

Using the Voyageur Hiking Trail Ondago App

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The Voyageur Trail Association has developed an app in Ondago for mobile devices. This app contains maps and descriptions for the 500 km of trails in our network, from Nipigon to Blind River. When maps are downloaded they can be used offline, and will show your location on the trail. Not only will this app serve as a great trip planning tool, it will also ensure you don't go astray.

When a member pays their dues, they receive a PDF file containing a unique passcode and instructions. This gives members exclusive access to our digital map products, with versions for mobile devices, the Web, printable PDFs and GPX files as a benefit of their membership. Maps are updated regularly, and a new version is issued each April along with a new passcode.

To get the most from the Ondago app, please review the following information. You must first download and install the app on your smartphone or tablet.

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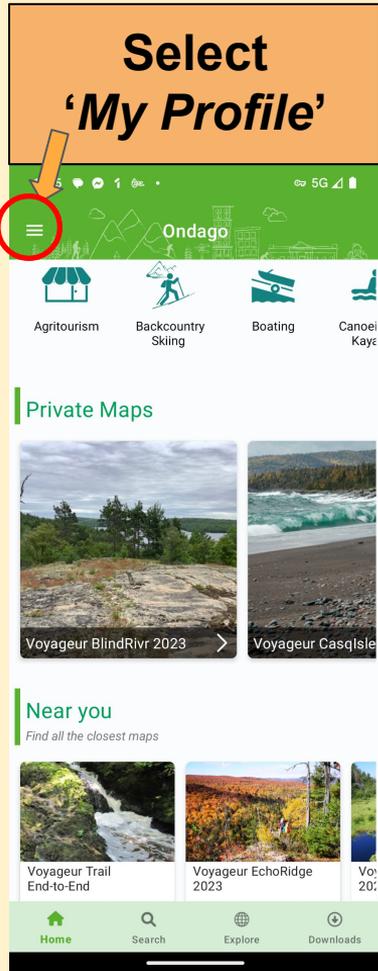
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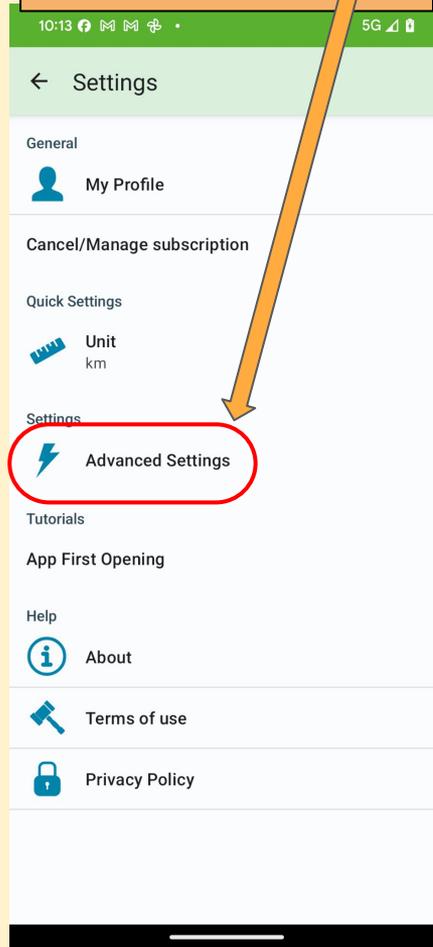
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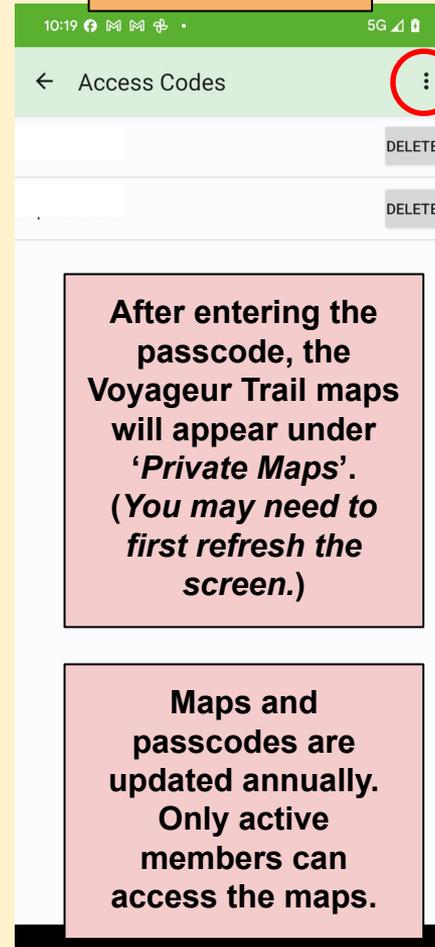
1. Opening a map (1)



Select 'Advanced Settings'



Add passcode



Tap here to add passcode (e.g., access code).

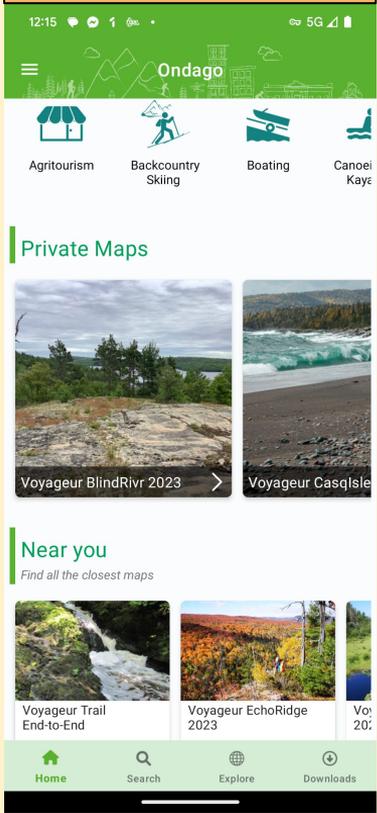
Members receive the passcode by email. They can also go [here](#) and download the instruction file under 'Using the Ondago App'.

After entering the passcode, the Voyager Trail maps will appear under 'Private Maps'. (You may need to first refresh the screen.)

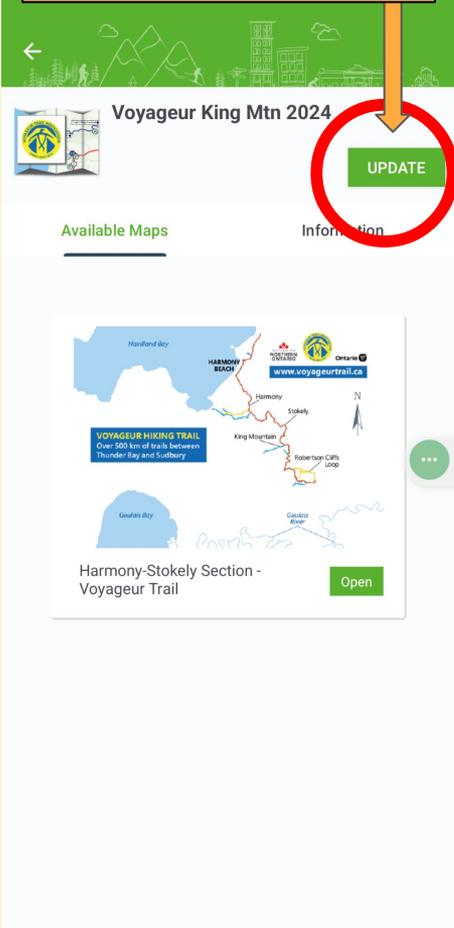
Maps and passcodes are updated annually. Only active members can access the maps.

2. Opening a map (2)

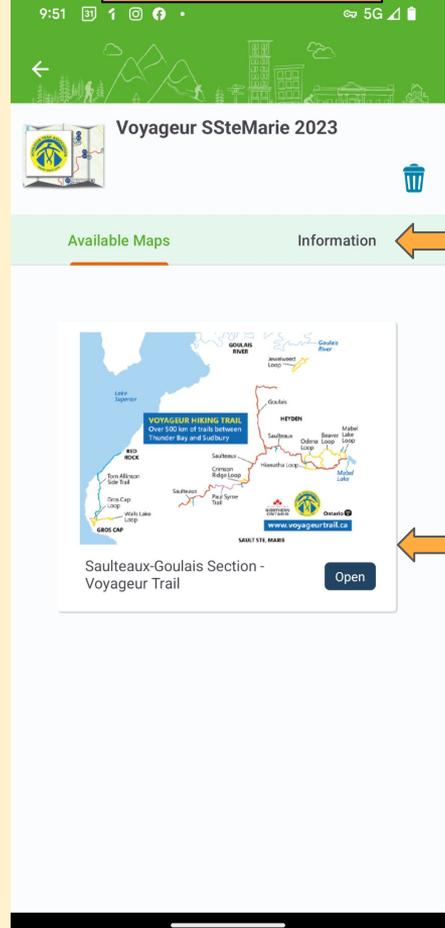
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DOWNLOAD or UPDATE option



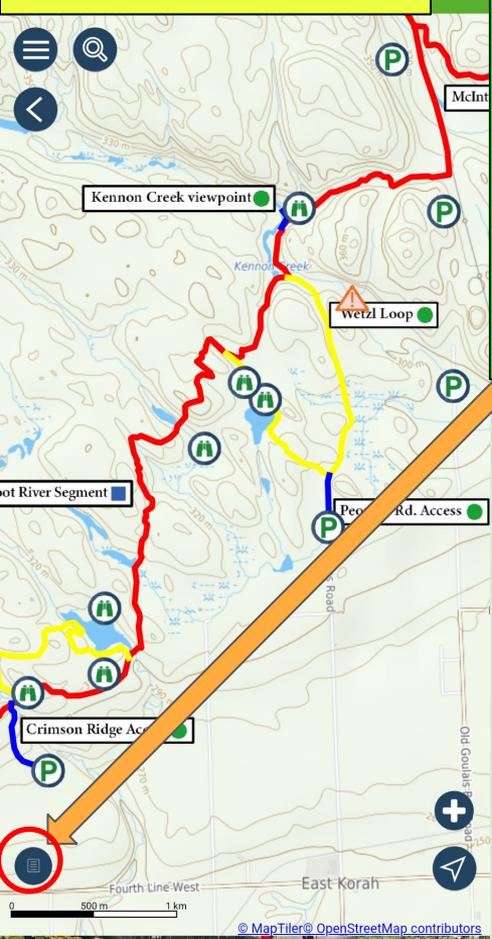
Before opening



Information tab gives instructions on using the app

Graphic shows extent of the trail covered by this map

3. To read before hiking



All maps have the information in the right, visible anytime by clicking on the map icon in the lower left corner.

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ABOUT ECHO RIDGES TRAIL

- The Echo Ridges trail is one of 9 sections (each with a separate map) of the Voyageur Trail system. This section comprises some 56 km of main linear trail and several short side trails, passing through an intriguing forested landscape that includes many scenic vistas, lakes, creeks and rivers. The trail runs from Mabel Lake in the west to Lonely Lake Rd.
- These trails can be enjoyed from Tower Lake (Two Horse Lake Rd.) in the east, north- and west-ward to Mabel Lake at the east side of Sault Ste. Marie.
- This trail passes through the Garden River First Nation, where vehicle access requires a road pass issued by the Band Office.
- The Saulteaux Club is responsible for this trail, and can be contacted through its [Facebook](#) page or [email](#).

NAVIGATING THE TRAIL

ECHO RIDGES TRAIL CONDITIONS

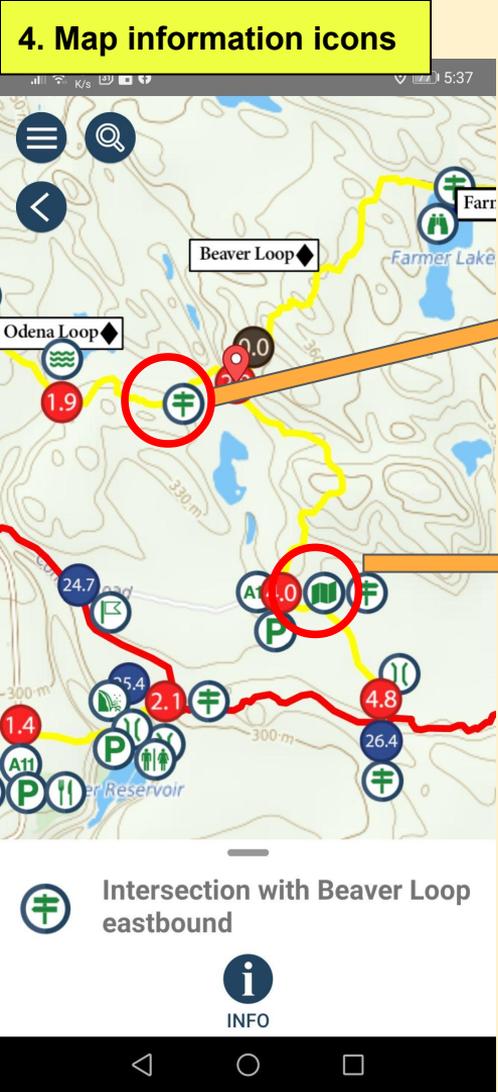
TRAIL MARKING SCHEME

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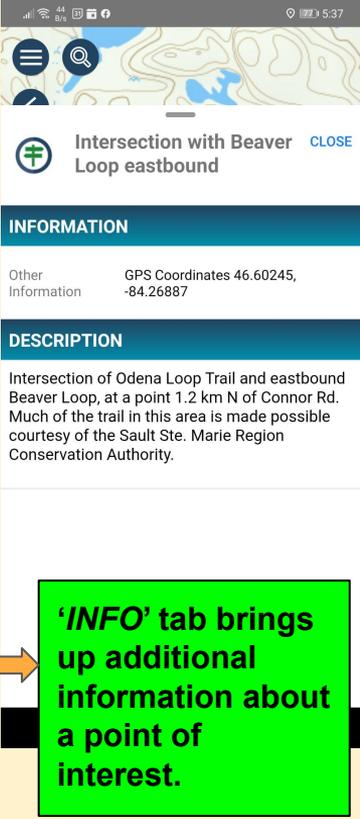
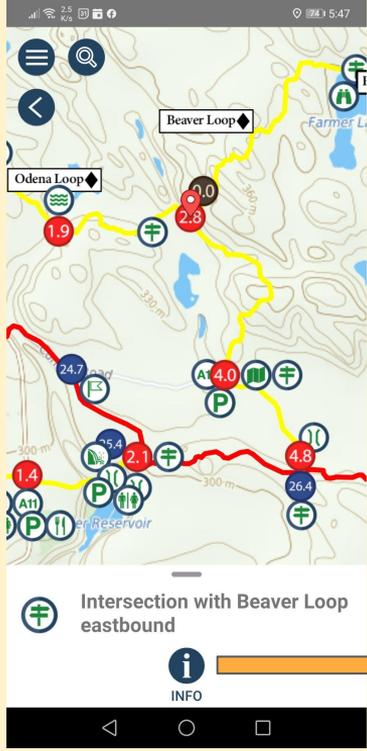




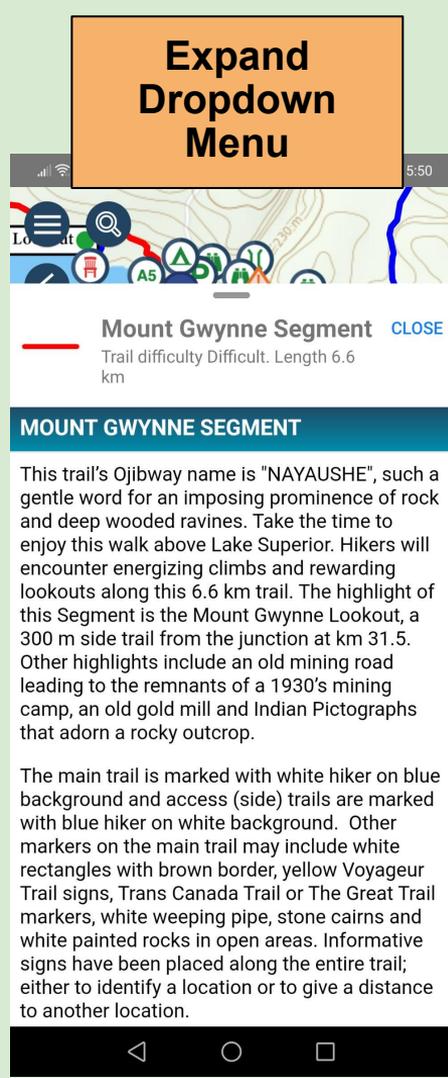
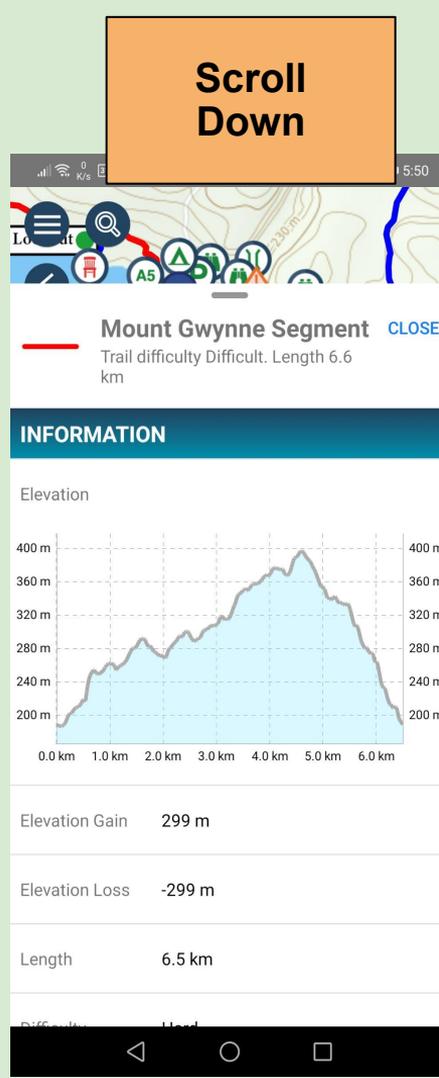
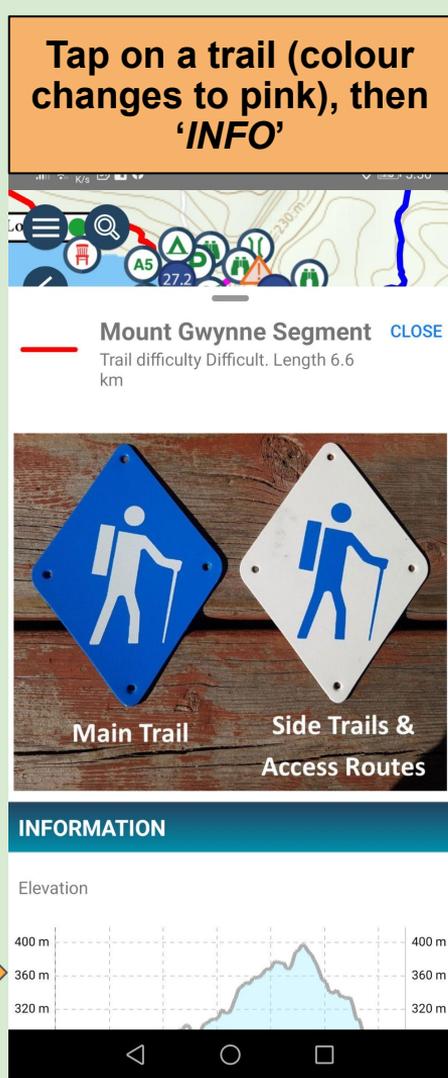
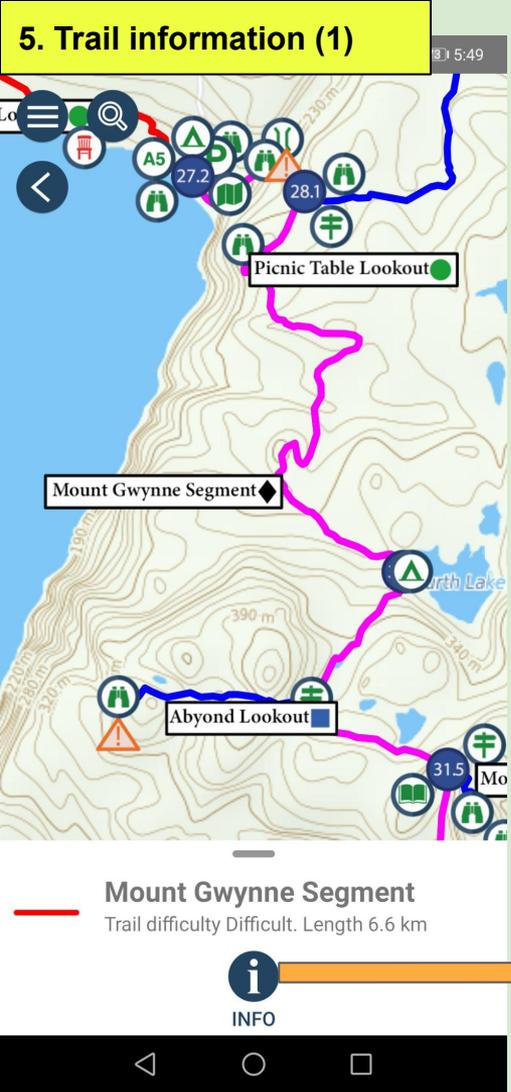
Tap on any map icon to learn more

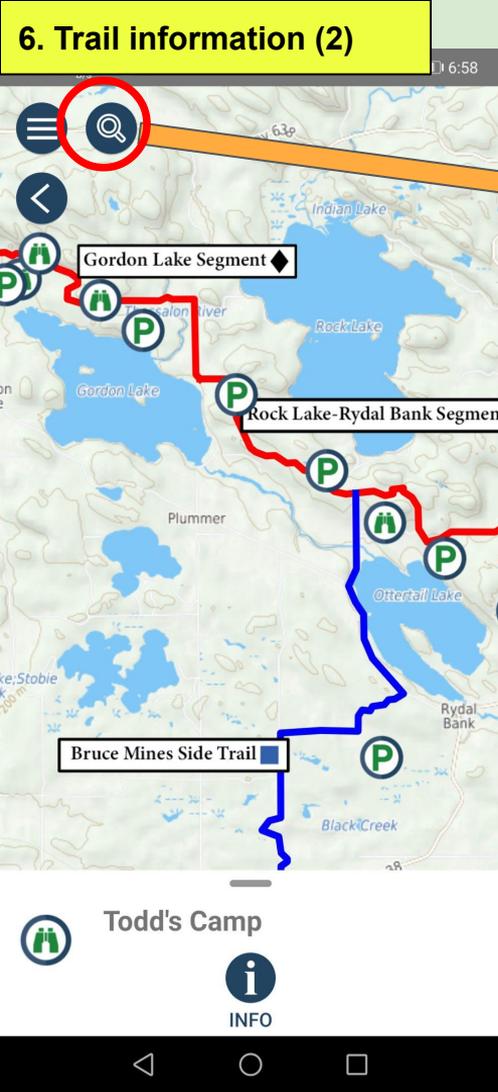
Intersection

Sign

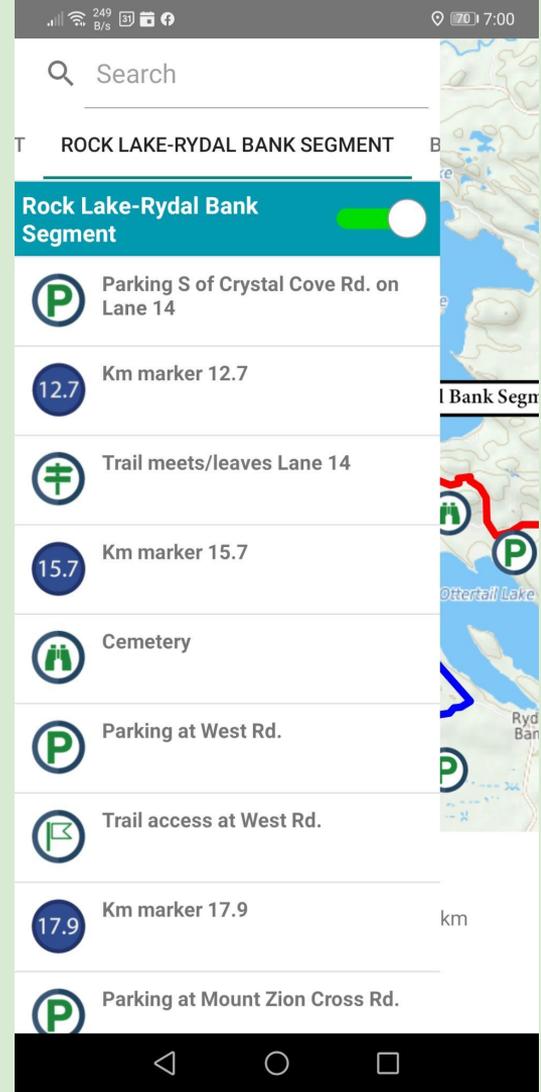
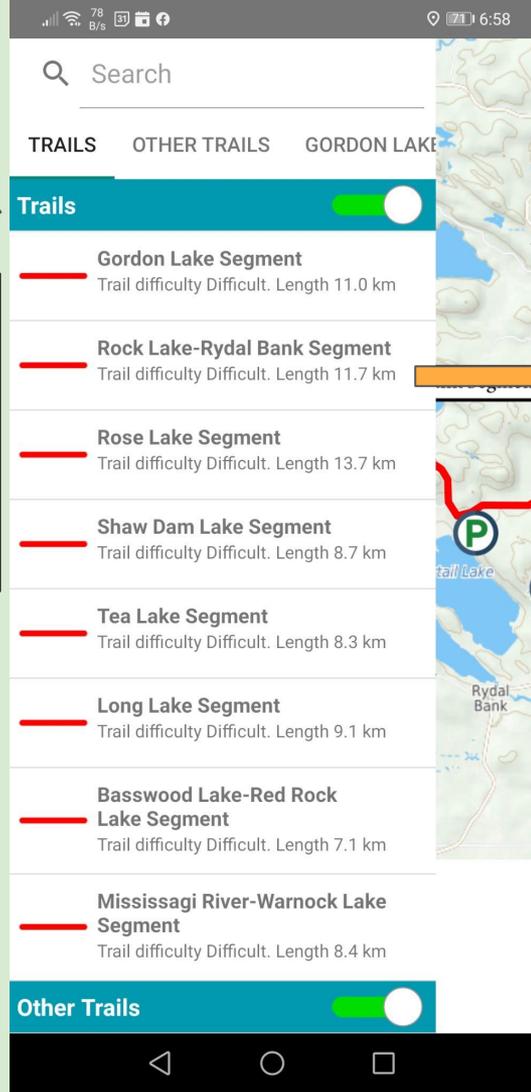


'INFO' tab brings up additional information about a point of interest.





The 'Search' function shows all trails and points of interest in list form



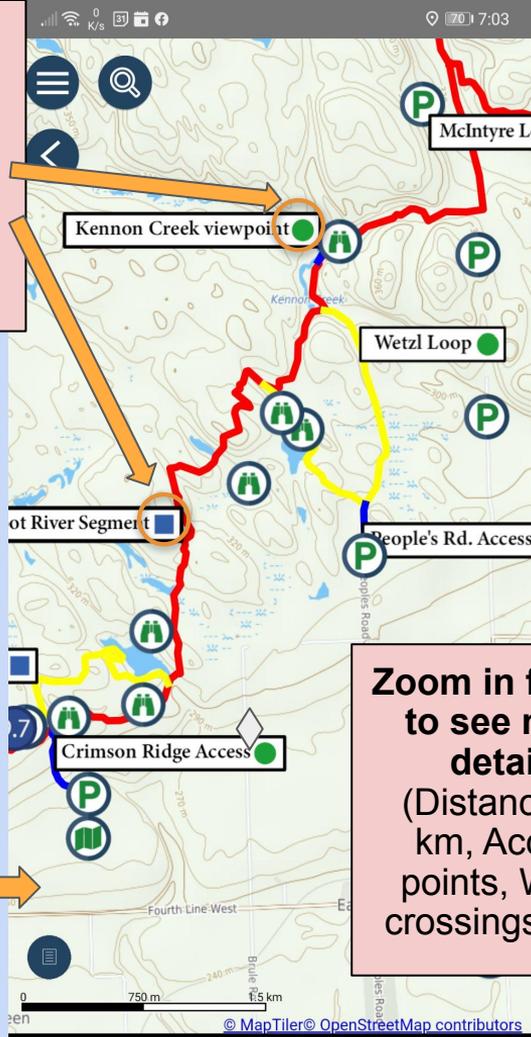
7. Other map features

All trails have a difficulty rating:

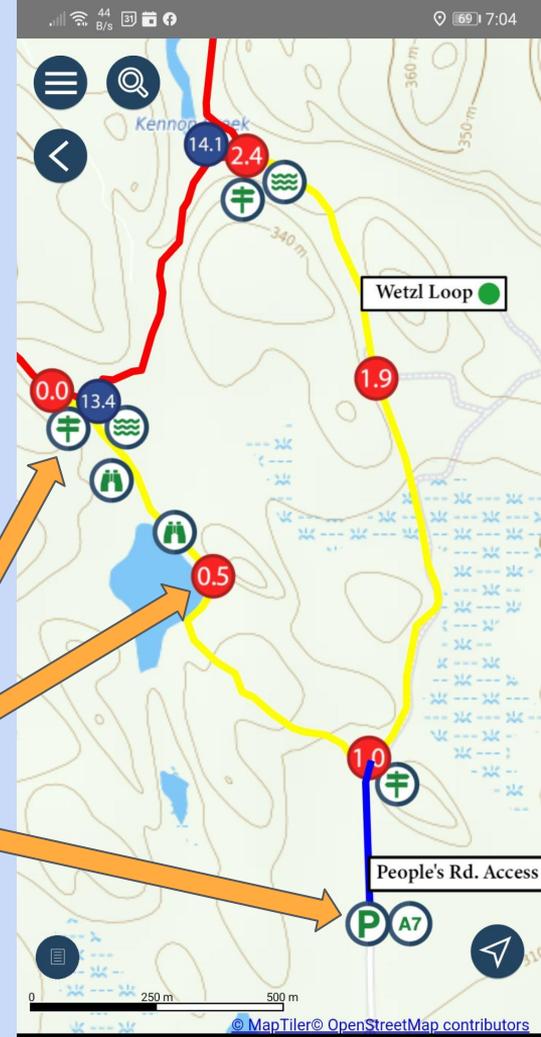
- = Easy
- = Moderate
- ◆ = Difficult



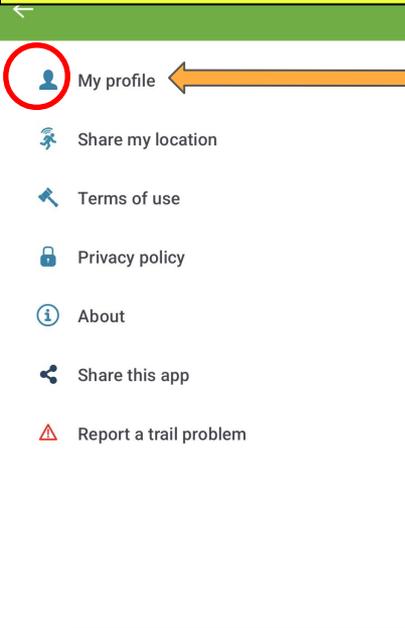
Zoom in
(using two fingers)



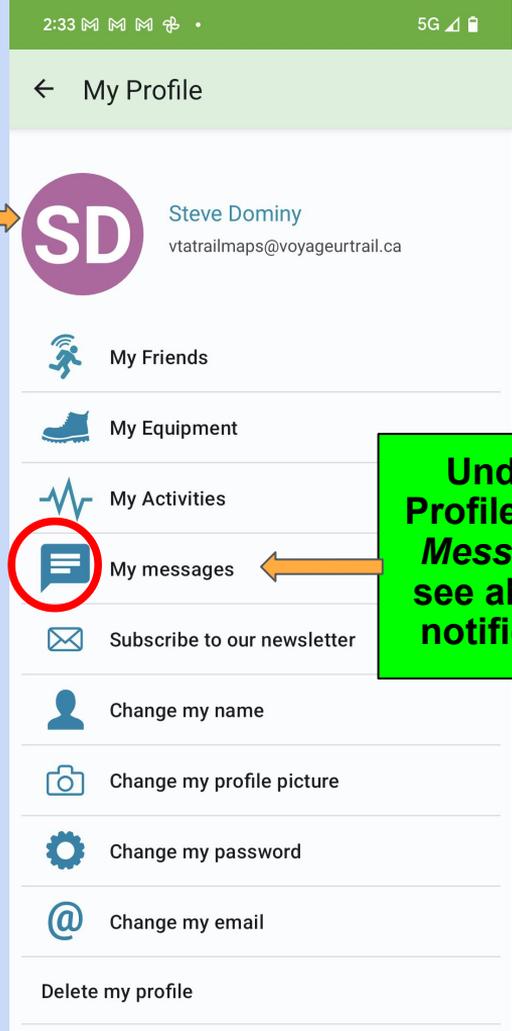
Zoom in further
to see more details
(Distances in km, Access points, Water crossings, etc.)



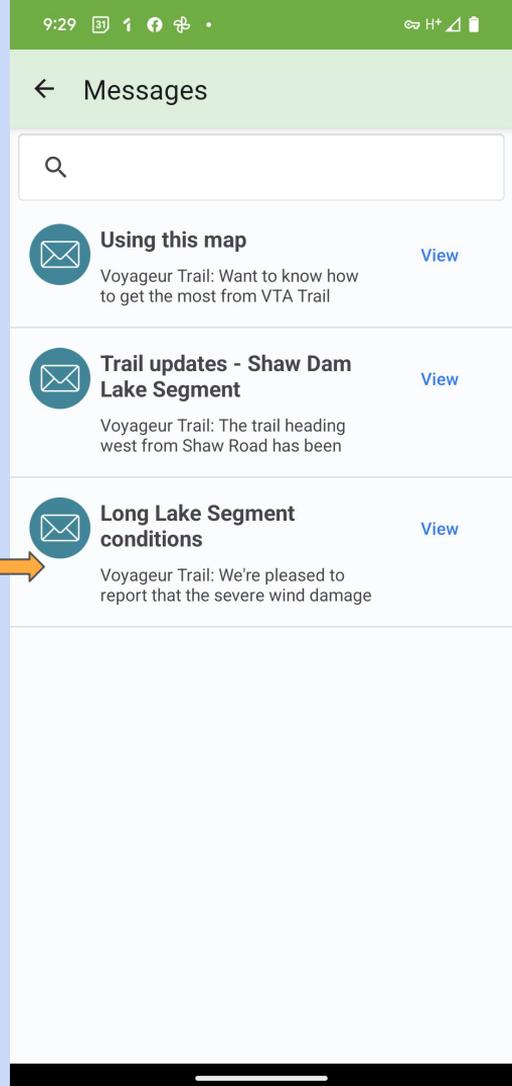
8. Viewing notifications



Open this menu when you have a map open to view your profile

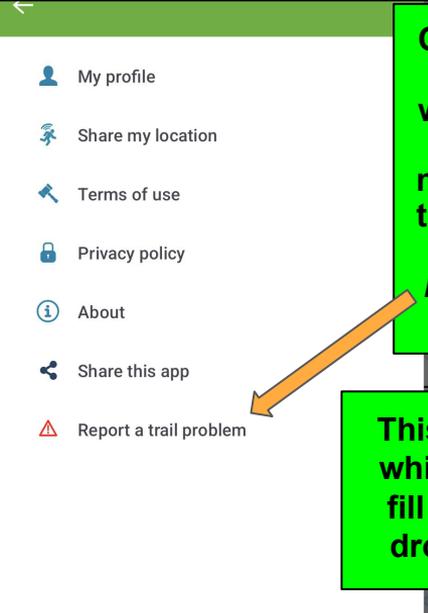


Under 'My Profile' tap 'My Messages' to see all posted notifications.



You will also receive the message on your device. To receive notifications, go to your phone settings and confirm that you have allowed 'All OndaGo notifications' for the app.

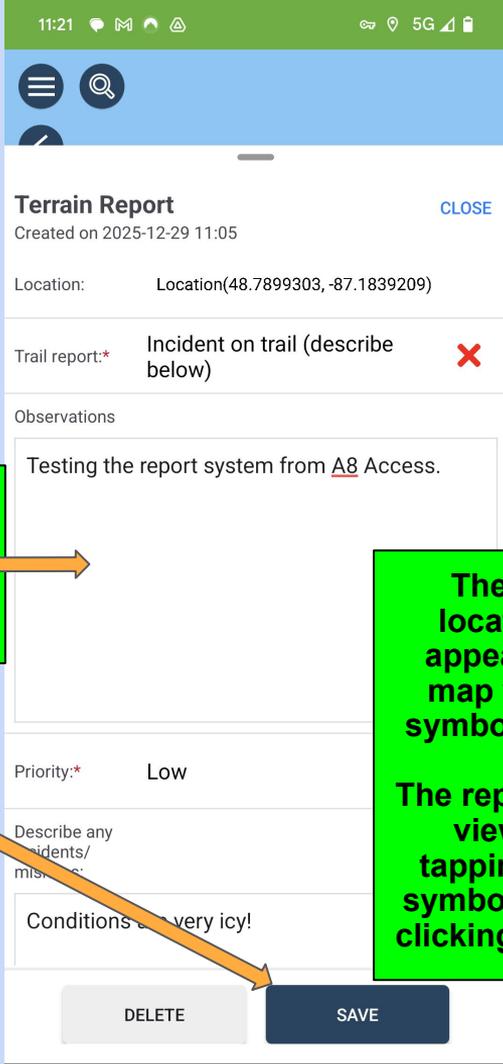
9. Reporting a problem



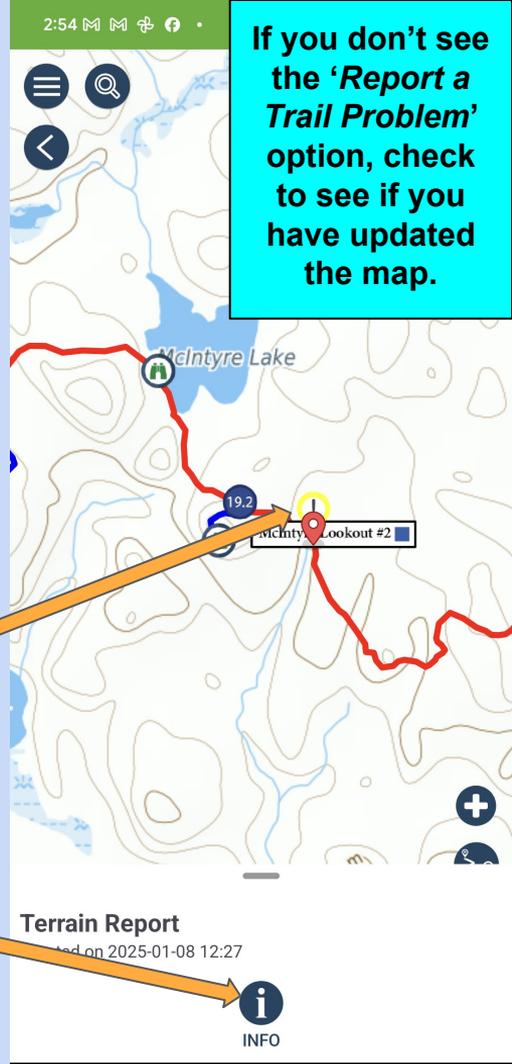
Open this menu when you have a map open to 'Report a Trail Problem'

This form will open, which you can then fill in using mostly dropdown menus.

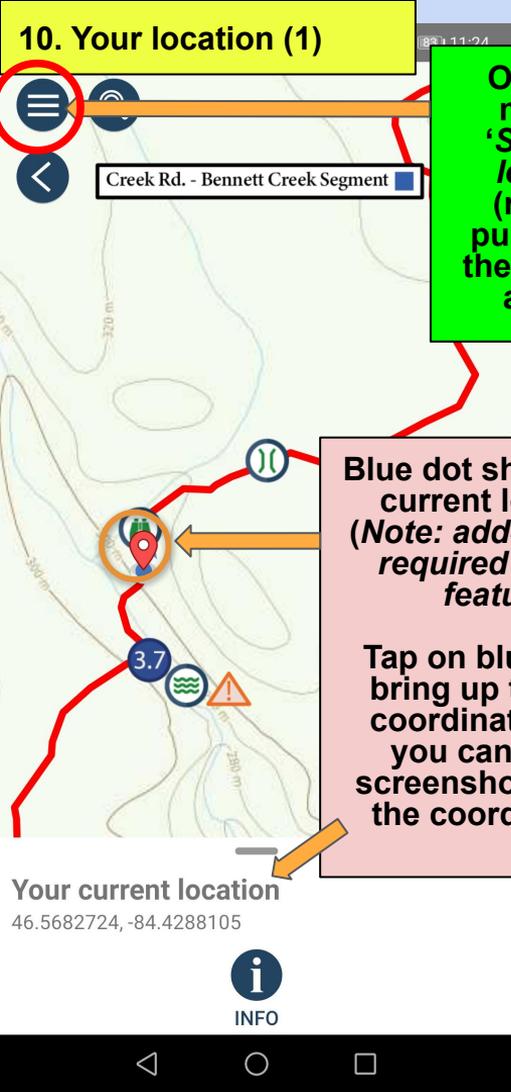
Note that you can report a problem even without a data connection. After clicking 'Save' the app will hold the report and location data in memory, sending it to an administrator when you reach a point where you have a connection.



The report location will appear on the map with this symbol (yellow). The report can be viewed by tapping on the symbol and then clicking on the 'i'.



If you don't see the 'Report a Trail Problem' option, check to see if you have updated the map.



10. Your location (1)

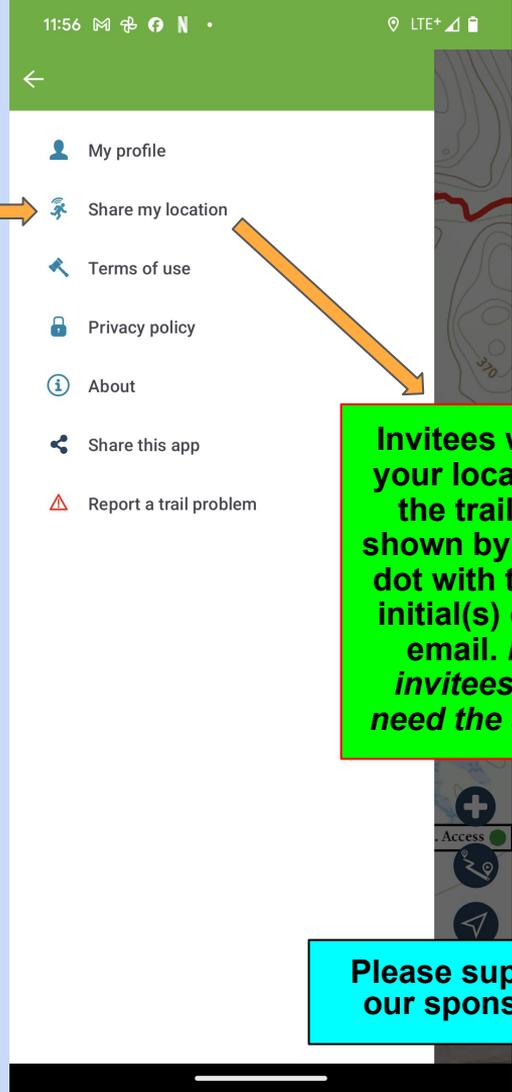
Creek Rd. - Bennett Creek Segment

Your current location
46.5682724, -84.4288105

Open this menu to 'Share my location' (requires purchase of the Ondago+ add-on)

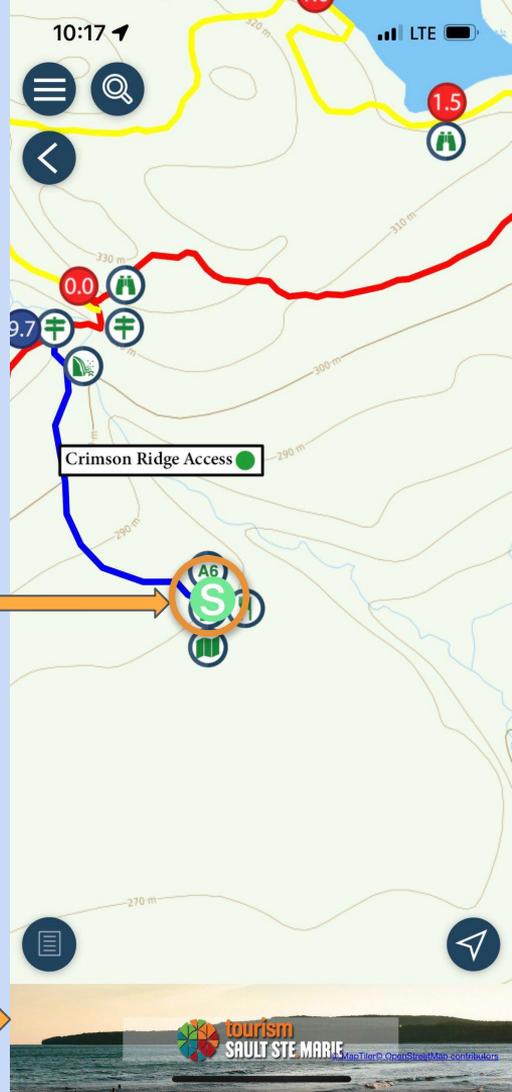
Blue dot shows your current location (Note: add-on is not required for this feature)

Tap on blue dot to bring up the GPS coordinates (TIP: you can take a screenshot to save the coordinates).



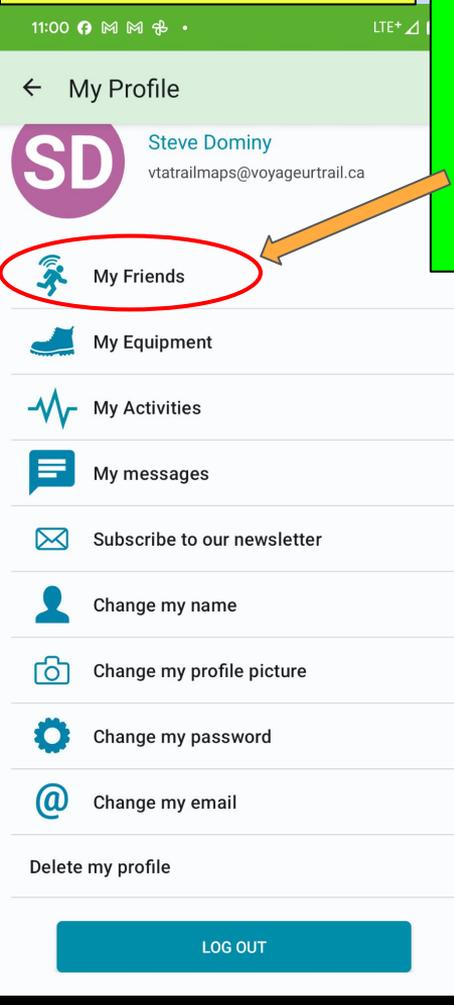
Invitees will see your location on the trail map, shown by a green dot with the first initial(s) of your email. Note: invitees don't need the add-on.

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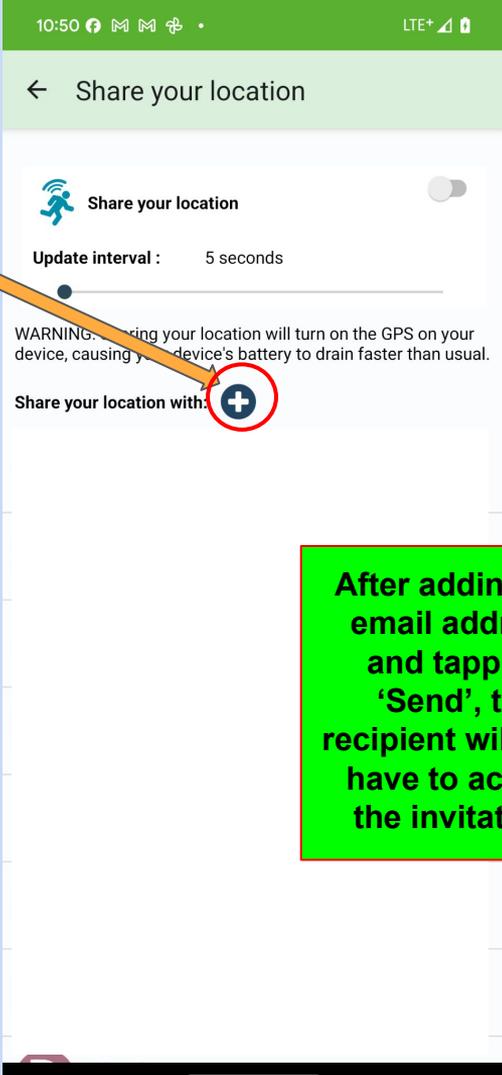


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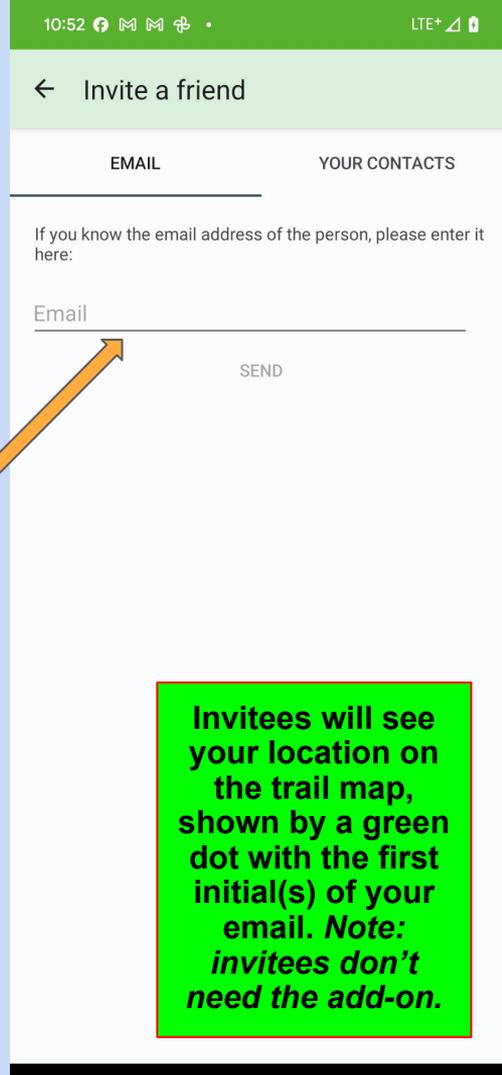
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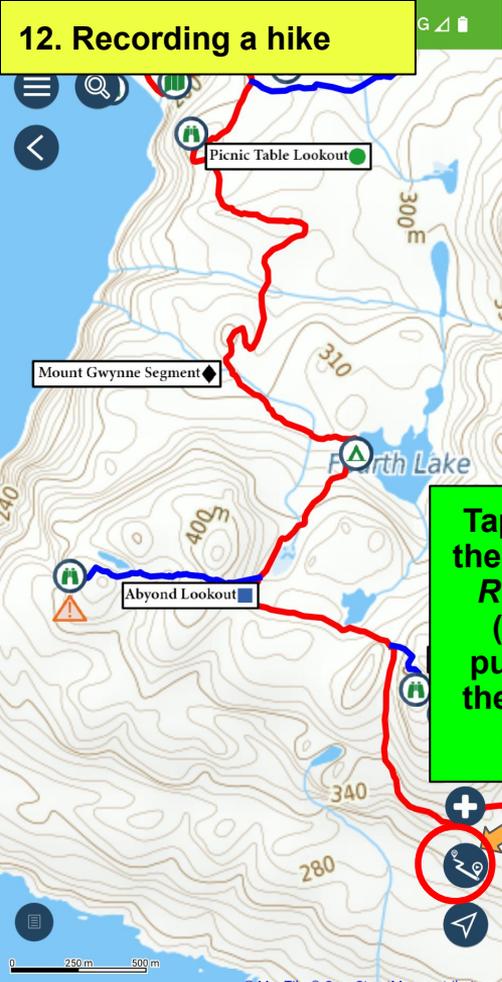
Another way to 'Share my location' (requires purchase of the Ondago+ add-on)



After adding the email address and tapping 'Send', the recipient will then have to accept the invitation.

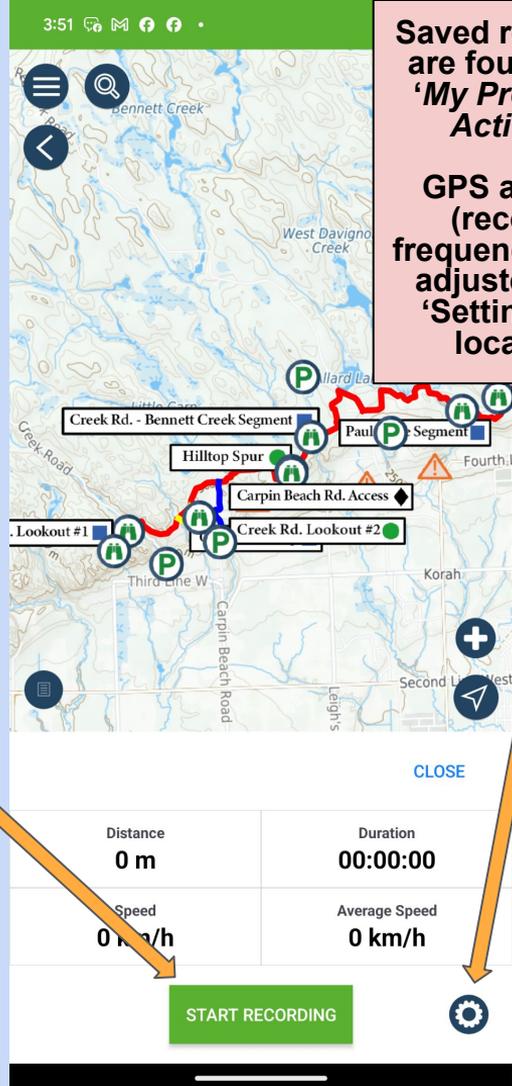


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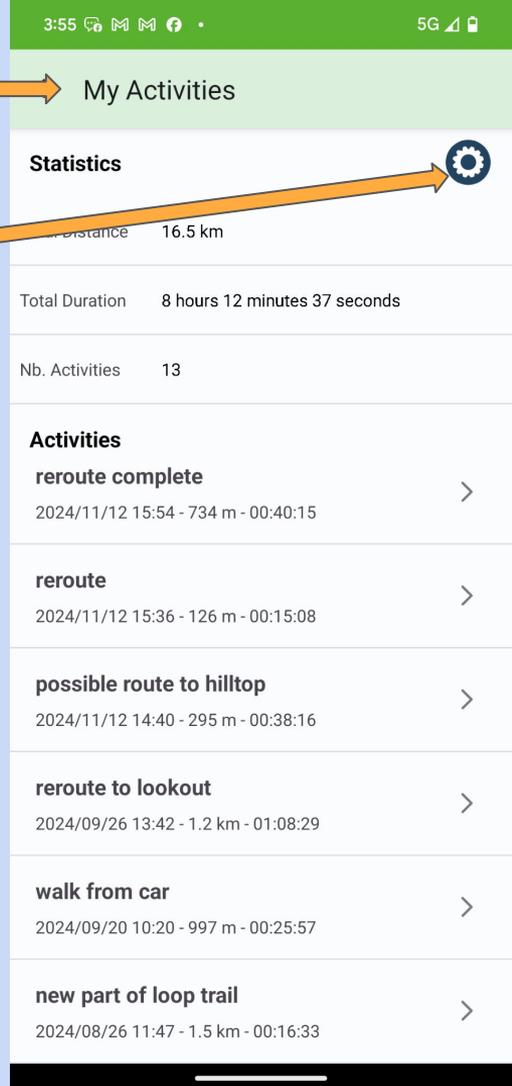


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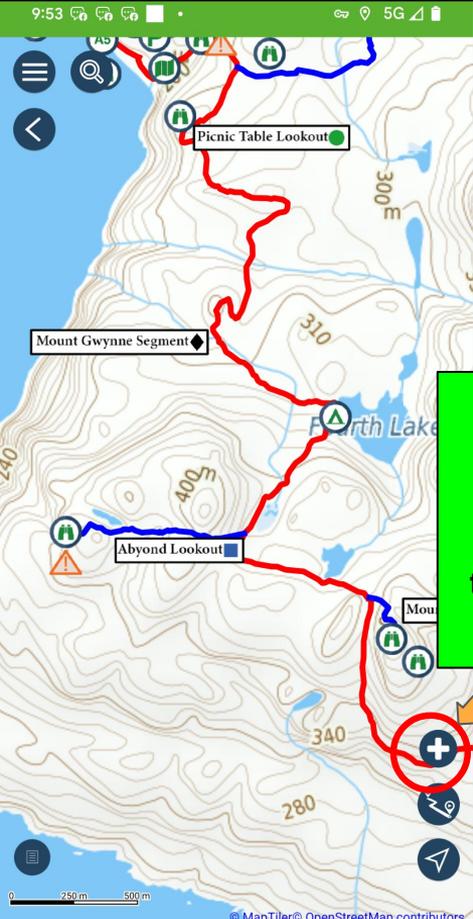
Tap icon and then tap 'Start Recording' (requires purchase of the Ondago+ add-on)



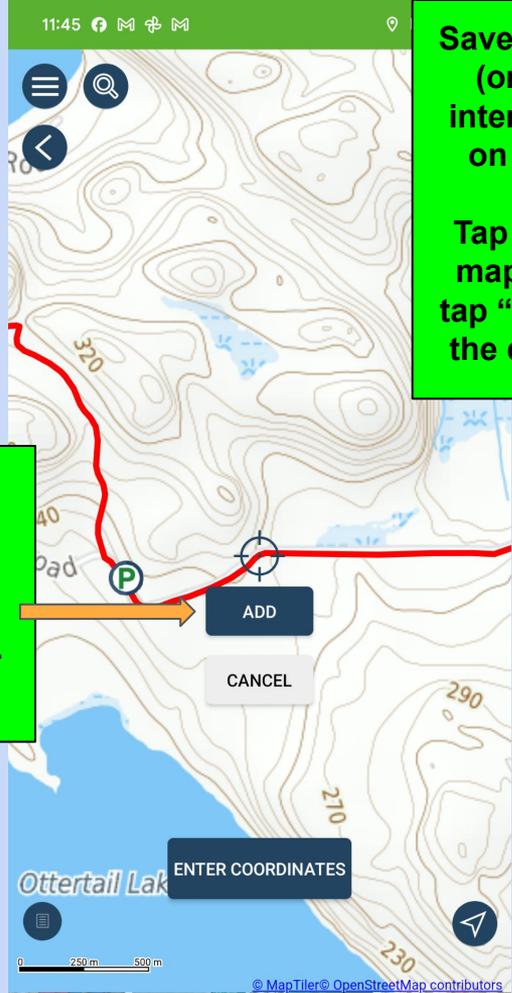
Saved recordings are found under 'My Profile | My Activities'.
GPS accuracy (recording frequency) can be adjusted under 'Settings' (two locations)



13. Adding personal waypoints



Tap '+' icon and then tap 'Add' (requires purchase of the Ondago+ add-on)



Saved waypoints (or points of interest) appear on your map.

Tap on the new map icon, then tap "INFO" to see the description.

