

Your iPhone Has a Hidden List of Every Location You've Been

The **Significant Locations list** shows a minute-by-minute route history of your exact whereabouts in every location you've been in over the past few years.

How to find your location history

Step 1: Open the Settings app.

Step 2: Navigate to the Privacy section (small white hand, blue background).

Step 3: Click on Location Services.

Step 4: Scroll *all the way* to the bottom and click on System Services.

Step 5: Navigate to Significant Locations.

At this point, you'll need to log in with your passcode or Face ID.

Now, here's where it starts to get interesting. You should see a list of cities. Underneath each location, there'll be a number of locations and a corresponding date.

If you scroll to your hometown, there should be dozens (even hundreds, in some cases) of locations, accompanied by a date range.

Step 6: Click on your hometown.

You'll see that "Home" is probably first at the top of your list. Here's where it gets even more specific.

Step 7: Click on Home.

You are finally presented with a minute-by-minute list of your commutes to and from your home and your method of transportation.

Taking a step back for a moment, Apple does qualify this Significant Locations section by saying that these are encrypted locations and cannot be read by Apple. We'll have to take their word for that part. But it's not so much that they even qualify it like that. What's most surprising is how clearly hidden this section is.

Anyone who has ever built a digital product knows that if you're putting something seven screens away from the main screen with a series of scrolls, clicks, and nonobvious names, you're actively trying to hide the content from the end user.

Can I turn it off?

Remember: Apple says that this data is kept private. But if you're uncomfortable with this list, you can simply move the Significant Locations **switch to the off** position. If you really want to wipe it clean, turn it on, scroll to the bottom of the history, and select **Clear History**.