeAltimeterpageopen,usethe ROCKERtomovethecrosshairstothepoint. 2.

PressENTERtoshowthepointonthemap. To view altitude points on the Map Page: Resetting Data To reset the elevation data and max elevation fields: 1. PressMENU>Reset. 2. Selecttheresetoptions,andpressENTERto placeacheckbyanoption.

View point for an altitude plot View point for a pressure plot 1. PressMENU>View Pressure PlotorView Elevation Plottoopen thePlotpage. 2. UsetheROCKERtoscrollthecrosshairs across the profile. As the cross hairs move across the profile, the status window at the bottomofthepagechangestoshowthedata, time,andaltitudeorpressureforthepoint. To use the View Points option: Reset Page eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS 3. Highlightpply,andpressENTERtoresetthe data fields. A confirmation message appears. Trip Computer Page Calibrating the Altimeter Because the altimeter relies on the barometric pressure to determine the elevation and the pressure at any given elevation can fluctuate, calibrate the altimeter to increase its accuracy. To manually calibrate the altimeter: 1.

PressMENU>Calibrate ltimeter. 2. Atthemessage"DoYouKnowTheCorrect Elevation?"selectYes.Ifyoudonotknowthe elevation,selectNotouse thepressureoption. Ifyoudonotknowthe pressure,selectNotouse the defaultGPS elevation. 3. UsetheROCKERtoenterthenew elevationor pressure.SelectOK. The Trip Computer page shows eight types of navigation data. Choosing Big Numbers arranges the page in three large data fields. Trip Computer Page Each data field is selectable and can contain one of many data information options. When the data field title is selected, press ENTER to make a new choice. Trip Computer Page Options The option menu allows you to reset the Trip Computer data when you are ready to start a new trip, choose between Big or Small Numbers, and Restore Defaults. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual 5 MaIn paGeS Main Menu The Main Menu contains settings and features not found on the main pages and sub-menus. The time and date are shown at the bottom of this page.

The Main Menu is accessible from any page by pressing MENU twice. To select an item on the Main Menu, highlight the menu item, and press ENTER. Tracks For more information, see page 16. Routes Page For more information, see page 20. Highway Page Main Menu Highway Page NOTE: If a page is added to the Main Page sequence, the icon for that page does not appear on the Main Menu.

The Highway page takes you point by point to your final destination. To navigate using the Highway page: Whilenavigating,selectHighwayfromthe MainMenu,andobserveyourpathoftravel displayedonthehighwaygraphic. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS Setup Menu Display Setup Page To access the Setup Menu: FromtheMainMenu,selectSetup. System Setup Page To access the System Setup page: FromtheSetupMenu,selectSystem. You can choose a display mode, a color scheme for day and for night viewing, adjust the amount of time that the backlight stays on, and set the level of brightness. To access the Display Setup page: FromtheSetupMenu,selectDisplay. · GPS--choose one of the GPS options other than Normal to save battery power. · WAAS/EGNOS--set Enable or Disable WAAS /EGNOS. · Battery Type--set the Battery Type for more accurate battery capacity status. · External Power Lost--set the unit to turn off if external power is lost.

· Proximity Alarms--turn Proximity Alarms on and off (eTrex HCx units only). Use the option menu to restore defaults, or view the version of unit software and the Unit I.D. number. · Display Mode--set for Auto (changes from day to night mode and back again at dusk and dawn), Day only, or Night only. · Daytime/Nighttime Color Scheme Selection-- set in Day and Night modes to one of 10 color schemes. · Backlight Timeout--choose from Stays On or delays of 15 seconds, 30 seconds, one minute, or two minutes. · Backlight Level--use the slider to adjust the brightness. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS Interface Setup Page Use when connecting to a computer. To access the Interface Setup page: FromtheSetupMenu,selectInterface.

The available interface format is Garmin--the proprietary format used to exchange waypoint, track, and map data with a computer. To activate USB Mass Storage for HCx units: NOTE: If you have several network drives mapped to your computer, log on without connecting to the network or click Start > Settings > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Computer Management > Storage > Disk Management and remap a drive letter for the storage device. 4. Afterthetransfer,endtheUSBcableconnection. Tones Setup Page 1.



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Connect the unit to a computer. 2. Select USB Mass Storage, and press ENTER. 3. Double-click My Computer to observe a new Removable Drive listing. This setup page allows you to select a unique tone for each of the tone applications. (For proximity alarm tones, see page 10.) To view information for the microSD card: Press MENU prior to opening the USB Mass Storage page and select Card Info. 1. Double-click the My Computer icon. 2. Browse the computer for the file. 3. For a computer, select the file, Edit > Copy. Page Sequence Setup Use to add, remove, or reorder any of the Main pages.

To move, insert or remove a Main Page: 1. From the Setup Menu select Page Seq. 2. To rearrange a page in the page sequence, select the page > ENTER. Select Move. 3. To insert a new page, select the page you want it inserted before, press ENTER > Insert. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual To transfer files to the microSD card: MaIn paGeS Map Setup Page Use the Map Setup page to adjust how items are shown on the Map page. To customize the Map Page display: 1. Press MENU > Setup Map.

The top of the page contains icons for each setup page. 2. Use the ROCKET to select a page and to move up and down the feature fields on each page. General Points Information Map Setup General Page The Map Setup General page contains the settings for Orientation, Below, Auto Zoom, Detail, and Lock On Road. Map Setup General Page Tracks Text Marine 3.

With a Map Setup feature highlighted, press ENTER to show the list of options for that feature. Each page has a sub-menu of general options. To access this menu, press MENU with the preferred setup page displayed. · Orientation--selects how the map is shown. North Up always shows north at the top of the page.

Track Up shows your current track toward the top of the page. · Below--sets the map scale at which the Track Up feature displays. All scales above that revert to the North Up map orientation. · Auto Zoom--zooms the map scale to include the beginning and ending points of a route. · Detail--selects the degree of map detail shown. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS · Lock On Road--locks the map pointer to display on the nearest road, compensating for variances in map position accuracy. Map Setup Tracks Page Use the Map Setup Tracks page settings for Saved Tracks, Track Log, Track Points, and Go To Line. Map Setup Points Page Use the Map Setup Points page to set the map scale at which Map Points, User Waypoints, Street Label, and Land Cover appear on the Map page. Select Auto, Off, or from 20 ft to 500 mi (5 m to 800 km). Map Setup Points Page Map Setup Tracks Page · Saved Tracks--sets the maximum zoom range at which saved tracks are shown on the map.

· Track Log--sets the maximum zoom range at which active track logs are shown. · Track Points--sets the maximum number of track points used to record a track. · Go To Line--selects either a bearing or course line for navigating a track. 0 Map Setup Text Page Use the Map Setup Text page to select the text size for descriptions of map items on the Map page. You can select from Small, Medium, or Large. Map Setup Text Page eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS Map Setup Information Page Use the Map Setup Information page to view a list of downloaded detailed maps such as topographic, marine charts, and maps with auto-routing capability. Highlight a map to show it on the map or turn it off. · Marine Colors--toggles colors on or off. · Spot Soundings--toggles spot soundings on or off. · Light Sectors--select from On, Off, and Auto.

· Symbol Set--select the symbol set to use (Auto, GARMIN, NOAA, International). Routing Setup Map Setup Information Page Choose options for guidance and following roads (Vista HCx and Legend HCx only). To setup Routing: From the Setup Menu, select Routing. Press MENU to view options for displaying maps. Map Setup Marine Page Use the Map Setup Marine page to customize settings for marine colors, spot soundings, light sectors, and symbol sets. Geocache Setup See the Garmin web site for information on geocache locations: <http://my.garmin.com>, and click Go Geocaching. To setup the Geocache feature: 1. Access the Setup Menu, select Geocache.

2. Select the symbol fields if you want to assign other symbols. Map Setup Marine Page eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS 3. Select Yes or No for a calendar entry when a geocache is found. Marine Alarms Setup To access the Marine Setup Page: From the Setup Menu, select Marine. · Anchor Drag Alarm--sets an alarm when you exceed a specified drift distance. · Off Course Alarm--sets an alarm to sound when off course. Time Setup. To access the Time Setup page: From the Setup Menu, select Time. · Time Format--choose from 12-hour or 24-hour time format.

· Time Zone--set to one of the eight US Time Zones or 24 International Time Zones. · Daylight Saving Time--On, Off or Auto. · Position Format--sets the coordinate system in which a location is shown. · Map Datum--sets the description for geographic location, for mapping and navigation, and is not an actual map in the unit. · Distance/Speed--sets the unit of measurement to show your speed and distance. · Elevation (Vert. Speed)--sets the unit of measurement (Feet (ft/min), Meters (m/min), or Meters (m/sec)). · Depth--select the unit of measurement (Feet, Fathoms, or Meters). · Pressure--sets the unit of measurement (Inches, Millibars, or Hectopascals) to show pressure. Heading Setup Page You can select the type of heading mode.

To access the Heading Setup page: From the Setup Menu, select Heading. Units Setup To access the Units Setup page: From the Setup Menu, select Units. · Display--choose from Cardinal Letters, Degrees or Mils. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual MaIn paGeS · North Reference--choose from True, Magnetic, Grid or User options. The following two features apply to the Vista HCx and Summit HC only: · Switch to compass heading when below-- enter the selected speed for the unit to switch from using GPS to using the electronic compass for guidance. · for more than...--enter a time limit to switch to the compass. 3.

Select the Barometer Mode field to specify "Variable Elevation" (used when you are moving) or "Fixed Elevation" (used when stationary). Welcome Page Setup Insert a message when you turn the unit on. To setup the Welcome Page: 1. From the Setup Menu, select Welcome Message. 2. Use the on-screen keyboard to begin entering your message in the Welcome Message field. Calibration Setup Page For the Vista HCx and Summit HC only. Refer to page 28 and page 35. Jumpmaster Setup Altimeter Setup To setup the altimeter: 1. From Setup Menu, select altimeter.

2. Select the auto Calibration field to select on or off. When on, elevation is corrected by GPS. Jumpmaster is designed for experienced skydivers and is an option for the eTrex Vista HCx and Summit HC only.



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Refer the Garmin Web site for detailed information about this feature. Go to the Vista HCx or Summit HC page, and select Manuals. Proximity Waypoints Use the Proximity Waypoints page to define an alarm circle around a waypoint. See page 9. eTrex HC series Owner's Manual Main page S Calendar To access the Calendar: Hunt & Fish From the Main Menu, select Calendar. Calculator To access the Calculator: From the Main Menu, select Calculator. Stopwatch 1. From the Main Menu, select Hunt & Fish to view the predictions for a different date. Select Date to open the on-screen keypad. 2. @@@@ Follow the instructions for installation and operation provided with the software.

1. Lift the USB port protective cover from the back of the eTrex, and insert the smaller connector on the USB cable into the matching port. 2. Connect the remaining cable end to your computer's USB port. destination of the drivers for the device.

You only need to install the drivers once. After the drivers are installed, your computer always detects your eTrex when it is connected. USB drivers might be updated periodically. Find updates at: www.garmin.com. Transferring Tracks or Waypoints from the eTrex to MapSource on Your Computer Tracks and waypoints saved on your eTrex can be saved and viewed in Garmin MapSource. To transfer: To connect your eTrex to your computer: Information about USB Drivers The USB drivers are automatically installed when you install the MapSource Trip and Waypoint Manager software that came with your eTrex. When you initially connect the eTrex to a USB port, your computer might prompt you to locate the 1. Be certain Garmin MapSource Trip and Waypoint Manager is installed on your computer and open.

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