

## Creating Customized Maps

Some of you have called or written wanting to know if there is a way to turn on and off certain categories of points of interests. Unfortunately, Microsoft doesn't provide us a way to turn on and off the points of interest that are manually added by users the way they do with the points of interest that already come built in with the product. As it is one of the most requested features, hopefully Microsoft will eventually give us that capability sometime in the future.

Nevertheless, in the meantime, what we can do to work around this problem is to create one or more customized map template files with just the preferred points of interest categories we need contained therein.

To do this, first make a copy of the Truck Stops Plus 09.stt template file by right clicking it and choosing Copy from the quick menu. Next, paste the Truck Stops Plus 09.stt template file in a suitable workspace by right clicking and choosing Paste from the quick menu. After the map template file is pasted, rename the copied map template file to a suitable name by right clicking it and choosing Rename from the quick menu, then type in a suitable name.

Next, double click the newly renamed map template file to open it up. Once it is opened up, click the Legend and Overview icon on the tool menu bar to open up the Legend and Overview pane. The Legend and Overview pane opens up on the left side of the display.

Next, delete the categories that you don't need, i.e., Pilots, Flying Js, Loves, etc. To do this, right click a category in the Legend and Overview pane and choose Delete from the quick menu. A dialogue box immediately appears asking you if you still want to delete the category from the map, answer yes. Repeat the process until all the categories you don't need have been deleted.

After the newly renamed map template file has been customized to your liking, save the map as a map template (.stt) file to make the changes you made permanent. To do this, close the Legend and Overview pane. Click the View menu, move the cursor to Zoom Map, and from the sub menu click To 48 states.

Next, click the File menu, then Save As. The Save As dialogue box appears. In the "save as type" box near the bottom of the Save As dialogue box, click the down arrow by the Cancel button and change to the Map template (.stt) file format. Next, migrate to the current location of your newly renamed map template file. Once you have migrated to the location of the newly renamed map template file, select it by clicking it to highlight it, then click the Save button. The changes you made to the renamed map template file are now permanent.

Thus, you may begin using the newly customized map template file you just created instead of the Truck Stops Plus 09.stt template file.