Did you receive the Google Maps Timeline 2019 update and feel creepy about it? Me Too! So I have decided to turn off Google Maps timeline feature on my iPhone. If you would like to do the same, just follow the detailed guide below.



While a great feature from the app, it is alarmingly dangerous for our privacy and safety. Google is basically tracking your every move with your intentional or unintentional permission. Google Maps timeline history knows what you did last summer; check your timeline, if you don't believe us. Eerie right? So, let's get our location privacy back from Google.

How to Turn OFF and Delete Google Maps Timeline on iPhone and Android

Well, this is a problem. On the one hand, I don't want Google to track me, and on the other, I like finding the places I have visited and the routes traveled. Is there some way to circumvent the issue?

Google is smart enough to understand you, which is why the app has multiple solutions. So, you can ask the app to not to store your location history at all or delete specific data

manually or automatically. Let's first start with the former option.

Quick Access:

- How to Disable Location History in Google Maps on iPhone and Android
- How to Delete Google Maps Timeline History on iPhone and Android

Disable Location History in Google Maps on iPhone and Android

Step #1. Open Google Maps app on your device.



Step #2. Tap on the hamburger icon (three horizontal lines) and select Settings from the

menu.



Step #3. Now, scroll down and select **Personal Content** (it is placed under **Account Settings** in devices running iOS 13).

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Step #4. Select Location History settings and Tap on toggle next to Location History.



Step #5. Select **Pause** to continue and then press **Pause** again to disable the Location History.



After this, Google Maps will not store your Location History. Let's see how you can delete the history it already has in its database.

How to Delete Google Maps Timeline History on iPhone and Android

Deleting your Google Maps timeline history is a breeze. Moreover, thanks to a ton of options, you can choose to remove data for one day, a few days, or all of it.

Delete Location History for One Day on Google Maps





Step #2. Tap on the **hamburger icon** and select **Your Timeline** from the menu.



Step #3. Select the **Calendar icon** from the top bar and select the **date**.



Step #4. Now, tap on the **three dots** and select **Delete the day**.



Step#5. Press **Delete** again to confirm the action.



Remove Location History for Particular Days from Google Maps App

Step #1. Open **Google Maps** \rightarrow **Settings** \rightarrow **Personal Content** on your iOS or Android device.



Step #2. Tap on Delete Location History Range.



Step #3. Here select the **dates/range** you want to delete the data from and tap on **Delete**.

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Step #4. Check I understand and want to delete and press Delete again.



Delete All Location History in Google Maps on iPhone and Android

Step #1. Open **Google Maps** \rightarrow **Settings** \rightarrow **Personal Content** on your iOS or Android device.



Step #2. Tap on Delete all Location History.



Step #3. Check I understand and want to delete and press Delete.



Photo Library

Check for photos

Automatically Delete Location History in Google Maps on iPhone and Android

Step #1. Open **Google Maps** \rightarrow **Settings** \rightarrow **Personal Content** on your iOS or Android device.



Step #2. Tap on **Automatically delete Location History**.



Step #3. You can either select **Keep for 18 months** or **Keep for 3 months**, as per your convenience and tap on **Next**.

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Step #4. Here, check I understand and want to delete and press Confirm.



Step #5. Press **Done** and exit the app.



Don't Allow Google Maps to Access your Location All the Time

There is another precautionary measure to secure your privacy, though that's only applicable for iOS users. Thanks to Apple's vigilance, you can limit Google Maps access to the location only when using the app.

On your iPhone, open **Google Maps apps** \rightarrow **Settings** \rightarrow **Personal Content** \rightarrow Location settings and Tap **Location Service is on.**





Here tap on **Location** and switch the **Location permission** from **Always** to **While Using the App**.



Hope you Have a Secure 2020!

Undoubtedly, the Google Maps timeline is an excellent feature to reminiscence your past travels and trips. However, like everything in technology, there's a right side and wrong side.

Given my affiliation and contact with tech, my 2020 resolutions include smartly handling such issues for a healthier and safer me. What are your resolutions for this year? Let us know in the comment section below.

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