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Introduction

Tracks4Africa and SmartGuide have teamed up to bring you rich content for your GPS in the form of Garmin TourGuides and POI alerts. This document will explain what these are, how they work and how to install them on your compatible Garmin GPS.

Most nuvi and zumo GPS units will not display map points contained in the GPS maps, except for Cities. Whilst this is acceptable in urban areas where a high volume of points of interest (POI) is available it is a shortcoming in non-urban areas.

Tracks4Africa's maps contain a huge amount of road markers which indicate anything from a bridge to road hazard warning. These types POI one would want to see and the POI Alert files we have included on this disc is primarily aimed at providing owners of these units a more comprehensive picture of what goes on our roads.

About SmartGuide



SmartGuide provides **travel guides** for tourists to South Africa with easily accessible audio and audio-visual content that will greatly enhance their South African experience. The content will give the tourist in-depth information about areas you are traveling through, tell you interesting stories and provide you with a far better understanding of this remarkable country.

Visit www.smartguide.co.za for more information.

What is a Garmin TourGuide?

A Garmin TourGuide will provide you with information on places you visit. The information is pre-recorded on an MP3 file which is linked to a specific point of interest (POI) on earth. When you are within close range of such a POI, the GPS will trigger the MP3 to play 'and tell you the story' about this place.

SmartGuide has done extensive research to provide travellers with comprehensive and interesting content. The information is prepared by a professional script writer and recorded in a sound studio by a voice over artist to deliver a professional product.

We have included a couple of sample Garmin TourGuides from SmartGuide for you to try out. These tour guides are in and around Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg.

TourGuide compatible Garmin GPS

Not all Garmin GPS are compatible with TourGuides. The TourGuide contains a MP3 file and the GPS must be able to play MP3 files.

Garmin TourGuide POIs are currently compatible with nüvis® with MP3 playback capability, zūmo™ and the StreetPilot® c550, c580, 2730, 2820, 7200 and 7500.

To find out if your GPS is compatible with Garmin TourGuides, visit the product specification page of your GPS model on Garmin's website and see if it has MP3 playback capability.

In South Africa the most popular TourGuide compatible nuvi would be the nuvi710.

What is a POI Alert?

A POI Alert is quite literally an alert linked to a point of interest (POI). When the GPS is in close proximity of a POI Alert it will alert you by using a chime as well as flash the name of the alert on the GPS screen.

We have generated Custom POI files for road markers, in the form of Alerts, which can be loaded onto your Garmin GPS. You can have alerts on your GPS for various road markers/conditions, like toll gates, bad road conditions coming up, speed humps etc.

T4A POI Alerts are all road markers grouped accordingly to the following Alert categories:

- Checkpoints (ie. Police control gates, security checkpoint etc.)
- Access (ie. Entrance Gate access)
- Toll Gate
- Customs and Immigration (ie. Border controls, border posts, Immigration, Customs)
- Speed Humps
- General Road Alert (ie. river bed crossing, cattle grid, gate, bridge, change in road condition etc.)
- Warnings (ie. dongas, dangerous drifts, landmines, deep sand track etc.)
- Information (eg. There is a fence to the east, the upcoming bridge is being built, no entry – exit only etc.)
- Speed Traps
- JCT_Rd_info (ie. road junction, Jct E, Jct SE etc.)

POI Alert compatible Garmin GPS

POI Alerts do not contain any MP3 files which mean that any GPS supporting proximity points will be compatible with POI Alerts.

Units that are compatible with the Garmin POI Loader will be able to accept the POI Alert files provided on this disc. See <http://www8.garmin.com/products/poiloader/> for a list of compatible units.

In essence all nuvi's, zumo's, StreetPilots and GPS units ending with CX or Csx are compatible.

How to install TourGuides and POI Alerts

The TourGuides are ready to use and is simply copied from the disc or your PC to the GPS.

Step 1: Connect GPS to your PC or Mac

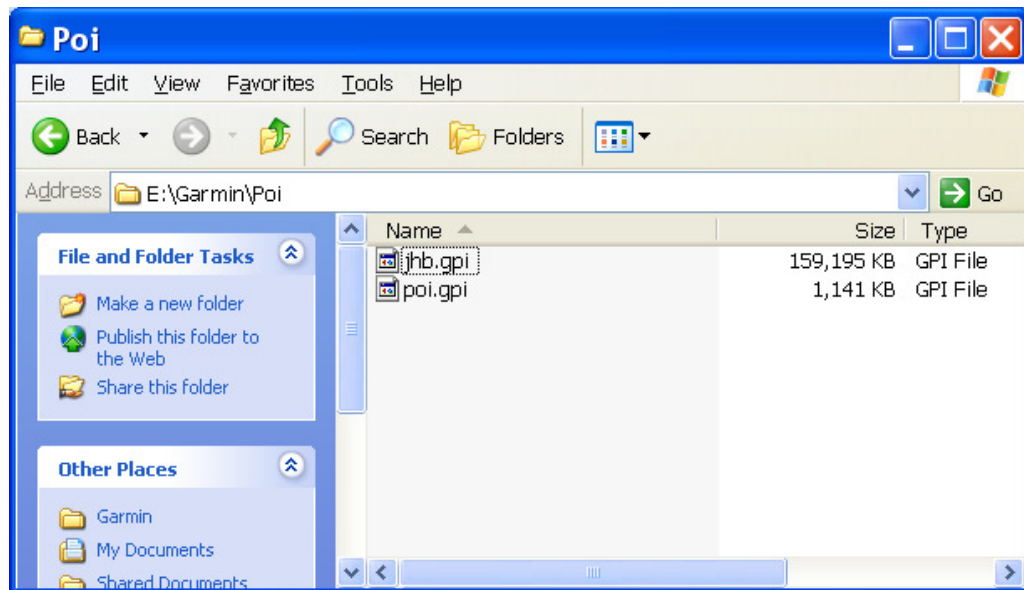
Use a USB cable to connect your GPS to your PC or Mac. The GPS memory will be available as an external drive on your computer.

Step 2: Copy TourGuides to your GPS

TourGuide files on the T4A disc are available in the folders called TourGuide and POI Alerts respectively. The files all end with extension 'gpi' and are named according to their coverage, e.g. capetown.gpi.

The files must be copied to the following folder on your GPS:

/garmin/poi/

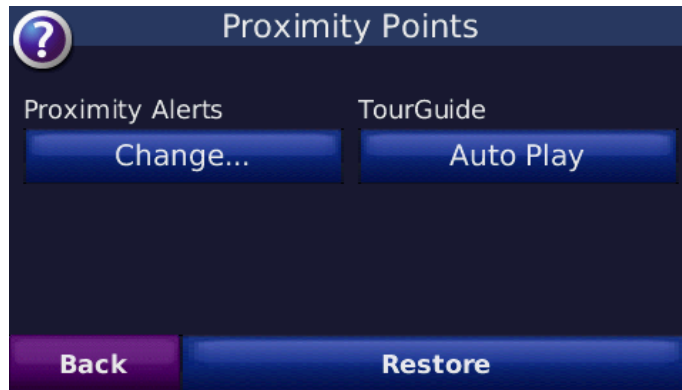


If the folder 'poi' does not exist create it under the 'garmin' folder.

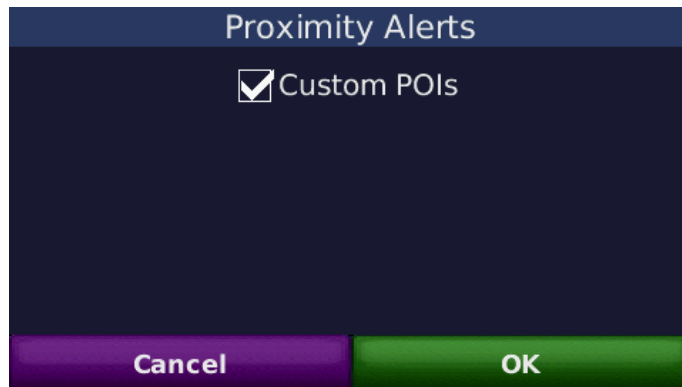
Copy the files across.

Step 3: Settings on your GPS

Switch on your GPS and go to Tools>Settings>Proximity Points>



Select the Proximity Alerts as shown below.



Set the TourGuide to 'Auto Play'

