

Google Timeline Activation Opt-In

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Is Google Timeline enabled by default on all android devices and google accounts such as email or other?

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As of my last update in January 2022, Google Timeline, which is now part of Google Maps and allows users to view their location history, is not enabled by default on all Android devices or Google accounts. Users need to opt-in and activate location tracking for Google Timeline to work. Typically, during the setup process of an Android device or when signing into a Google account, users are asked if they want to enable location services, including location history. Users can choose to enable or disable this feature based on their preferences.

However, it's essential to note that Google's policies and features might change over time, so it's a good idea to check the most recent settings and privacy policies on your device and Google account for the most accurate information.




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Fair. But in your answer you also suggest that perhaps it isn't made explicitly clear that enabling location services also means to enable Google Timeline, correct? Furthermore a user cannot use google maps without enabling location services, correct?

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Yes, you're correct on both points:

- Explicit Clarity:** While users are typically asked to enable location services during the setup process or when signing into a Google account, it may not always be explicitly clear that enabling location services also enables features like Google Timeline. The wording may vary, and users might not immediately associate enabling location services with features like Timeline.
- Google Maps and Location Services:** Yes, in order to use certain features of Google Maps, such as real-time navigation and location-based recommendations, users need to have location services enabled on their device. This means that if a user wants to utilize Google Maps functionalities, they'll need to enable location services, which in turn may contribute to their Google Timeline data if they've opted in.

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