

PRINTABLE GUIDE

Plan a route with Google Maps

Plan while stationary. Directions are estimates affected by local conditions. Set the correct destination and travel mode, and prioritise actual signs and safe road use.

Google Maps on iPhone or Android | 2 min read | 5 steps

Before you start

- ☐ Google Maps installed
- ☐ Internet access for current information
- ☐ Location permission for directions from your position
- ☐ An address or place name

1. Search for the destination

Open Maps and enter the place name or address. Read the full address in the result, including the town. Several businesses can share a name; choosing the wrong result creates a route to the wrong place.

- ☐ Done this step

2. Choose Directions

Tap Directions and check the starting point. Use Your location only if its marker is reasonably accurate, or type another starting address. Location accuracy can be poor indoors, underground or between tall buildings.

- ☐ Done this step

3. Select the right travel mode

Choose walking, driving, public transport or another available mode. Read any departure time, interchange, fare or route warning shown. A walking route and a driving route can be very different; do not interchange them.

☐ Done this step

4. Review the route before leaving

Look at the distance, estimated time and key turns or changes. Choose another shown route if it better fits your needs. Live transport information and opening hours are not guarantees; check important arrangements with the operator.

☐ Done this step

5. Start and finish deliberately

For supported navigation, tap Start when ready. Keep the phone secure and avoid handling it while driving or crossing roads. Follow the law and local signs. Stop navigation using its close or exit control when you arrive.

☐ Done this step

Try it for yourself

Plan a route to a nearby familiar place and check its address and travel mode.

☐ I tried the task.

My notes

Can I navigate without internet?

Downloaded areas offer some offline features, but live traffic and some travel modes may be unavailable. Prepare and test the required map before travelling.

Official help and the online guide

Google: use navigation - <https://support.google.com/maps/answer/3273406?hl=en-GB>

Read online: <https://plaintech-guides.pages.dev/guides/maps-plan-a-trip/>