Printing Maps from the Library of Congress

Roanoke Colony 1590
Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division

Step 1: Download map from American Memory

- Locate a map in the American Memory collections. (Tip: Use the browse categories on the American Memory homepage and click on maps.)
- Click on the thumbnail image of the map on its bibliographic record.
- Right click on the Download MrSID image link or the Download JPEG 2000 link.
- Choose Save Target As.

Step 2: Open map in MrSID viewer (a plug-in for Internet Explorer)

- Browse to locate the map file to open.
- To open the map: Right click, and choose open with *Internet Explorer* (you may also be able to simply double click on the file).
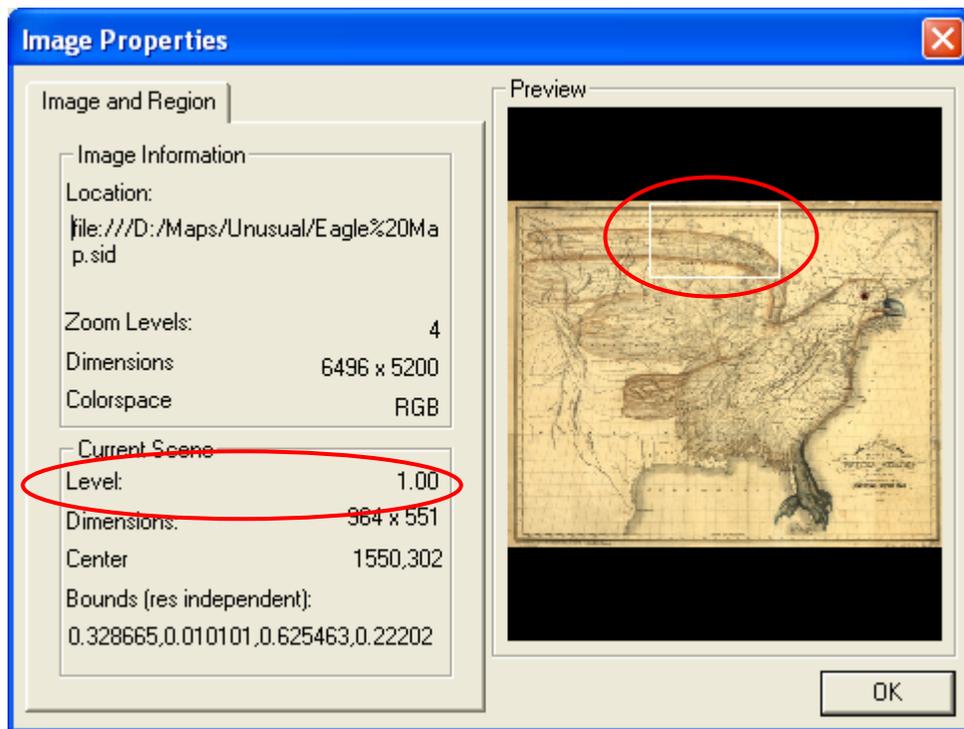
Step 3: Navigate the viewer

Familiarize yourself with the toolbar icons (left to right)

Zoom In   Zoom Out   Pan   Home   Zoom Bar

Image Info   Help

Step 3: Adjust the Map for Printing

- Move the marker on the Zoom bar to the appropriate zoom level for your map.

- Click the *Image Info* ⬚ button and view the Level measurement (when you print, you will want to look for a zoom level with sections that appear to be about two to three (8.5 x 14) pages across…maybe Level 1 or 2)

- If needed, again use the Zoom Bar to zoom in or out the appropriate number of levels.

Software-specific images: http://www.lizardtech.com/

Step 3: Print a Map (continued)

- Adjust the white preview box to select the upper left-hand corner of map. NOTE: Be sure to select some of the black area outside map border when working with edges.

- Click **OK**.

- Click on **File**, **Print**. Choose **Preferences**, then set the paper to landscape and to legal size (8.5 x 14). Click **OK**.

- To print the next section, click *Image Info* button to open the preview window to move the white preview box to the next section, being sure to have some overlap between sections.

- Repeat the above directions until you have printed all sections of map NOTE: Be sure to complete all map printing before closing the map file.

Step 4: Assembling the Map

- Be sure to lay out your sections as you print to be sure you don't leave any sections out
- Cut unwanted edges with scissors or paper cutter
- Tape sections together
    - Use the map gridlines and details to help line up sections
    - To make map look more realistic, tape sections together on the backside instead of the front