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#### 1. Maps in the Headington Library

The Map and Atlas Collection is in the East Library, on the Second Floor of Headington Library.

##### *Maps of the Oxford area*

- For quick reference, various local maps and street maps of surrounding towns are located in the magazine files on top of Cabinet A.
- Detailed maps at 1:1250 (50" to 1 mile) and 1:2500 (25" to 1 mile) are available for the city of Oxford and some surrounding areas. These are shelved in Cabinet A; an index sheet is located on top of this Cabinet, along with directions for finding your map.
- Maps at 1:10,000 or 1:10,560 of the Oxford area are shelved in Cabinet B. The index sheet for these maps is on top of Cabinet K.
- Other miscellaneous maps of the Oxford area are shelved in the 3<sup>rd</sup> drawer of Cabinet B. A list of contents is on the top of the cabinet.

##### *Maps of Great Britain and Ireland*

###### **Topographic maps**

- The Library holds the current Ordnance Survey maps at 1:25,000 (Explorer series) for England, Scotland and Wales in Cabinets J and K. The Explorer series replaces the older Outdoor Leisure and Pathfinder maps, which are shelved in Cabinets H and J. Key sheets are available on top of these cabinets.
- A complete set of current 1:50,000 maps (Landranger series) for the whole of England, Scotland and Wales, is shelved in Cabinet D. Earlier editions of this series, including facsimile copies of the first series, are held in Cabinets C and D. Key sheets for these maps are located on the top of Cabinet D, and Cabinet K.
- An additional set of folded Landranger maps and OL Explorer maps are available for two week loan. These are shelved on the stand near the atlases.
- The current 1:50,000 maps for Northern Ireland (Discoverer series) and the Republic of Ireland (Discovery series) are shelved in Cabinet F. An index sheet to these maps is on the front of the Cabinet.

### ***City/town street maps (Great Britain)***

- For quick reference, various city/town street maps are located in the magazine files on top of Cabinet A.

### ***Thematic maps***

- Cabinets G and H hold British Geological Survey (incl. Hydrogeological), Soil Survey, land use and agricultural land classification map series for England Scotland and Wales. Where available, key sheets for these are located in the magazine files on top of Cabinet H.
- Cabinet E holds a large number of other thematic maps, relating to administration, population, resources, climate and history. A list of contents is on the top of the cabinet. Contact the Enquiry Desk if you wish to consult any maps from this cabinet.

### ***International maps***

- The main focus of the map collection is the United Kingdom: it does not include comprehensive coverage of the world. However, some international maps are held in Cabinet F. These include official surveys of some Western European countries.
- For world maps and maps of other countries, consult the atlas collection.

## **2. Use of the map collection**

### ***Catalogues and indexes to the collection***

- For quick reference, the collection is broadly arranged by series of theme. Each cabinet lists details of the contents.
- A card catalogue, with individual cards for each map, is situated on Cabinet H. Cards are arranged primarily by series, and within each series, by sheet number. Each drawer of the catalogue corresponds to the cabinet location for that map.

### ***Access***

- The map collection is available during Library opening hours. The cabinets are labelled and, apart from Cabinet E, kept unlocked. For access to Cabinet E, contact the Enquiry Desk.
- All flat maps are for reference use only, and should be consulted at the tables nearby.

### ***Equipment***

- Maps may be taken to the photocopying room on the ground floor, if photocopying is required, but should be returned to the Map Collection.
- Lightboxes are available within the collection

### ***Care of maps***

- Maps should be handled with care. They should not be folded, annotated or come into contact with glue, sticky tape or Blue Tack.
- Please open the hanging cabinets carefully and do not allow maps to drop from the hanging bars.
- Maps should be replaced in their correct location after use. If you are not sure of the correct location, leave maps on one of the atlas cabinets for reshelving.

### 3. Atlas collection

#### **Atlases**

- The atlas collection incorporates the Harold Fullard Collection of Atlases and is a collection of about 1,200 regional and thematic atlases both current and historical.
- All atlases are listed on the Library Catalogue and can be found by doing a keyword on atlas and the region or topic of interest. (eg **atlas** and **desertification** or **atlas** and **Japan**).
- If you need a general world atlas, look at shelfmark **912** in the collection. The *Times Atlas of the World* (11<sup>th</sup> edition) at **Atlas Collection 912 TIM** would be a good, current starting point.
- Atlases of Britain, including road atlases, are included in the collection at **912.41**, while more detailed street atlases are available for the counties immediately surrounding Oxfordshire. A keyword search on the county and atlas will locate these (eg **atlas** and **Gloucestershire**).

#### **Gazetteers**

- A number of gazetteers, both British and international, are shelved on Cabinet B.
- Further gazetteers, plus some international guides to published maps and atlases and collections are located in the glass-fronted cabinets in the atlas area.

### 4. Digimap

Digimap provides access to digital maps and data from the Ordnance Survey over the Internet. The service covers current OS maps for England, Scotland and Wales, along with Historic, Marine and Geology maps. All staff and students of Oxford Brookes can use the service, free of charge, **for academic purposes**, but you will need to register individually first: the online registration process takes around 3 days to complete. For details of how to register, go to <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/gis/gisdigi.html>

### 5. Maps on the Internet

An increasing number of maps are freely available over the Internet, and some of the most useful sites we've found are listed at <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/refdesk/refmaps.html>.

These include the following gateways, which link to international maps:

- Bodleian Library map room links: <http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/guides/maps/linkfrme.htm>
- Internet map catalogue: maps worldwide [http://www.maps.ethz.ch/map\\_catalogue/index\\_EN](http://www.maps.ethz.ch/map_catalogue/index_EN)
- Oddens' Bookmarks: <http://oddens.geog.uu.nl/index.html>. Search or browse in the "Maps and atlases" category to find online maps
- Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection : <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>.

Other useful sites include:

- Streetmap: <http://www.streetmap.co.uk> Street map facilities for the UK
- Google Earth: <http://earth.google.com/>
- Mappy: European itineraries, town maps and some aerial photographs. <http://www.mappy.com/>

### 6. Aerial photographs

- The Library holds atlases of aerial photographs for England, London, Oxford and Edinburgh. To find these, do a **keyword** search on the library catalogue for **photographic atlas**. Other titles may be found by doing a keyword search on **aerial photograph**.
- A collection of CD-ROMs of aerial photographs of the counties of England can be found within the glass fronted cabinets located in the atlas area.
- Aerial photographs of some major European cities are available online, via Mappy (see above).

## 7. Other map collections in Oxford

- At **Oxford Brookes**, teaching collections are kept in the department of Geography and in the School of the Built Environment Resources Room (Lloyd 4.09).
- The **Centre for Oxfordshire Studies** in the Central Library, Westgate Centre, holds a large collection of local maps. This collection is open to members of the public (Tel. 01865 815749).
- The **Oxfordshire Record Office** holds historic maps and original documents for the Oxfordshire area. You will need to contact the office before visiting (01865 398200). Further information can be found at <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> under *Libraries, Heritage & Countryside – Oxfordshire Record Office*.
- The **Bodleian Library** of the University of Oxford holds a collection of national importance – details are at <http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/guides/maps>. Certain categories of students can apply for access – ask at the Library Enquiry Desks for details.

## 8. Copyright

Maps and atlases are protected by copyright law. Please see our separate guide 'Copyright and maps'.

## 9. Further help

For access to Cabinet E or for further information about the map and atlas collection, please ask at the Enquiry Desk in the first instance. If you need any more information, contact **Richard Persaud**, in Room L308K, Second Floor, East Library, extension 3137 (or on 01865 483137 from outside the University), or by e-mail on [rapersaud@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:rapersaud@brookes.ac.uk).

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