

Adding the Iowa Habitat and Access Program (IHAP) Tracts to Google Earth


Google Earth is a virtual globe, map and geographic information program. The basic version of Google Earth is currently available as a free software download.

The '2011_ihap.kmz ' file which is available for download allows you to add the boundaries of tracts that are enrolled in the Iowa Habitat & Access Program (IHAP) to the digital globe.

Installing Google Earth

If you would like to check the minimum system requirements for running Google Earth, [click here](#).

To install Google Earth software follow this link: [Download Google Earth](#)

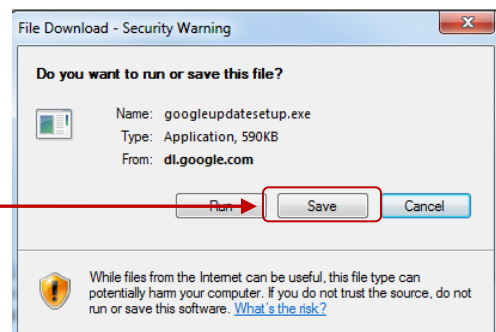


The screenshot shows the Google Earth download page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Explore, Download, Learn, Connect, and Help. Below this, the page is titled "Download Google Earth for PC, Mac, or Linux". There are two main sections: one for Google Earth software and one for Google Chrome. The Google Chrome section has two checkboxes: "Include Google Chrome, a fast new browser for Windows and Mac. Learn about Google Chrome" and "Make Google Chrome my default browser." Both checkboxes are checked. Below this, there is a section for "Google Maps/Earth Terms of Service" with a scrollable text area. At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: "Agree and Download" and "Cancel".

If you do not want to install Google's web browser (Google Chrome) and make it your default internet browser, be sure to un-check these boxes

When you are ready to begin the software download, click on the 'Agree and Download' button

When prompted, select 'Save File' and navigate to a location to save the .exe file to.



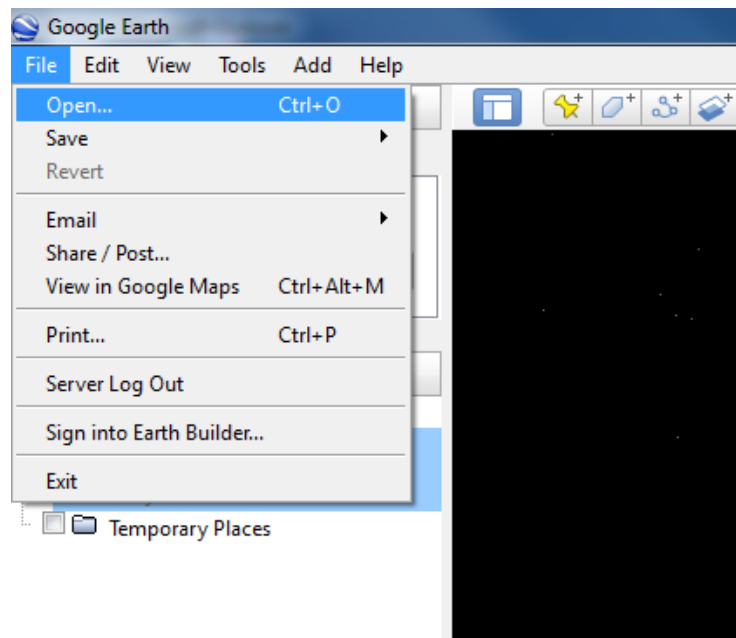
Once the file has downloaded, browse to where you saved the file and double-click on the .exe file to run it and install the software.

Viewing IHAP tracts in Google Earth

Click on the 'IHAP 2011 Tract Boundaries - Google Earth File' link and save the '2011_ihap_kmz.zip' file to your computer, making sure to remember where you download the file so you can locate it later.

After the '2011_ihap_kmz.zip' file is downloaded, you will need to navigate to where you saved it to and extract the file.

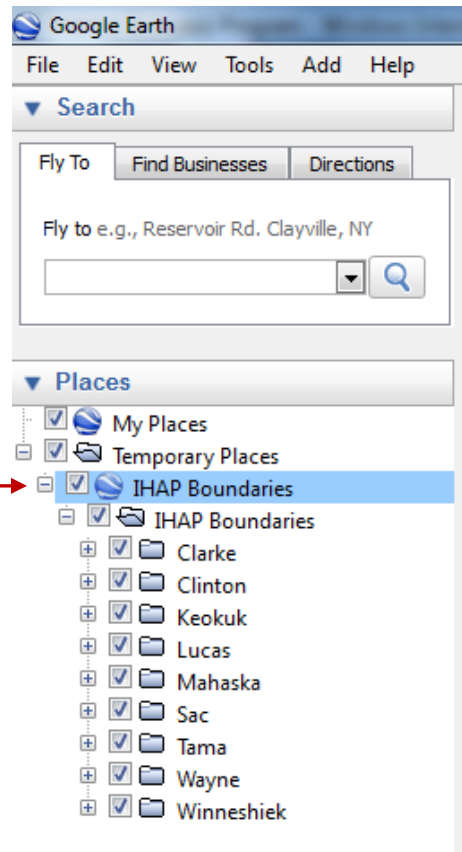
Open Google Earth and go to 'File - Open...'



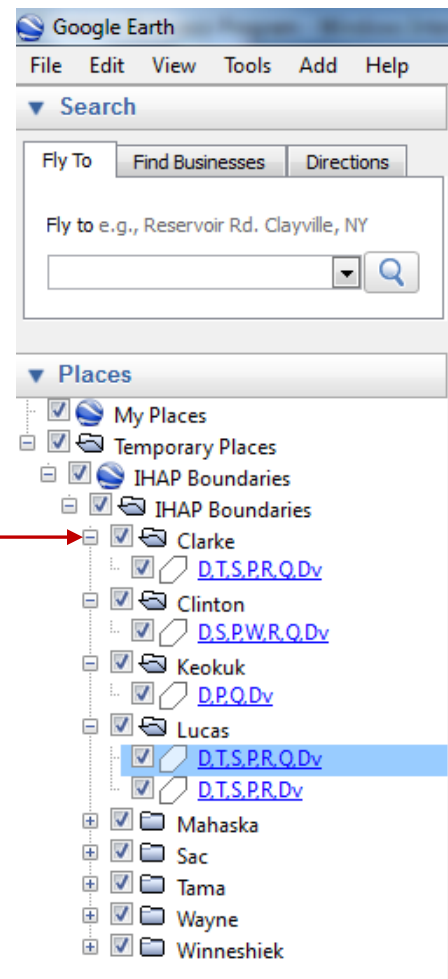
Navigate to where you extracted the '2011_ihap.kmz' file to and click 'Open'

The boundaries of IHAP enrolled tracts will now appear as red outlines and Google Earth will automatically be zoomed to Iowa.

The 'IHAP Boundaries' layer is expandable and the properties are organized by County. Click on the '+' buttons to expand the list.



Each county folder is also expandable. Click on the '+' buttons to expand the list and see each tract in that county along with the species list for that tract.



Double-clicking on any county or specific tract will zoom to that location and show a pop-up of information about the tract.

You can also use Google Earth's navigational tools to maneuver around the map. Click inside any IHAP tract to display the pop-up.

