Mapper guide

Record what you actually observed. Keep unknown information explicit and preserve your source files.

1. Prepare before leaving

Charge the phone, allow location access and enable camera geotags if available. Record GPX in a separate track app as backup. Start when leaving the car or bus; photograph parking or the stop.

2. Record the approach

Treat the walk to the trail as part of the route. At the official sign or actual trail entrance, record Trail start and take a separate photo. Keep approach distance and time separate from the trail.

3. Photograph the route

Take photos about every 100–200 metres and at the start, finish, viewpoints and hazards. At junctions photograph both directions and explain the correct one. If GPS or bearing is absent, place the photo manually later.

4. Record observations

Mark junctions, water, swimming, cafes, toilets, narrow or dangerous places and finish. Add short text or voice notes: direction, conditions and observed walking time. Stop in a safe place before using the phone.

5. Mark coverage changes

Record normal, weak/intermittent or no coverage, plus carrier when known. Mark where each level changes. Split the segment at these points later. Coverage is an observation, not a guarantee of connectivity.

6. Keep an offline backup

Before leaving, wait for the “Offline screen ready” message. Save a selected file with “Record event”; stopping a voice recording saves it to the queue. “Saved on this device” is not the same as “Saved on server”. Keep the browser open and download a backup before clearing device data.

7. Complete the draft

When online, send pending records, then open the after-walk wizard and import actual GPX/KML. Confirm date, approach, time, coverage, notes and photo assignments. Complete the attribute checklist and review the draft before submitting to moderation.

8. Respect the place

Do not place physical markers without permission from the responsible operator. Do not mark unsafe, private or dead-end branches as usable paths. Record warnings and the observation date; preserve the original track and photos.

Paper field log

Use local phone time and write the timezone. Match notes to photos and GPX manually later; leave unknown coordinates blank.

Route: _____ Date/timezone: _____

Start · Trail start · Junction · View · Water · Swimming · Cafe · Hazard · Narrow · Toilet · Coverage change · Finish

Time	Event	Coordinates	Direction / condition / note

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