

Welcome! Thanks for signing up to borrow the Giant Map of Connecticut!

This letter will give you a better idea of what to expect.

First- remember to contact the teacher who had the map ahead of you to coordinate pickup! And plan for a space big enough to accommodate the 16 x 20 foot map; it needs to be clean, dry, and flat.

In the Trunk:

In the trunk, you will find a collection of materials that will help you to implement this resource most effectively.

- A binder of the bank of lessons that have been created so far. You can also find the link to these lessons on the same page where you rented the map. Please note the blank template of this lesson plan form, we'd love to have you add your own ideas to our shared bank!
- About 25 lanyards of each color (red, yellow, green, and blue) to match the dots on the corners of the map (these are helpful to identify student groups and manage wait time)
- A long yellow chain (better to show scale & distance because it doesn't stretch like string)
- Linkable chain pieces (can be broken apart and pieced together so smaller student groups can do separate activities with chain)
- About 18 orange cones (to show desired features, or mark off research areas)
- A checklist of how to put away each item to be returned

Please note that as this is a borrowed and shared resource, contents may vary slightly if items get added or adopted. Plan to check through before you teach, and please let us know if something goes missing! Please consult the checklist when you are packing up so that you're sure to return everything.

You might find it helpful to also have:

- Extra socks (only socks on the map- no shoes or bare feet!)
- Solo cups of various colors (used in the watershed and landform lesson)
- Paper copy Compass Roses for each student (used in the relative cardinal directions lesson)
- Sticky notes of various colors (used in the scavenger hunt lesson)

To Help You Plan:

Attached please find:

- Smaller color copy of the map to help you plan and visualize lessons
- Template for whole school sharing schedule if the map remains in a single location like the gym or the stage

We're always looking to improve the map experience. If you have suggestions, please let us know!