

GPS Cell Services

Turn your phone into a portable navigator with these top tools.

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1 Verizon Wireless VZ Navigator

Several strong software solutions can turn your cell phone into a GPS navigator, but we like Verizon Wireless' VZ Navigator best. It won us over the first time we tested it. This service makes good use of a cell phone's small screen, providing menus that are simple and clear enough for navigation newcomers. Maps look great and the spoken directions are easy to follow. We were also impressed by the giant database of 14 million points of interest. The latest edition offers 3D maps, live traffic information and excellent local search functionality (including the lowest gas prices where you're traveling). Don't buy a standalone GPS navigator until you try this service.

\$9.99 per month; \$2.99 per day; www.verizonwireless.com



2 Garmin Mobile

Garmin's navigation software runs on Sprint Nextel phones. You'll not only get great navigation (including 3D maps and 6 million POIs), but you'll stay connected with gas station searches that help you find the best price, current traffic data, weather forecasts, and hotel room price searches. It's the cheapest way to get Garmin's excellent navigation. For a little more coin is Garmin Mobile XT, which is compatible with a wide array of GPS-enabled smart phones and BlackBerrys and works anywhere, whether or not you're inside your network's coverage zone.

Starting at \$4.99 per month (Garmin Mobile), \$99.99 (Garmin Mobile XT); www.garmin.com

3 MapQuest Navigator 5.0

Put one of the Web's most respected mapping sites right on your phone. MapQuest Navigator provides excellent routing with 3D maps and voice guidance, and it ensures you'll arrive on time, thanks to traffic alerts. We love the included AOL City's Best lists, which guide you to the best restaurants and clubs in your area, making this app useful for both work and play. It works on AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile phones.

\$9.99 per month; wireless.mapquest.com

4 TeleNav GPS Navigator

TeleNav GPS Navigator offers reliable navigation and several helpful extras. Businesspeople will appreciate the Wi-Fi finder, which directs you to available Internet access spots, as well as the parking finder, which helps you find a nearby lot. You also get more than 10 million business listings,



traffic alerts, and local gas price comparisons. The Spot Marker is a handy way to mark places you want to relocate. You can even mark where you parked your car. The service is available on Alltel, AT&T, Bell and Aliant, Boost Mobile, Nextel, Qwest, Rogers, SouthernLinc, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon Wireless, as well as some unlocked phones.

\$9.99 per month; www.telenav.com

5 uLocate Where

uLocate Where isn't just a tool, it's a platform. Install this location-based service on your Alltel, AT&T, Boost Mobile, Helio, MetroPCS, or Sprint cell phone to get access to hundreds of widgets that build in extra functionality. Add widgets that help you find the best local breweries or check current ski conditions. You can even add a widget that lets you take notes on your favorite places and share them with others.

\$2.99 per month; www.ulocate.com