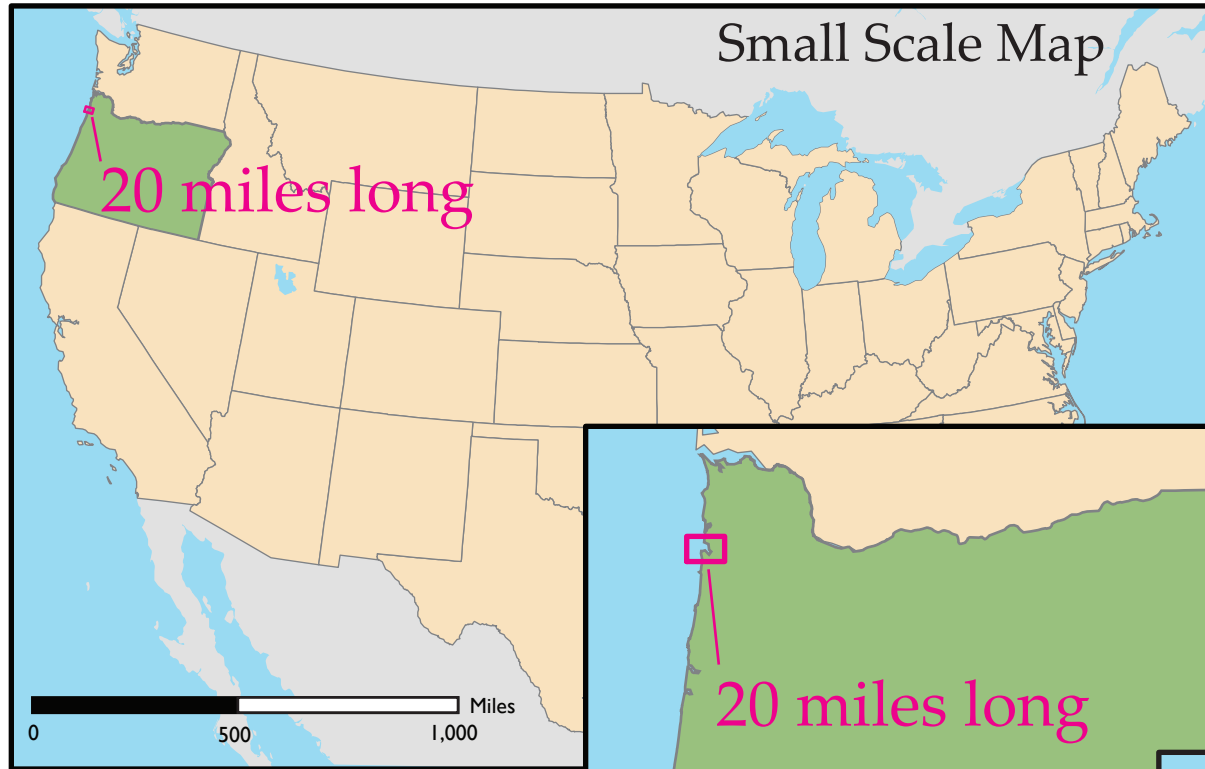


Map Scale



Mapmakers can show more detail on a large scale map because one unit on the map represents fewer units on the ground than on a small scale map. So if you want to show details of your town, you would use a large scale map. But if you want to show the whole country, you would use a small scale map.

Map scale is the ratio, or comparison, of the distance on the map to the real distance on the ground. When you change the scale of your map from small scale to large scale, it is the same as "zooming in."

