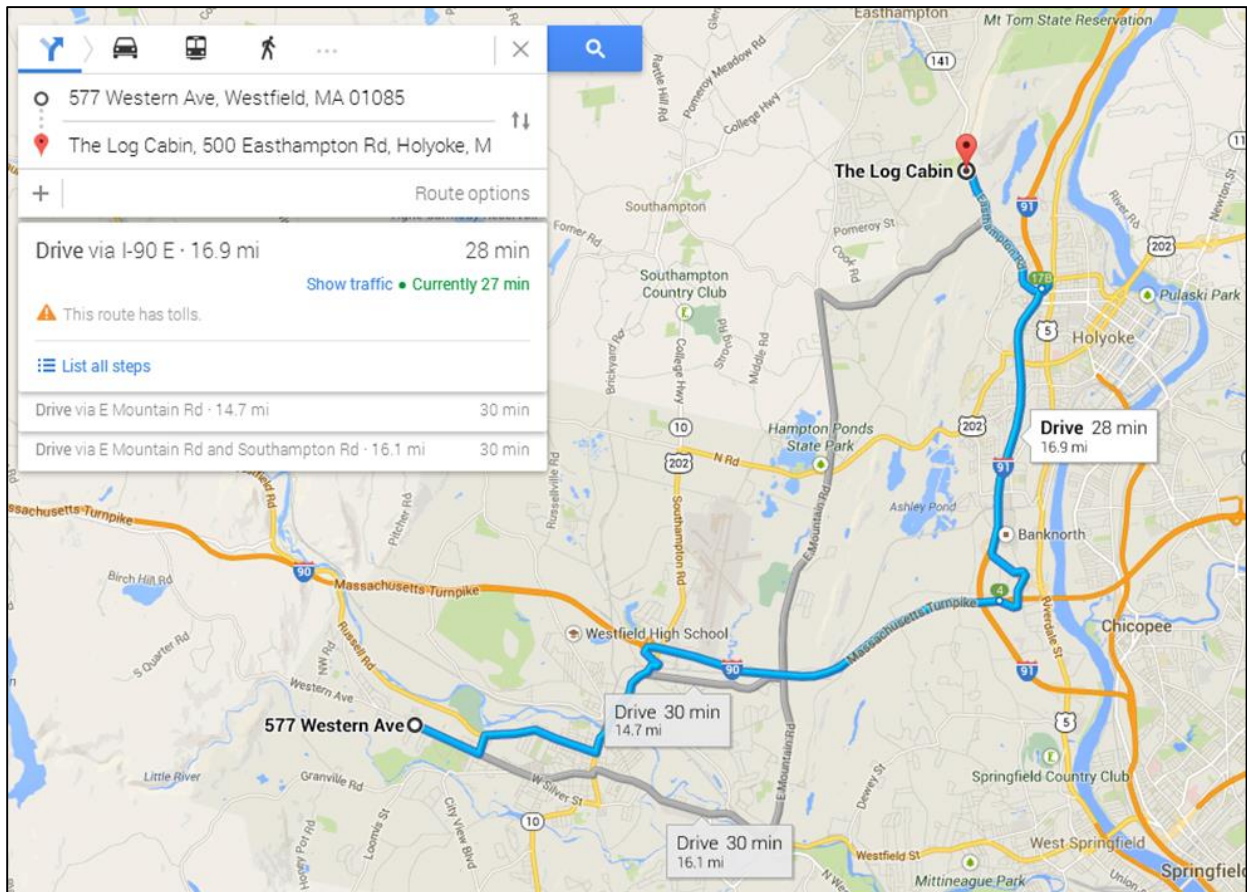


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Raster Data and Spatial Analyst (Part 5)

Overview

1. Mount Tom!
2. Homework Assignment for Wednesday



1) Mount Tom

Getting to Mount Tom is easy: just enter *The Log Cabin, 500 Easthampton Road, Holyoke, MA* into Google or your car navigation system. Two options for Routes:

1. MassPike to I91 to Exit 17B to Route 141 to Easthampton.
2. Through Westfield, Route 20 towards Springfield, left (= north) after the Walmart on East Mountain Road, and follow the maps.

Either way should be about 30 minutes.

Parking is either at the entrance of Mount Tom State Reservation (junction Easthampton Road (= Route 141) and Christopher Clark Road or across the street at the Log Cabin (park as far towards Holyoke as possible).

2) Homework Assignment for Wednesday

Question: *From where can you see this new wind turbine on Mount Tom?*

This is a classic visibility analysis using, amongst others, the ArcGIS Viewshed tool. You can also frame the question the other way: *what can you see from the top of this wind turbine?*

1) Create yourself a conceptual flowchart to guide your analysis and to form the structure of your project report.

Page 1	Professional cover page
Page 2	Your analysis procedure (as text, flowchart, list – whatever you find intuitive)
Page 3	Table with your data layers. List each layer, its source, and a brief description of its main characteristics and why you need this data layer.
Page 4	Table with the main geoprocessing tools used. Here, list the tool, the online Help URL, and a brief description of its function and how you are using it.
Page 5	Documentation of your work.

This is a 'living' document that you update and refine along the way!

You may need additional data layer or tools – just add them to your tables. Your analysis procedure may change as you dive deeper into the data – just update it! Most important: document what you do along the way – that way you can always go back and figure-out where things went wrong!

Post this document on your blog by Wednesday's class!

2) Set-up your Project!

Start Organized and stay organized!

File Organization: Dedicated folders, dedicated file geodatabase, proper names, etc.
Map Organization: Set-up map, rename layers, use group layers, save as windview1, etc.

Have this done by Wednesday's class!

