Google Maps play a significant role in showing directions and helping people reach their destination by guiding them about the best route online or offline. Just like the native search engine, Google Maps save history by default. This feature eventually helps the app to fetch and autofill your search bar to ease the process further. However, suppose you have privacy concerns, you can opt to delete Google Maps search history on iPhone.
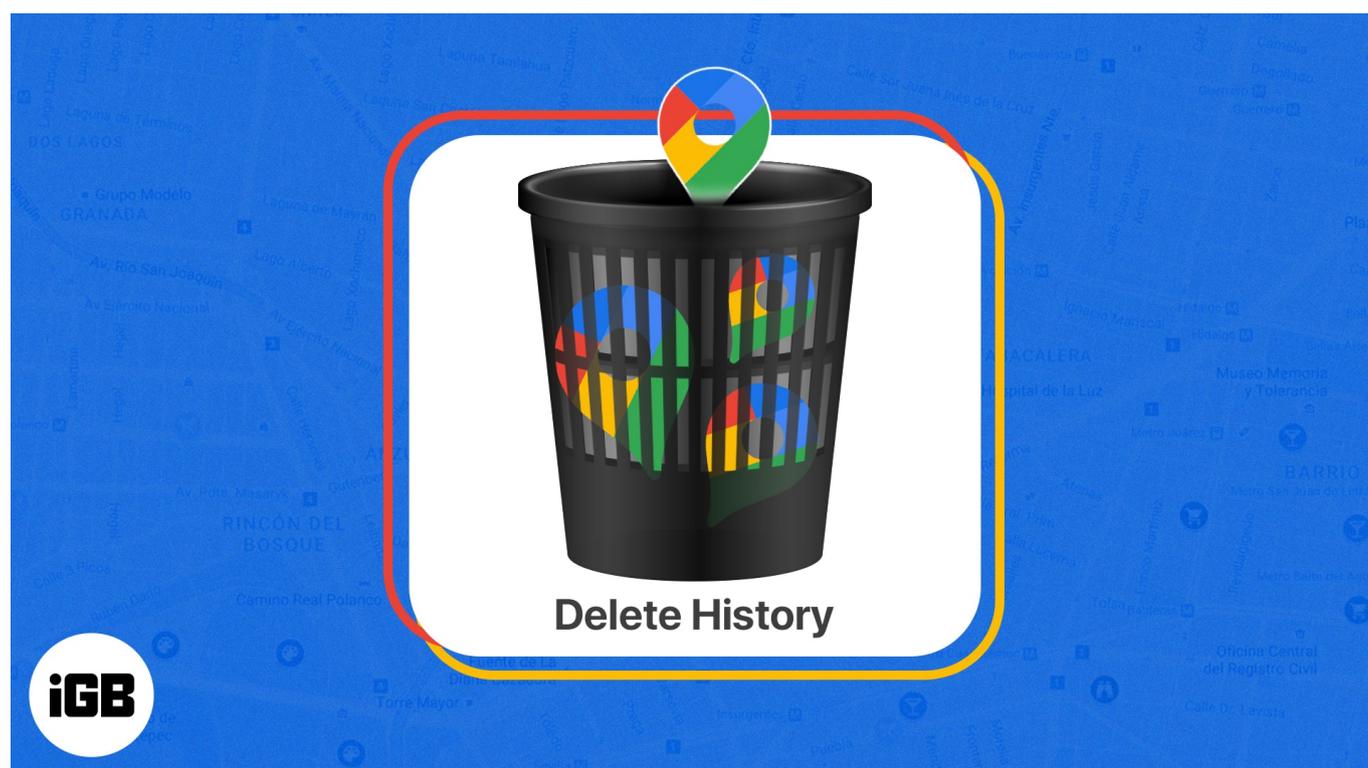
Why should you delete Google Maps history regularly?

You can navigate the world using Google Maps, but the history of your searches can build up over time. And here are a few things that we'd like to bring to your attention:

- Whenever you use Google Maps, it collects data about your location and searches, which could be sold to third parties or used to target you with ads. Deleting your Google Maps history ensures that your personal data stays private.
- Old navigation directions and places can take up a lot of space in your device's memory, leading to slower searches. Delete your history, and the searches will be faster and more accurate.
- Multiple searches can result in a cluttered environment. By clearing out all of the old data, you won't have to spend time scrolling through old searches or navigating your

way around unfamiliar areas.

Deleting your Google Maps history is a simple but important task that can secure your personal data and make your searches more accurate and efficient.

How to clear Google Maps search history on iPhone and iPad

1. Launch the **Google Maps** app.
2. Tap your **profile picture** at the top-right corner.
3. Navigate to **Settings** → scroll down and choose **Maps history**.
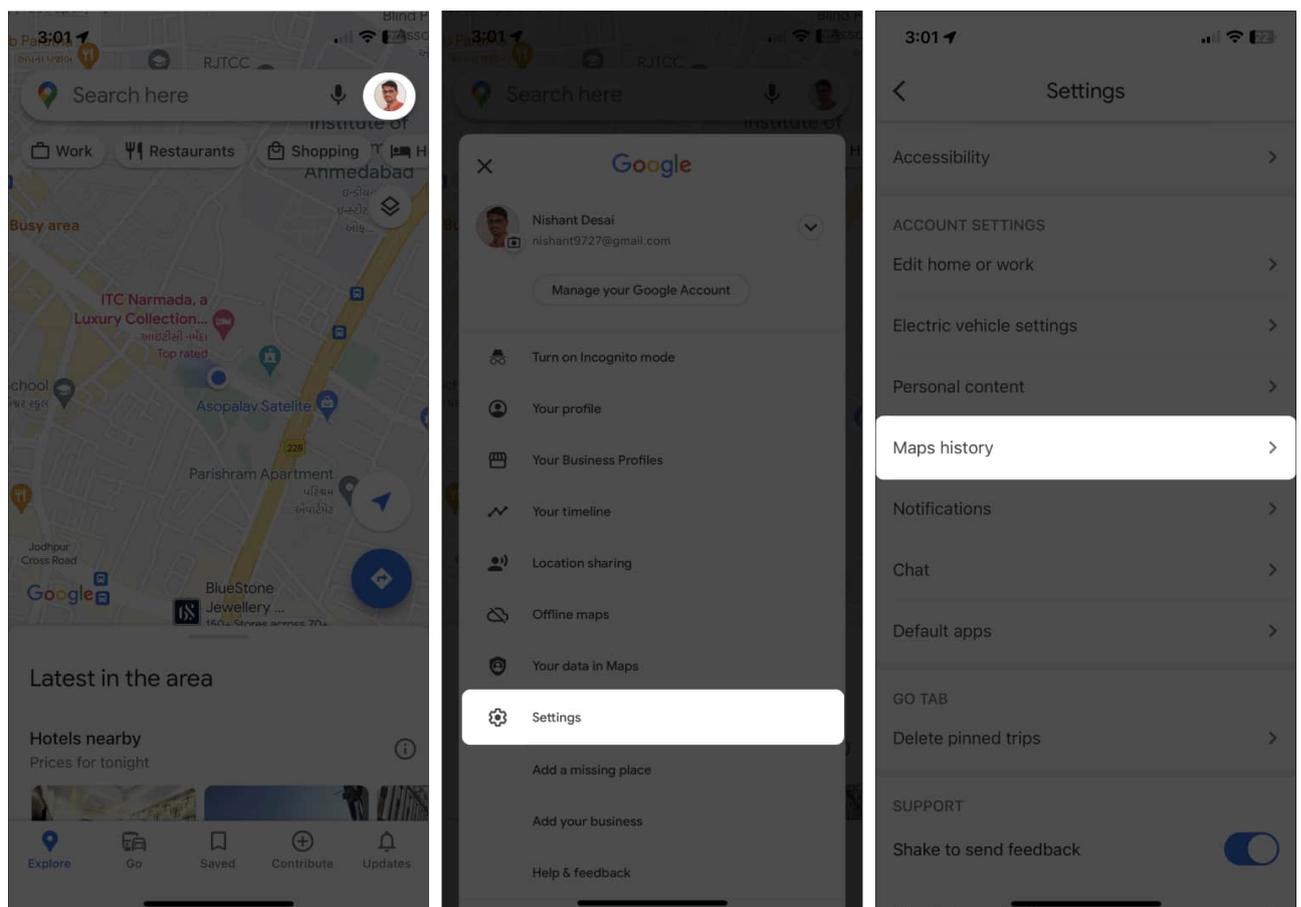
4. Wait for a few seconds until Maps activity appears.
   If you're asked to verify yourself as a user, tap **Verify** and enter your password.
5. Now, tap **Delete** at the bottom → choose a **time frame** according to your preference.
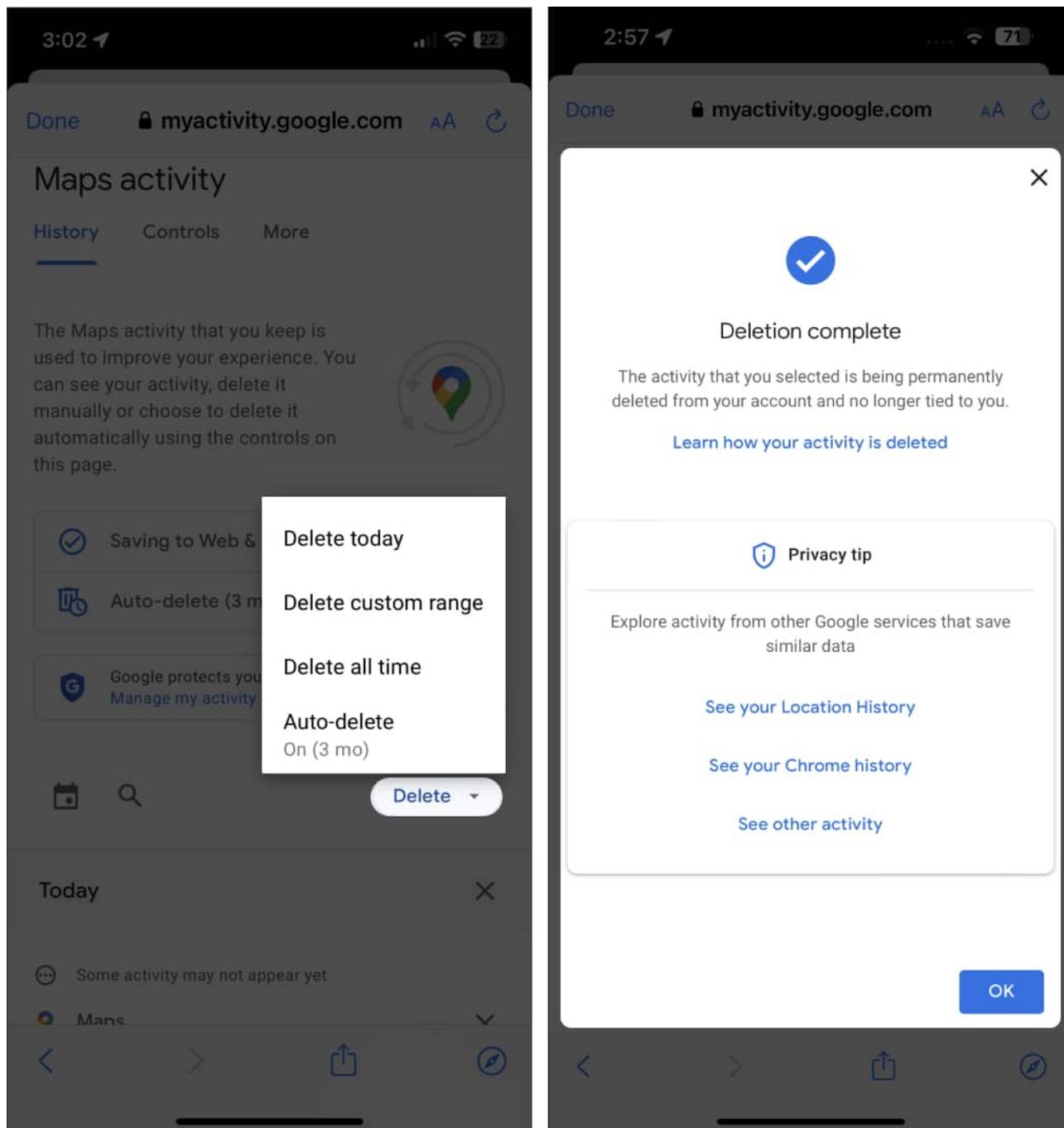
6. You can choose one of these four options:
    ○ **Delete today:** This option will delete the Google Maps history of the respective day. Tap **OK** when you're prompted with the alert portraying Deletion complete.
    ○ **Delete custom range:** This option allows you to delete your Maps history of a particular period. Select the dates you wish to clear the history from and tap **Next→ Delete.** You can preview the saved history before deleting your history

for confirmation. Press **OK** once alerted Deletion complete.

- **Delete all time:** This option will clear your entire Google Maps history in one click. Simple press **Delete→ OK** when prompted.
- **Auto-delete:** The best of all, you can opt for an auto-delete option and set a respective time frame. Tap **Next→ OK** to conclude the process. This feature will automatically clear out your entire Google Maps history based on your preferred duration from 3, 18 or 36 months.

How to clear Google Maps search history on Mac

1. Visit the official [My Google Activity](link) page. Log in to your Google account if you haven't already.
2. Select **Web & App Activity.**
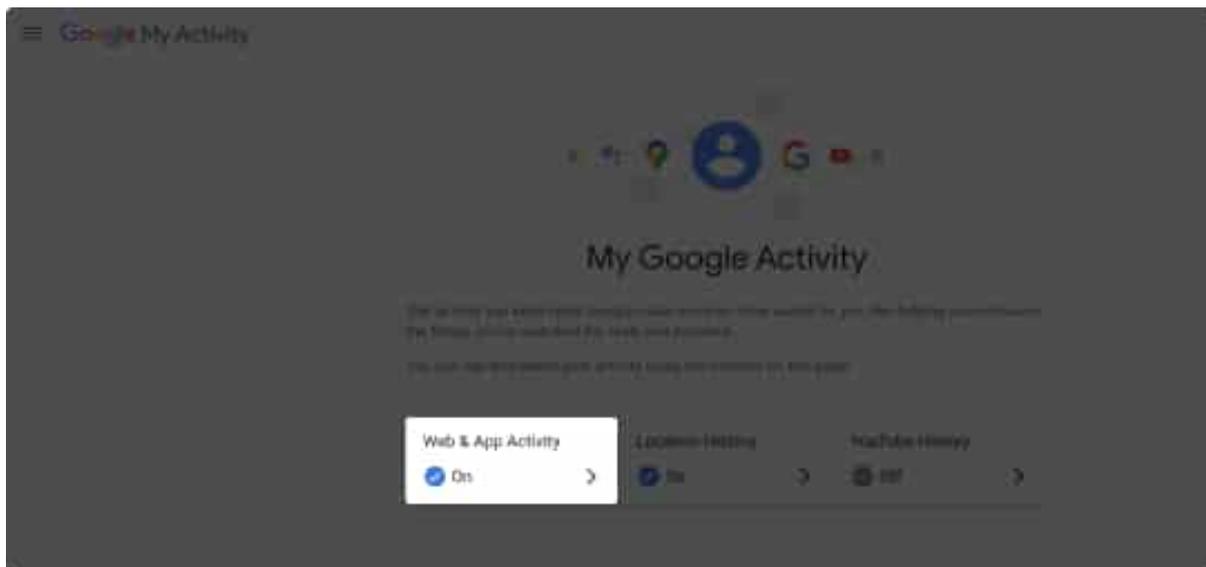
3. Click the icon of **Google Maps** from Activity Control.

Web & App Activity

Saves your activity on Google sites and apps, including associated info like location, to give you faster searches, better recommendations, and more personalized experiences in Maps, Search, and other Google services. Learn more

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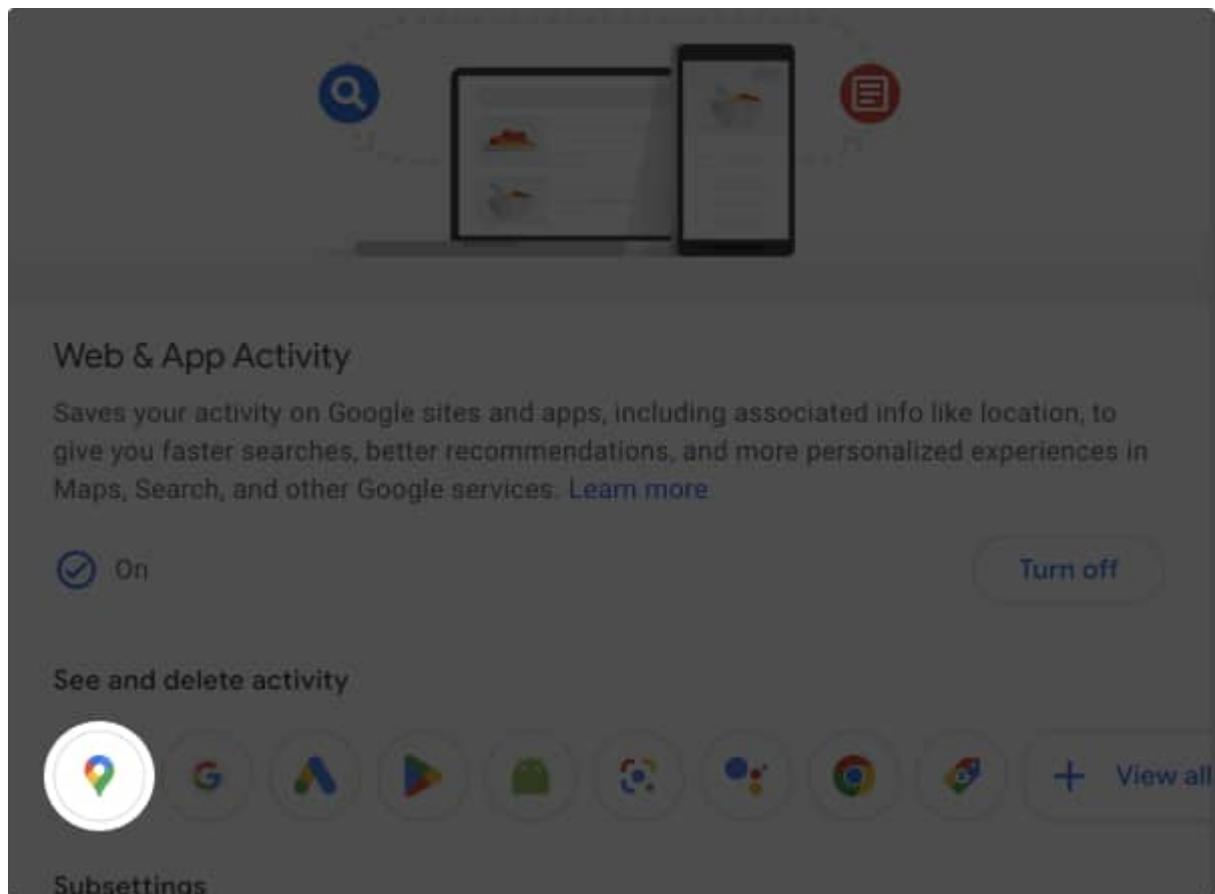
4. Now, select the **Delete** option and choose your preferred method accordingly.
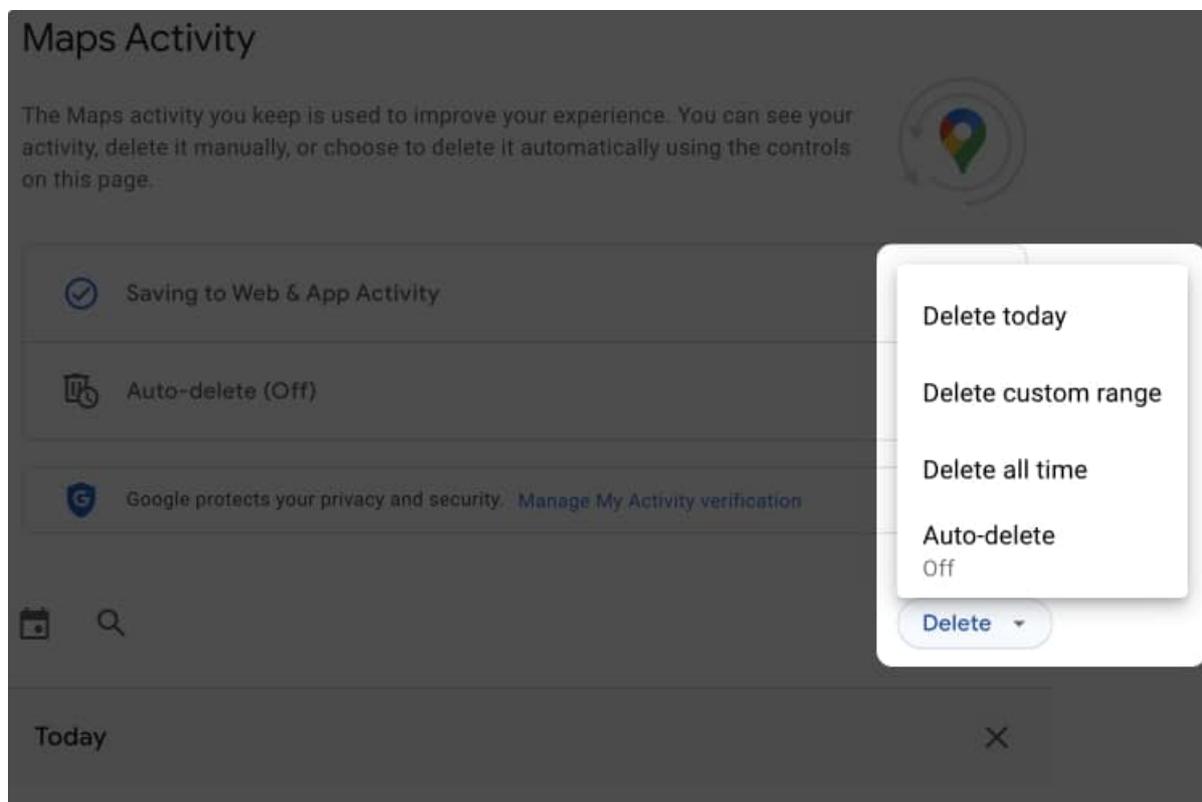
The options available with respect to the delete option are the same as mentioned above for iPhone and iPad. Have a clear understanding of those before making a move for better control over your actions.

Will deleting my Google Maps history affect the app's performance?

No, deleting your Google Maps history will not affect the app's performance. However, it may affect the accuracy of certain features, such as recommendations based on your previous searches.

Can I stop Google Maps from saving my history in the first place?

Yes, you can stop Google Maps from saving your history by turning off the u0022Location historyu0022 setting in your Google account. To do this, launch Google Maps and tap your **profile**. Choose **Your data in Maps** option → **Location History**→ **Turn Off**. Now, select the **Pause** option to prevent your location from being recorded.

Will changing the settings of Google Maps reflect on other devices?

If you end up making changes in Google Maps from one account, all devices operating with the respective account will follow the same settings.

Take a better control of your presence!

While the feature is designed and kept as default to improve the overall user experience, some might find it as an intrusion in the personal space. While the steps mentioned above can help you keep your experience more personal, you can further choose to disable or remove the Google Maps timeline on your iPhone and Android devices. If there's any further information that you wish to seek, please feel free to ask us in the comment section below.

Read more:

- [Google Maps not working on your iPhone?](#)
- [How to use Street View in Google Maps on iPhone, iPad, and Mac](#)
- [How to change Google Maps Voice Search language on iPhone and iPad](#)
- [How to check your location history on iPhone, iPad, and Mac](#)