

Using Latitude and Longitude with Your GPS

Since each GPS type has different screens, the exact way to use latitude and longitude will vary from type to type.

In general, press an icon that says “Go To” or something similar. This should give you a choice between several ways of picking a destination (such as Favorites, or Address or Points of Interest). Scroll through your options (probably using the “down arrow” button) until you find one that says “Location” or “Coordinates” or “Latitude/Longitude” or something similar. Choose that option by pressing on it and you should get boxes into which you can enter a latitude and longitude for your destination.

Take a look at the values displayed in these boxes. If there is one box for latitude or longitude, you want to use the “Decimal Degrees” values listed in the table of GPS Coordinates (these are in the first two numeric columns). If there are two boxes for latitude or longitude, use the “Degree and Decimal Minutes” values listed in the last two columns of the table; the table will give two values for latitude and two for longitude.

Your GPS may not use N and W with the latitude and longitude, but may use a “-” sign with the longitude; in this case, drop the 'N' from the latitude in our table and replace the “W” with a “-”. For example for Station Road Bridge, use 41.31868 and -81.59158 instead of the N41.31868 and W81.59158 shown in the table.

Bill Miller is happy to answer questions if you call him at his phone number listed in the club directory. Bob Shroy will also help if you call or email him, with the number or address listed in the club directory. Bill uses a TomTom and Bob uses a Garmin, but both can talk about several kinds.