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BEST IN TEST

The winner

SATMAP ACTIVE 10 **£300**

As the Satmap Active 10 has buttons and joystick rather than a touch-screen, it is easy to use while wearing gloves -so it would be just the job if you were walking through a blizzard on the Cairngorm plateau for example. The screen is not as crisp as other devices, but it is large enough to display a good area of OS mapping and clear enough to show good detail. The unit is £300, which is less than many other devices here. Of course the mapping has to be added to this, but if you only need a small area of mapping this still comes in at a reasonable price. The Satmap Active 10 is ideal for hillwalkers who want to get to the top of the hill whatever the weather and then get down again safely without having to think too much.



SATMAP

ACTIVE 10 £300

While much modern technology has turned to touch-screen operation, the Satmap Active 10 uses what must now be known as 'old-fashioned' buttons. On the hill with gloves on, those big buttons make this far easier to operate than any other device here, and as the buttons are spaced around the outside of the housing it's easier to use than a keypad design too.

You also get a large screen, but this is not quite as sharp as other devices, which is a let-down. The feature set is stripped down to what walkers will actually really

need, so it lacks cameras and dedicated geocaching features. As there is no touch-screen employed, you get a joystick to scroll around the onscreen mapping, and this works really well, with the mapping regenerating faster than some other units.

The price is very appealing too compared to other devices, although you do have to add on the price of OS mapping, which could be around £200 for all of Britain at 1:50k. For hillwalking use though, this is about as good as it gets.

THE LOW-DOWN

Simple, effective and just what most hillwalkers will want to use in the worst of conditions on the hill to aid navigation.

RATINGS	
FEATURES	*****
DESIGN	*****
EASE OF USE	*****
PERFORMANCE	*****
VALUE	*****
OVERALL	*****