

Google Maps Workshop Tutorial

Creating custom maps using a popular web-mapping interface.

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With the help of Google Maps, anyone with a free Google login can create customized maps including placemarkers, lines, polygons and even links to websites or files. This free web-mapping tool provides the ideal venue for sharing geographic information such as study-area location, test-site locations or even road trip plans. Send your map to colleagues using email, add a custom map to your website or take a 'screen capture' to include the map image in a PowerPoint presentation. Use the following steps to generate maps and share geographic information with everyone.

Mapping requirements

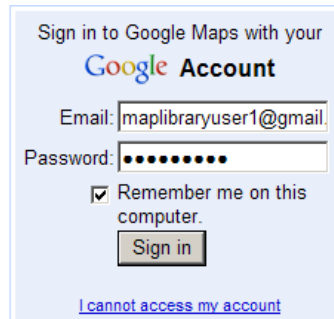
- To use Google Maps for custom mapping, you must first have a login. If you have a Gmail account, use that as your login, otherwise, sign up with Google now!

<https://www.google.com/accounts/NewAccount>

- Secondly, you need something to map!

Creating a custom Google Map

- Go to <http://maps.google.com> and sign in.



Sign in to Google Maps with your Google Account

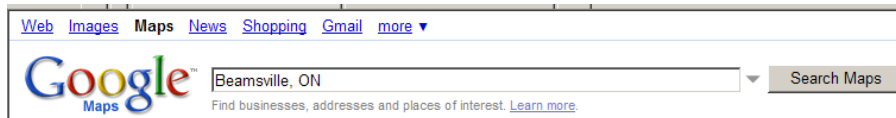
Email:

Password:

Remember me on this computer.

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- Search for the location that you want to map using the Google Search box.

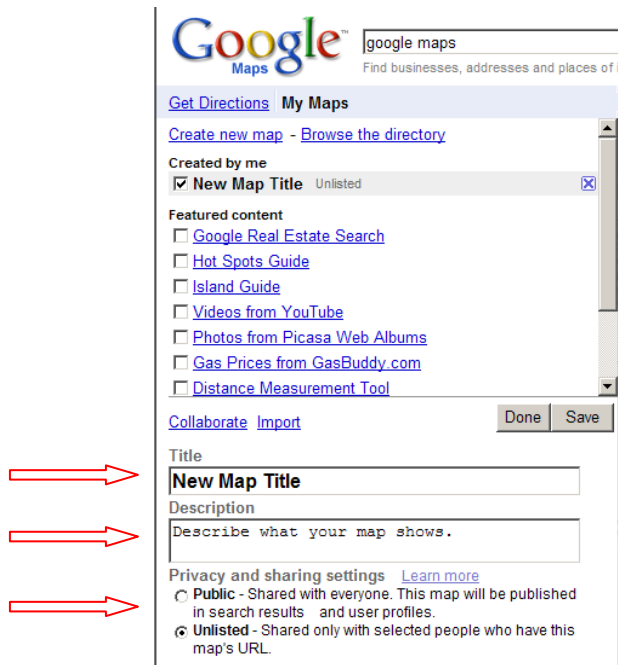


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- Click *MyMaps*, select *Create New Map* and enter a *Title* and *Description*. Select *Unlisted* for privacy settings.



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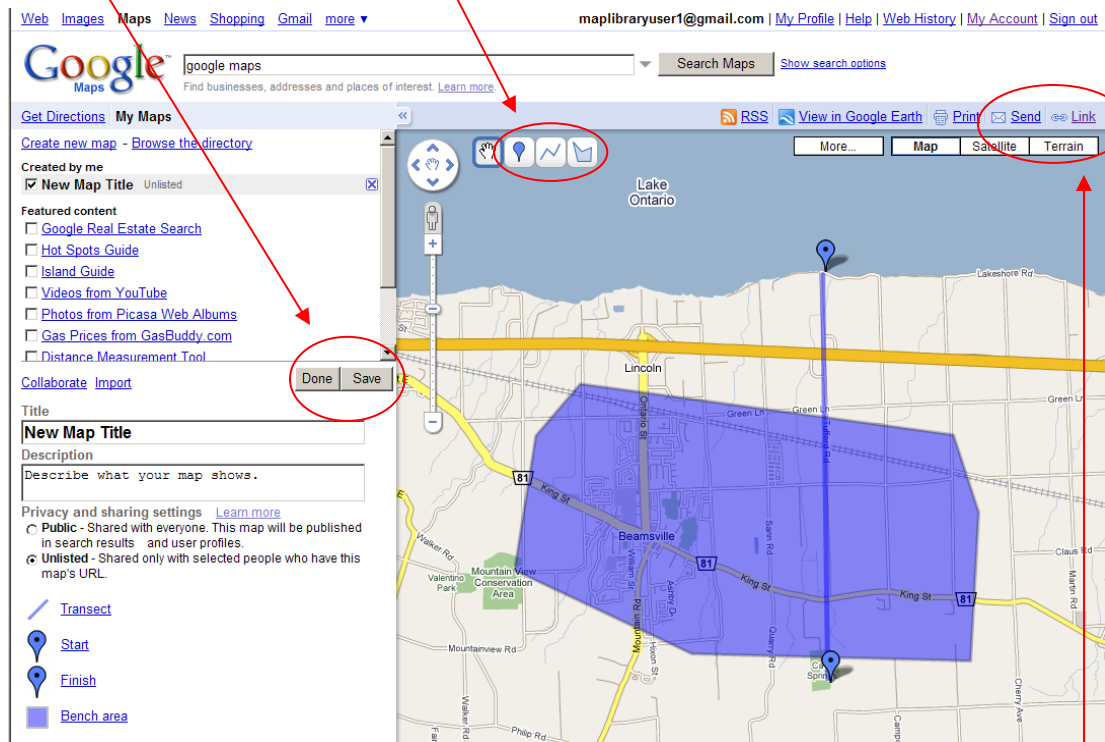
Description

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- Public** - Shared with everyone. This map will be published in search results and user profiles.
- Unlisted** - Shared only with selected people who have this map's URL.

4. Add details such as place markers, lines or polygons.

5. Save and preview.

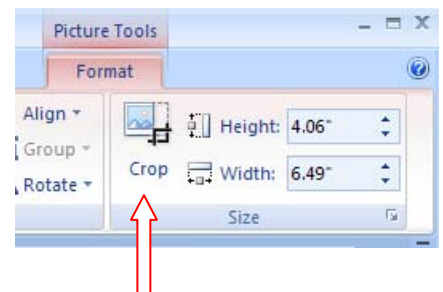


6. Share with others using LINK or SEND (via email).

- a. Click the LINK option and copy the URL provided (highlight and hit Ctrl-C on the keyboard) then paste (Ctrl-V) the URL into an email or other document.

7. Use *Print Screen* to copy and paste into a document.

- a. Position your map as you would like it to appear in a document then hit the *Print Screen* button on your keyboard. This action copies the view on your computer screen to the Windows clipboard.
- b. Open a software program to display the image (i.e. Powerpoint, WORD) and hit paste (Ctrl-V on the keyboard). Double-click the image to access the *Picture Tools*. Use *Crop* to isolate only that part of the image you require.
- c. To resize the image, click off the image then select it again and resize by clicking and dragging the corner of the image.



You have now successfully created a Google Map. More advanced options are available and can be investigated at your leisure. Please see the Google Help Pages for further details.

<http://maps.google.com/support/>