

GPX File use:

A GPX file is a universal format used to exchange routes, waypoints, and tracks between navigation apps and programs and is supported by all such programs. Examples for loading a GPX file into sample programs and apps are given below.

Easiest: Use your iPad and download (no laptop needed)

- Use Safari to open GPX Routes (other browsers may not work)
- Tap on the GPX file link.
- A screen will appear showing the name of the file you just downloaded with an option to "Open in an app and a second line labeled "More." If the default choice is not the app you want, then tap "More" for more choices and slide the top row of icons until the app you want appears and tap the icon.
- When asked "Import User Data?", click "Import". You will get a success screen.
- See below for further instructions for typical apps.

For AquaMap:

- The first time you load the route, it will automatically appear, ready for navigation. To access it again after the first download, follow the instructions below.
- Tap on the search icon to the upper, right of the screen.
- Tap on User Data.
- The route you imported will be in the list shown, scroll until you find the route.
- Tap on the route name and it will be shown on the chart ready for navigation.

For iNavX:

- Tap on Routes at the bottom of the screen if the routes screen is not already shown
- Tap on the route just imported
- Tap on Scroll To for the route to be shown on a chart

For Garmin Bluechart: (no longer offered)

- Tap on the ship's wheel icon at the bottom, middle of the screen
- A screen showing "My Content" will pop up

- Tap on "Routes"

- A list of routes will be displayed, tap on the one you want to use

- Tap on the "Hamburger" icon at the upper right (three horizontal bars)

- One choice will be to "View on Chart", tap on that choice to see the route for navigation.

For Garmin Active Captain:

- Tap the Chart tab at the top of the screen

- Tap the "Hamburger" icon at the top left

- Tap User Data

- Find your downloaded route and tap on View on Chart

For Downloading the GPX file to your computer

- Click on the GPX file link.

- The downloaded file will appear at the bottom left of the window. It has already been saved in your default download location per your Windows preferences, it's usually a folder called "Downloads." You have to know this location so you can access it for copying the file to your PC navigation program. A Mac computer has a similar feature.

- Open your PC navigation program and import the GPX file.

To transfer a GPX file from a computer to an iPad:

- Attach the GPX file to an email addressed to yourself.

- Open email on your iPad and hold your finger on the file icon, a menu will appear.

- Slide the top menu to the left and tap on the app you wish to use.

- If you're asked to okay the import, tap Yes.

Other apps have different ways of accessing routes but once the route is loaded into the app, all you have to do is find the route in the various menus.