

“HINTS AND TIPS FOR ANSWERING ANY USER QUERIES ABOUT THE TOOLBOX CDROM”

Acrobat Reader: The Adobe Acrobat is necessary to see the “details and case study” information. It is already installed on most computers. If you need to install it on your computer, go to www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html. This is what you need to read “portable document format” files, also called “PDF” files. If a filename has an extension of “PDF,” it is one of these. There is just one circumstance, in all the alternatives provided below, where you will have to find the PDF file and it open yourself.

General: The **Toolbox for the Great Outdoors** was designed to take advantage of the features in the vast majority of today’s generation of personal computers, whether home-based or installed in an office. Far from being simply a collection of facts in easily-printed files, however, it is an intuitive and easy-to-use presentation that includes a movie, personal welcome messages from several officials, all based on a rich background of superb photographs of outdoor treasures. The user’s experience should vary only a little from one computer to the next. There are plenty of anticipated options that will let you access virtually all of its features “with a little help.”

The Toolbox will run on any (recent) Windows-based PC that has Adobe Acrobat installed, and a sound card and speaker, and enhanced graphics. Most of them do! You may still use the Toolbox even if you do not have sound. The computer should have a web browser installed, preferably Microsoft Internet Explorer. A “125-mHz” computer with 16 MB RAM running one of the Windows-family operating systems is probably the minimal configuration. You may still fully open the Toolbox without the browser if you find and open files on your own.

First, check to be sure your computer is one described above.

1. “I put it in the CDROM slot and nothing happened.”
 - i. Open “My Computer.”
 - ii. Right-click on the icon that stands for the CDROM drive into which you place the Toolbox CD.
 - iii. Select “Auto Play.” Double click it.
 - iv. If that does not work –
 1. Right-click the icon as above.
 2. Select “open.”
 3. When a folder window labeled “Toolbox_(6)” open, find the file named “autostart.exe.”
 4. Double click on it, and the Toolbox will open.
 5. If that does not work -
 - a. You probably do not have a web browser.
 - b. Seek another solution below.
2. “I received a message that says ‘Internet Explorer Users: Click Here For Toolbox,’ and then some more information about ‘Netscape Users.’ When I clicked ‘here’ for the Toolbox, the Netscape browser started, and the Toolbox does not seem to look right.”

- a. This is normal if you have Netscape. Netscape has many features, but unfortunately, the Toolbox is not really compatible with Netscape. That does not mean you are not able to continue to use the Toolbox with Netscape to a degree. Other alternatives are much better.
 - b. Read the introductory message, which DOES display with Netscape Communicator satisfactorily, and follow the suggestions.
3. “I don’t have Windows Explorer, but I do have ‘Power Point.’ ”
- a. The Toolbox has a version that is actually a large power-point presentation. If your version of power-point is recent, do the following:
 - i. Open the Toolbox+(6) folder (see above on how to do this).
 - ii. Open the folder “Toolbox PP.”
 - iii. Double-click on “Toolbox. PPS.”
 - iv. The Toolbox will open as a full-screen show. This is actually probably the best way to see everything.
 1. Using this method, the “DETAILS AND CASE STUDIES “ feature of most Tools will successfully open an Acrobat PDF file.
 2. If you do not have the Acrobat Reader, see the paragraph above titled “Acrobat Reader.”
4. “I have neither Windows Explorer nor Power-Point?”
- a. There is a built-on power-point viewer.
 - b. Click START, then RUN, then type “Toolbox” then hit [ENTER].
 - i. The Toolbox will start, running under the built in viewer.
 - ii. You are actually running a batch file called “TOOLBOX.BAT.” Since a batch file is executable, your computer reads the file, finds and loads the power-point viewer automatically, and starts the show called “toolbox.pps.”
 - c. “I did this, and it works well except when I come to the “DETAILS AND CASE STUDIES,” then I get an error message.”
 - i. Answer: Ignore the error message, and content yourself with locating the PDF.
 - ii. Simply find and double-click on the PDF file related to the particular tools of interest. The PDF’s are in the top or “root folder of the Toolbox CDROM. They are named with an abbreviation of the tool’s name. For example, if you are checking out “SCENIC BYWAYS,” the file is called “SB.PDF.” “CCS.PDF” is for Challenge Cost Sharing. And so on.

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