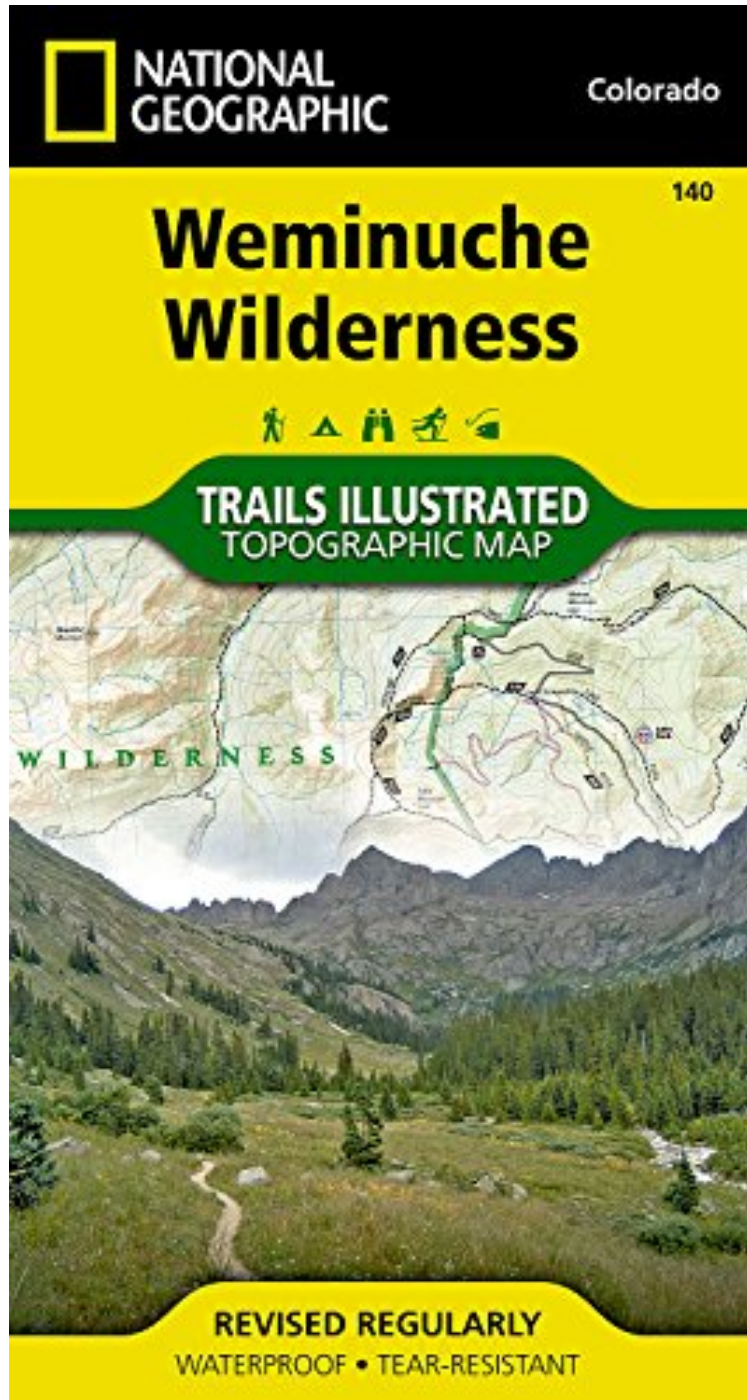


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**National Geographic Maps - Trails Illustrated : Weminuche Wilderness (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Weminuche Wilderness (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great for trip-planning, not so great for route-finding  
By David Tierney  
Sufficient for planning and picking a destination from within the whole area, but needs different scale for better route-finding. The map's scale is 1:63,360 and the map unfolds to 25.5" x 37.75". That means that the forty mile Elk Park-Needleton loop takes up approximately 1/8th of the map. It's not fatal, and considering that most people aren't trained to use a map and compass properly, it'll be the only map that will be usable by a majority. It does give you a great overview of the entire massive Weminuche area, which is great when you want to look around the whole area to plan your next adventure. However, I do use map and compass. And since the Weminuche has a bunch of really tall, pointy mountains, really close together, they look very similar on the map, and it would have been easier to have a map with a scale of 1:24,000 or so to pick out the shapes of these to triangulate locations. Also, some of the Weminuche trail markers and trail branches are not as clear as other trails (not saying signs are all absent, or that signage/trails are completely unclear, or that no trail signage is bad - adventure! - just that many other places in the lower 48 have ridiculously clear trails and signage compared to this area). Some trails (like the El Dorado lake spur trail) are not even on this map. That said, the trails which are indicated on this map are very clear, and the elevation shading is helpful when quickly estimating how far up and down you'll be going. Also the waterproofing is very water resistant. All in all, not a waste of money, but it probably was the wrong product for my purposes.  
CONS: 1. Fairly high scale; great for trip planning, not so great for route-finding. 2. Not all seemingly frequently-used trails are indicated.  
PROS: 1. Trails which are marked are super clear on the map. 2. Elevation shading is clear and handy for eyeballing elevation gains/losses on a hike. 3. Waterproofing is excellent.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.  
A nice, sturdy, if overly large map. Worth the price.  
By R. G. Robb  
Overall a good map, though Vallecito Lake did not appear on it -- the overlay of the campgrounds covered the water feature. It was a bit too big for my needs -- not a fault of the map. Next time I order I need to look for a smaller (larger?) scale map.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.  
Adding to my fun  
By Thomas L. Ballard  
Another great product for us outdoor people. I have backpacked a lot in area, using these maps.. I write on them to as a way of doing my diary!! Then, I keep them as a memory of my adventures!

**Waterproof Tear-Resistant Topographic Map**  
The Weminuche Wilderness spans the Continental Divide and at nearly a half million acres is the largest wilderness area in Colorado. Expertly researched and created in partnership with local land management agencies, National Geographic's Trails Illustrated map of Weminuche Wilderness provides an unparalleled tool for exploring this rugged country and its fragile ecosystems. This map offers unmatched detail of the entire park including such key areas of interest as Big Meadows, Williams Creek, and Rio Grande reservoirs; the Rio Grande and Animas rivers; Wolf Creek; and three fourteeners, Mount Eolus, Sunlight Peak, and Windom Peak, located in the San Juan Mountains. The map also includes the San Juan and Rio Grande national forests. With miles of clearly marked trails including portions of the Colorado and Continental Divide trails, and the scenic roadways Silver Thread and San Juan Skyway, this map will prove invaluable whether you're taking in the scenery on foot or by car. Whatever the season, you'll find this map a useful tool in pursuing a host of recreational activities. Alpine ski areas, hard surface and mountain bike routes, campgrounds, trailheads, boat ramps, fishing access, and ATV trails are all noted, as are historic townsites and mining camps. The map base includes contour lines and elevations for summits, passes and many lakes. 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. Other features found on this map include: Mount Eolus, Needle Mountains, Rio Grande National Forest, San Juan Mountains, San Juan National Forest, Sunlight Peak, Weminuche Wilderness, Windom Peak, Wolf Creek Pass.  
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