

**18 Features**



**iOS 18**

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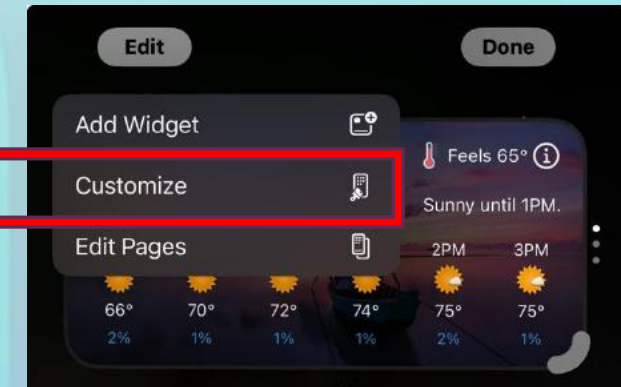
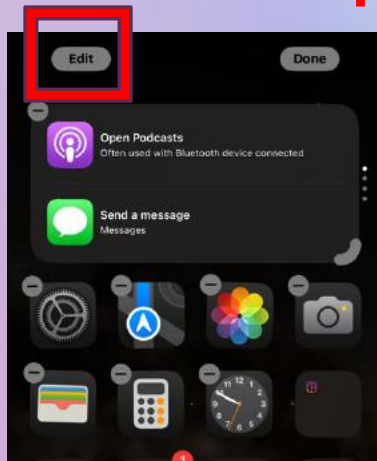


# 1. Customizable Home

In iOS 18, you can customize your Home Screen more than ever. You can change most items, including color and placement of app icons.

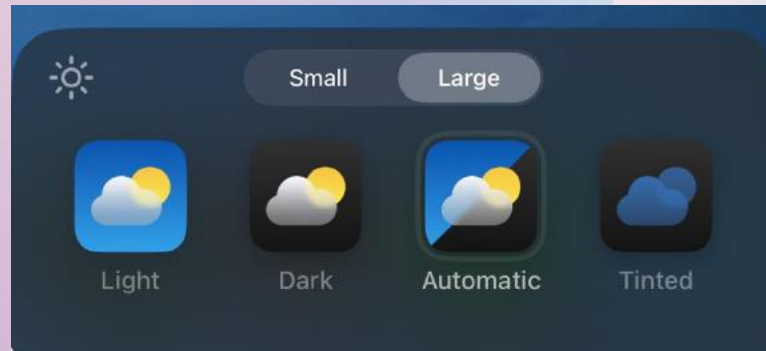
You can choose between dark and light mode icons on your Home Screen. To do this press and hold on the screen. Once your icons start to wiggle, look up in the top left corner and press “Edit”

When you press edit, a drop-down menu appears. Press “customize”



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Pick between Light mode icons, Dark mode icons, Automatic (which matches the system setting) or Tinted (dark icons with a single accent color).

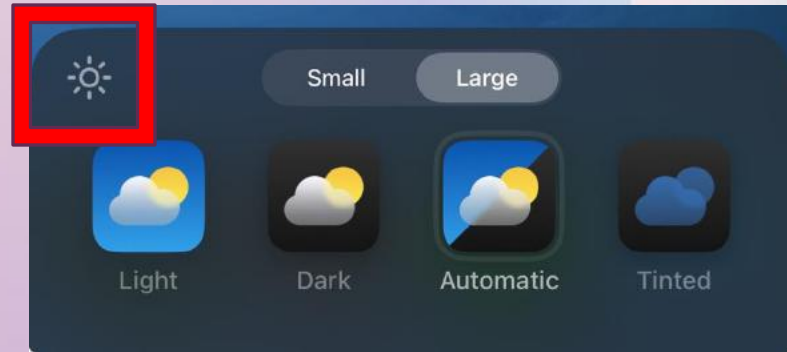


From the same menu, you can make icons bigger and hide the labels. Tap Large on the top to see bigger icons on the Home Screen and in the App Library. When you make the icons large you will lose the folder and icon labels.



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You can also dim the wallpaper by pressing the sun icon in the top left of this menu.

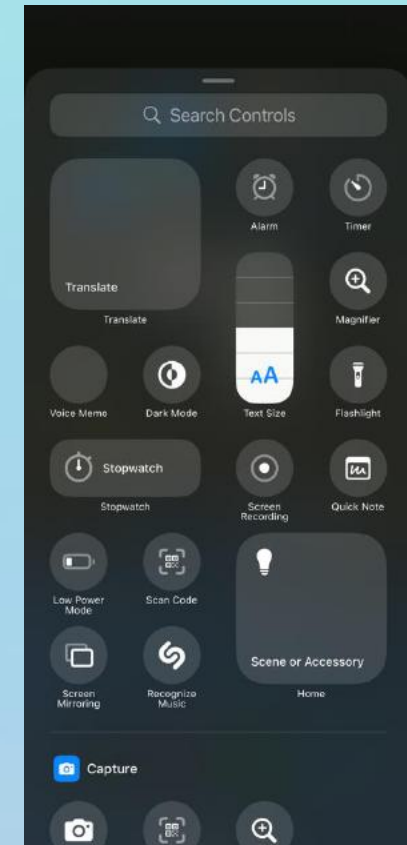


# 2. Customize Control Center

To customize the Control Center swipe down from the upper right corner to open Control Center. Then press the “+” button in the top left corner of Control Center.



Now press “Add a Control” at the bottom of the screen. This will bring up a menu of possible controls to add. There are a lot more controls available.

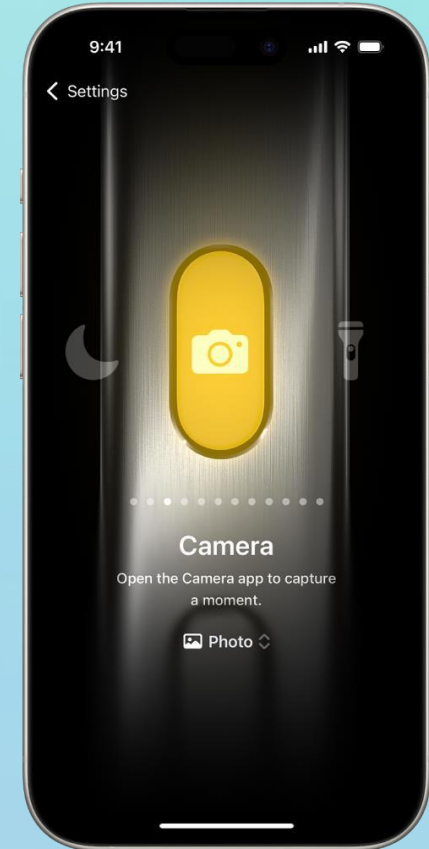


# 3. Customize the Action Button

If you have a new enough phone with an action button, (15 Pro and Pro Max and all 16 models) you can customize what it does.














Go into Settings and select “Action Button” in the menu. To select which action you want to use, swipe left or right. When you find the action you want, just leave it there and go back out of settings. Your action button will now do what you chose.



# 3. Customize the Action Button

Here are the possible actions you can choose from:

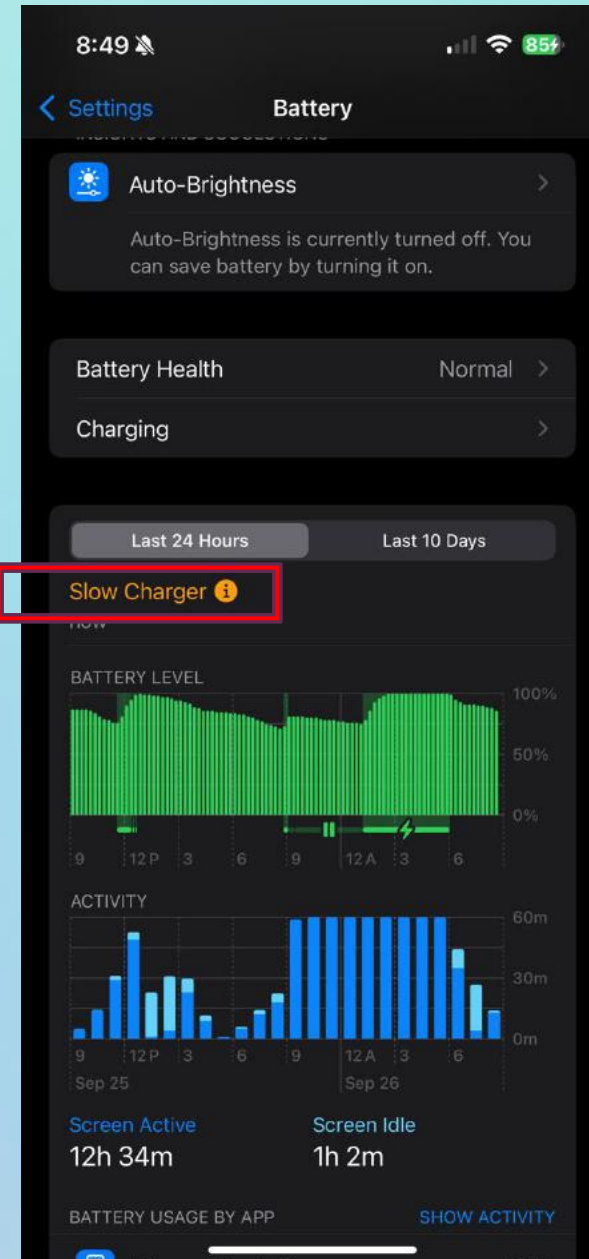
Icon	Action
	<i>Silent Mode:</i> Switch between Silent and Ring for calls and alerts.
	<i>Focus:</i> Turn on a Focus to silence notifications and filter out distractions.
	<i>Camera:</i> Open the Camera app to capture a moment.
	<i>Flashlight:</i> Turn on extra light when you need it.
	<i>Voice Memo:</i> Record personal notes, musical ideas, and more.
	<i>Recognize Music:</i> Find out what song is playing nearby or on your iPhone with Shazam.
	<i>Translate:</i> Translate phrases or have a conversation with someone in another language.
	<i>Magnifier:</i> Turn your iPhone into a magnifying glass to zoom in on and detect objects near you.
	<i>Controls:</i> Quickly access your favorite control.
	<i>Shortcut:</i> Open an app or run your favorite shortcut.
	<i>Accessibility:</i> Quickly use an accessibility feature.



# 4. iOS 18 Tells If the Charger is Too Slow

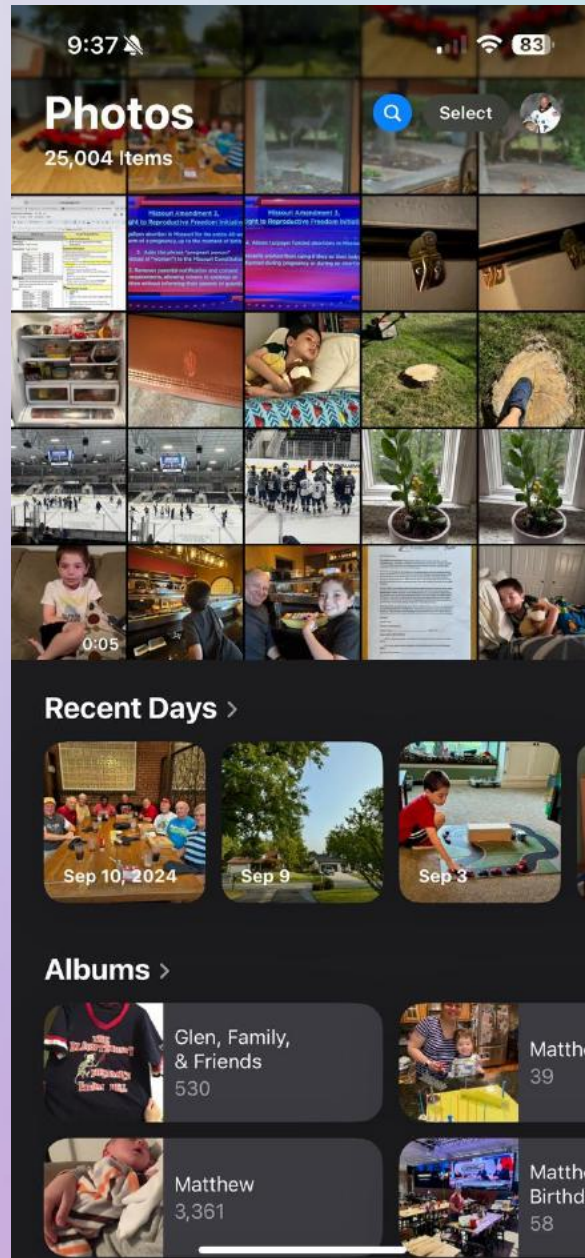
A new feature of iOS 18 is that your iPhone will tell you if your charger is too slow. This can help you find the right charger to use with your phone. Once you plug your phone in, go to Settings and scroll down to Battery. When you go into the battery setting, if you're using a charger that is slower than your iPhone's ideal charging rate, you'll see a "Slow Charger" notification in orange.

The bars in the graph will also appear orange to indicate when you're charging slower than your iPhone's capability. If you tap on the orange "Slow Charger" indicator, you'll be redirected to an Apple Support page about charging.



# 5. Cool Photos Features

In the new Photos Library, the top part of the screen has all your pictures and videos in chronological order from the bottom up. You scroll UP to go back in time browsing your pictures and videos.



Older Photos



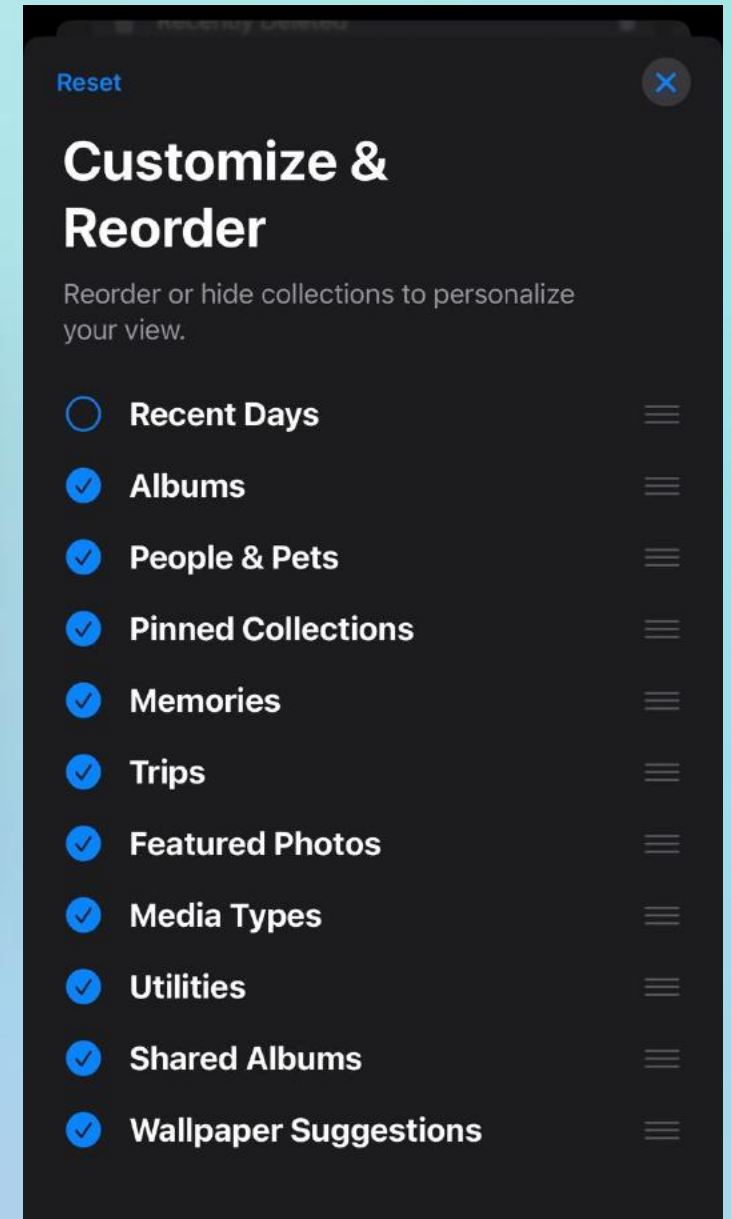
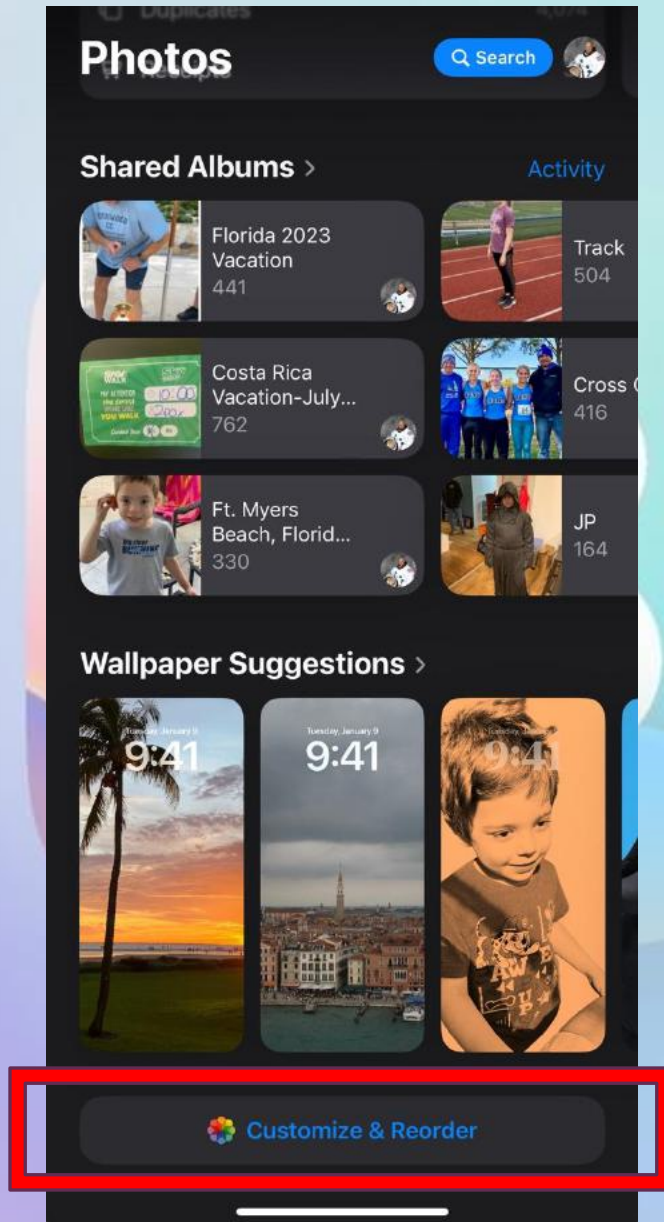
Newest Photos

What's cool is that there is an "X" in the bottom right corner of the screen that you can press at any time to jump back down to the bottom and your newest photos.



# 5. Cool Photos Features

You can decide what content you want in your Photos stream. If you scroll to the very bottom of your Photos screen you will find a "Customize & Reorder" button. When you press this button, a screen will pop up with a list of content that you can choose what you want to show up in your feed. You can also reorder the list to the order you want.



# 6. Cool New Features of Messages

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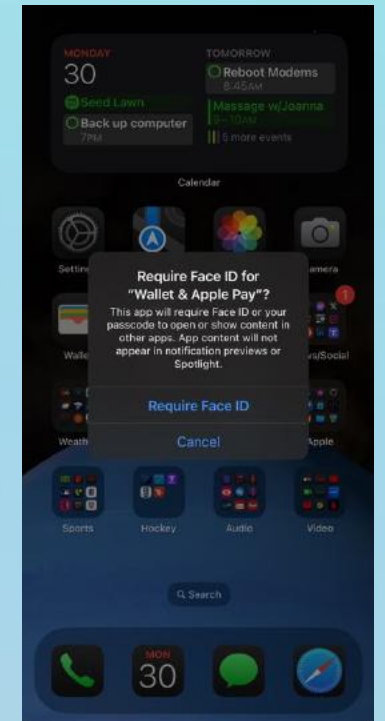
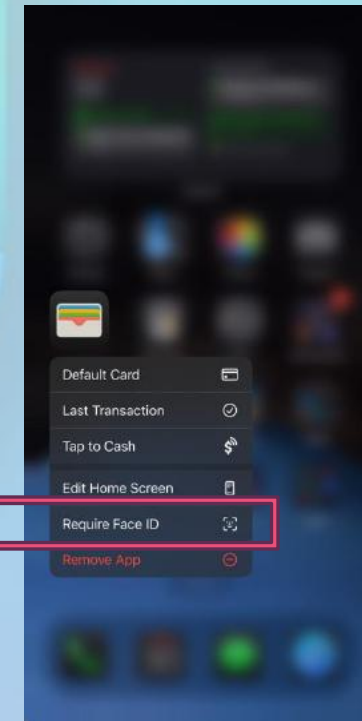
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# 7. Lock and Hide iPhone Apps

You can now lock individual apps on your phone with iOS18. When you do this, they will require secondary authentication via Face ID (or Touch ID on the iPhone SE) to open even though your iPhone is unlocked. This comes in handy if you unlock your phone and give it to someone to look at something. They won't be able to open the apps you have locked. If they try and open a locked app, they will see a popup informing them that it can't be accessed without secondary authentication.

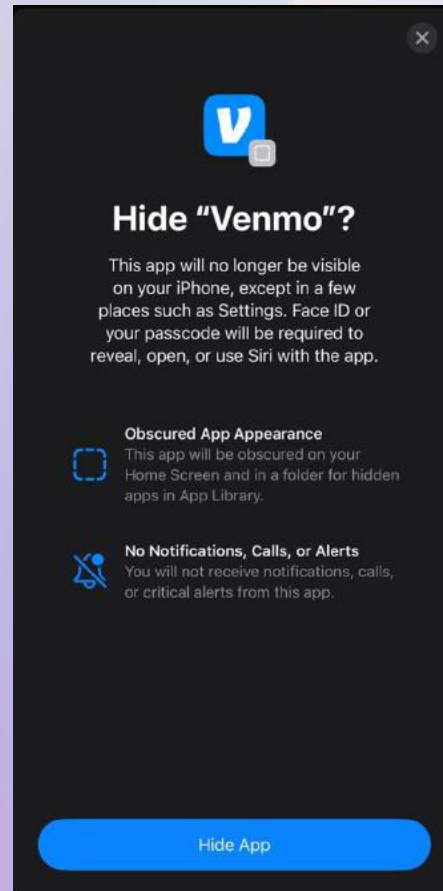
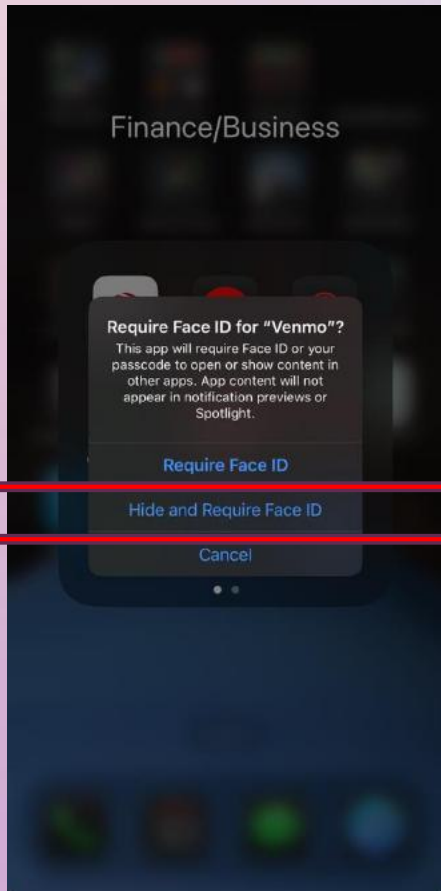
To lock an app:

1. On your Home Screen, press and hold on the icon for the app you want to lock.
2. Tap Require Face ID (or Touch ID).
3. Tap Require Face ID (or Touch ID) to confirm.



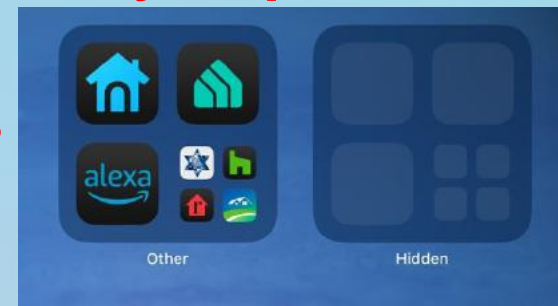
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In addition to being locked, third party apps can also be hidden. When you go to lock the app, you will also have the option to lock and hide.



To unlock an app that is locked, long press on the app's icon and select "Don't Require Face ID" option. Turning the lock on and off requires a Face ID scan, so it can't be turned off without your permission.

To unhide a locked third-party app, swipe to the App Library screen and press on the "Hidden" folder at the bottom. You can't see the contents of the folder until you press on it, and you will be required to use Face ID to reveal its contents.



# 8. Calculator App

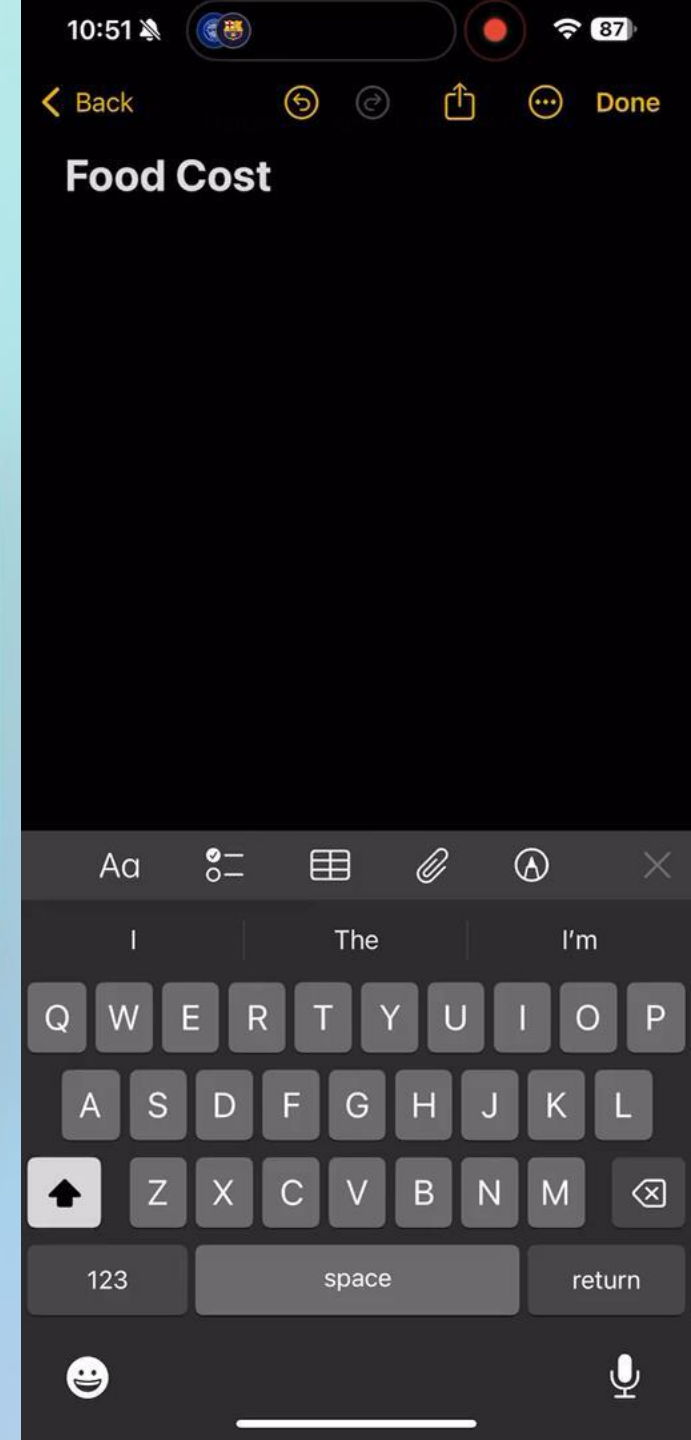
The Calculator app has been revamped and has some cool new features.

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*Calculator*

# 9. Notes App: Math Notes

Math notes also works directly in the Notes app or other Apple apps. If you use it in the Notes app, it will create a separate note for Math Notes. You can also use Interesting variables to solve equations. If you define several variables, they will show up in your calculations. At the store this weekend I found the cost of some different foods and used them as variables in a calculation. Here is an example:

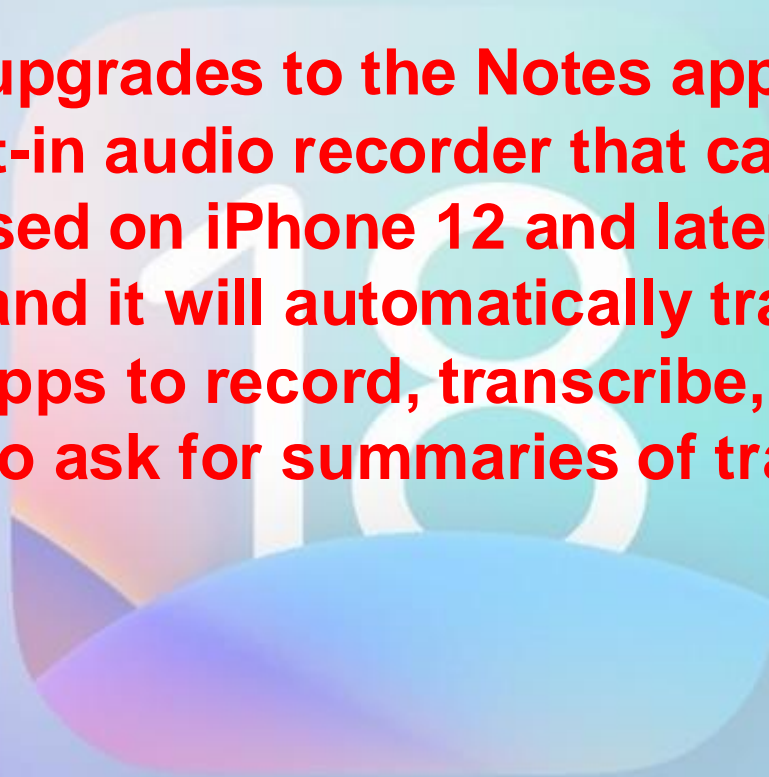




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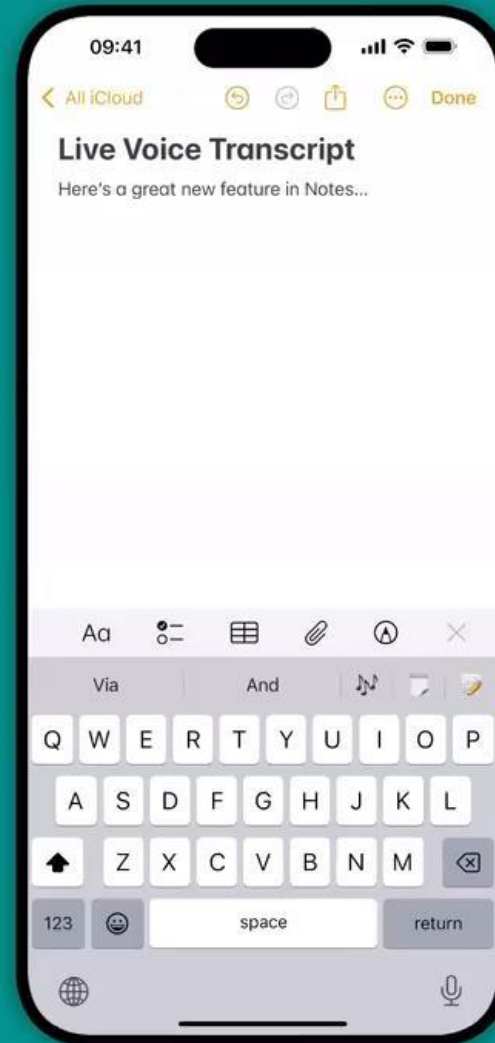
## Record Voice Note and Get Transcript

Apple has made some cool upgrades to the Notes app in iOS 18. Perhaps the coolest new feature is a built-in audio recorder that captures and transcribes voice notes. This feature can be used on iPhone 12 and later models. You can record audio directly within a note and it will automatically transcribe the audio, so you don't have to use separate apps to record, transcribe, and share. When Apple AI is working, you will be able to ask for summaries of transcripts.



# 10. Notes App: Record Voice Note and Get Transcript

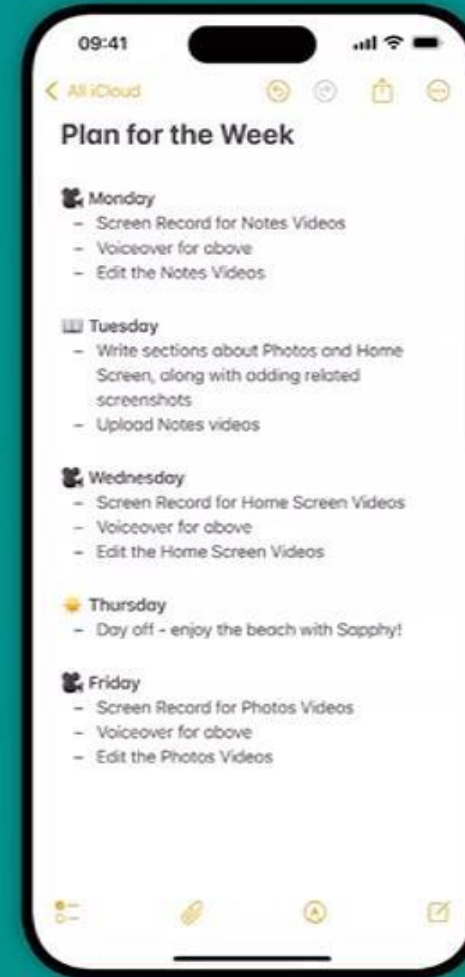
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# 11. Notes App: Collapsible Sections

Another notes feature, collapsible sections, allows you to better organize your notes to be easier to read.

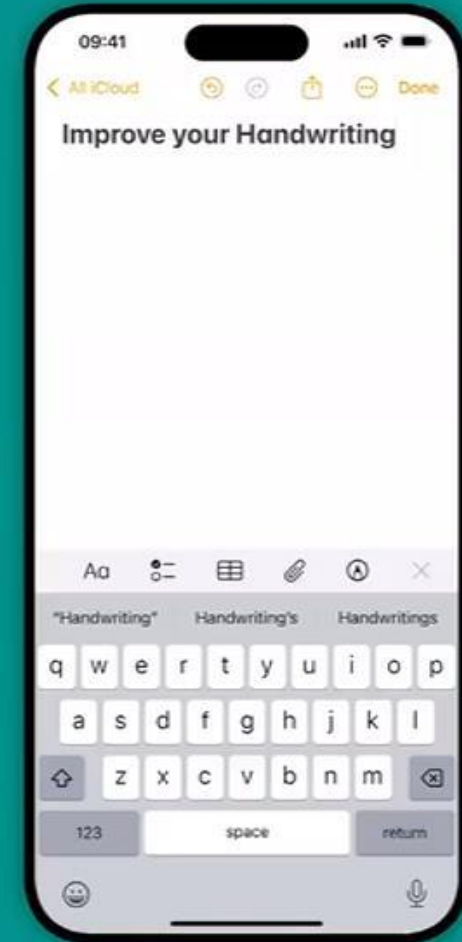
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# 12. Notes App: Refining Handwriting

It's never easy to write on a screen, whether you're using an Apple Pencil or your finger. Notes now allows you to refine your handwriting to make it look neater, while still looking somewhat like your own handwriting.

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# 13. SharePlay and to Control Another Screen

The SharePlay feature allows you to share screens with someone else and even be able to take control of their screen. This is a great feature if you need to show someone something remotely on their iPhone screen.



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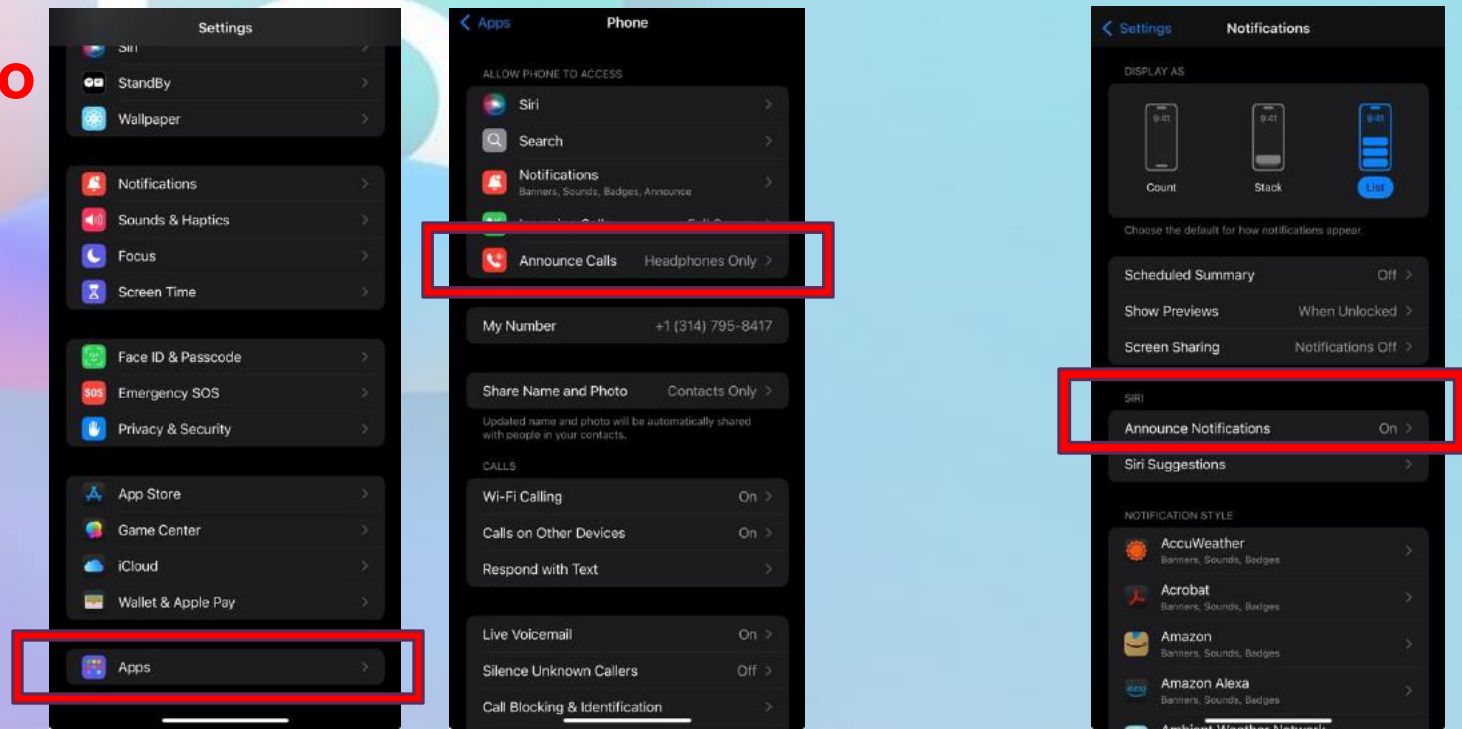
# 14. AirPods Head Gestures

In iOS 18, If you own AirPods Pro 2 or AirPods 4 you can use head gestures to interact with incoming notifications by moving your head.

- To accept a call or reply to notifications or messages: Nod your head up and down.
- To decline a call or dismiss notifications or messages: Shake your head side to side.

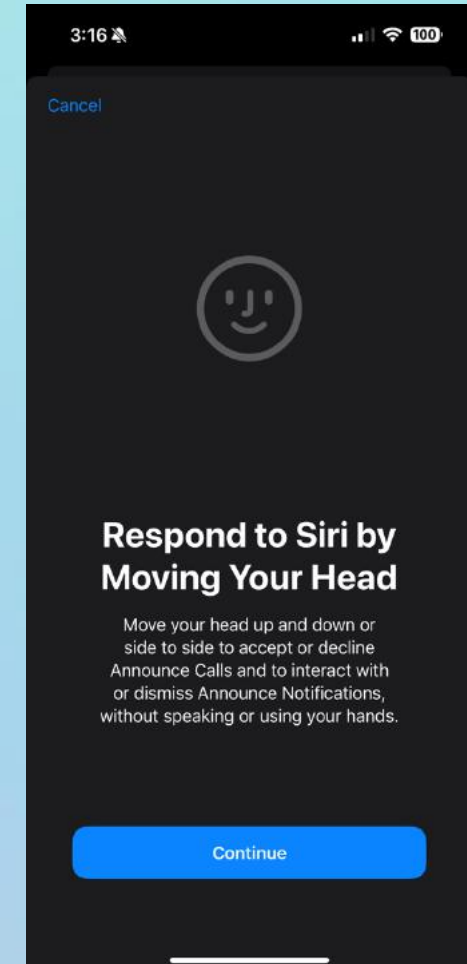
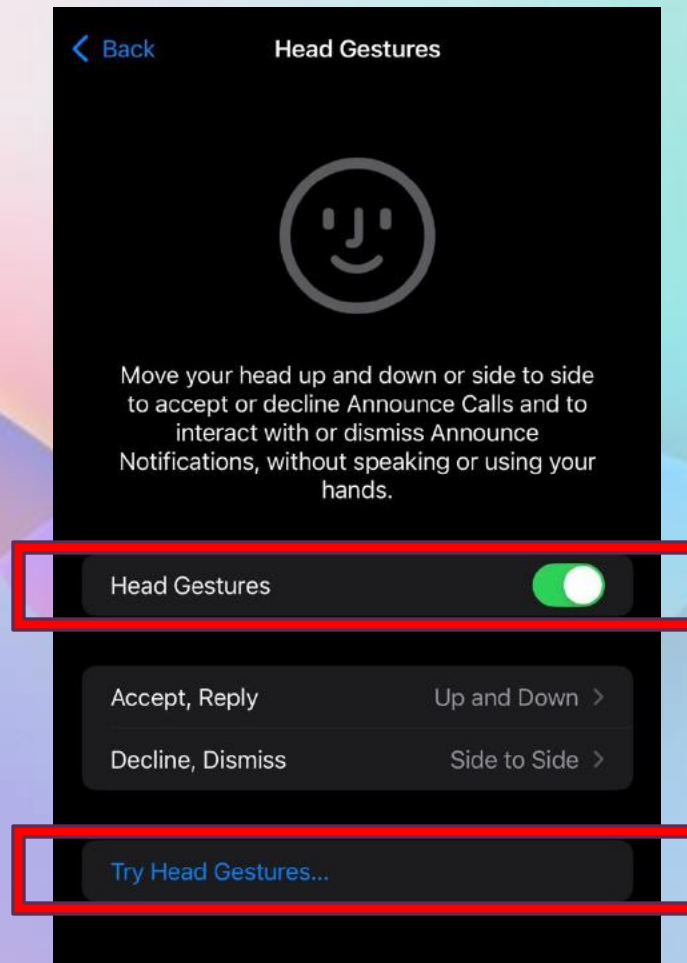
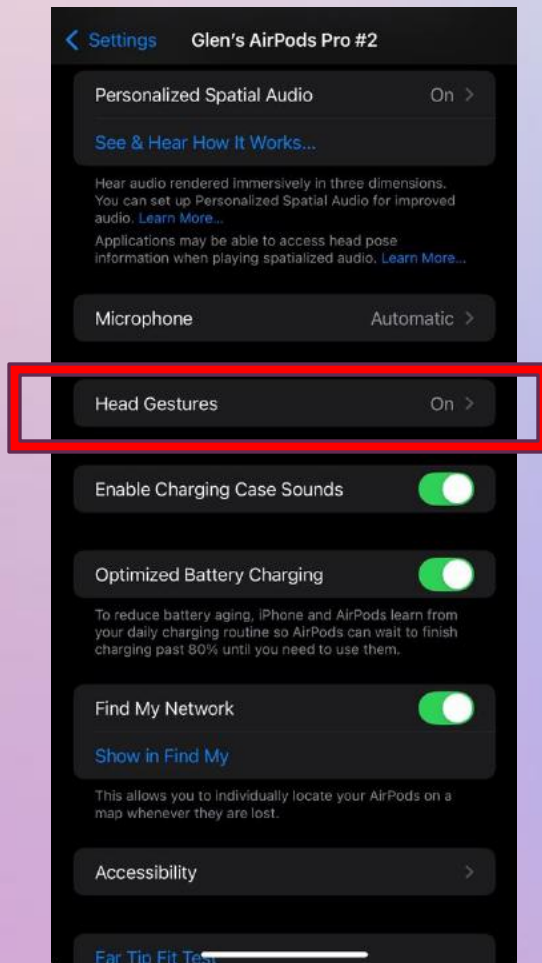
To use head gestures to interact with Siri, you have to enable “Announce Calls” and “Announce Notifications.”

To do this Open Settings and go to Apps > Phone > Announce Calls and select something other than “Never.” Then go back out to “Settings” and down to “Notifications.” Scroll down and select “Announce Notifications.” At the top, make sure this setting is toggled on.



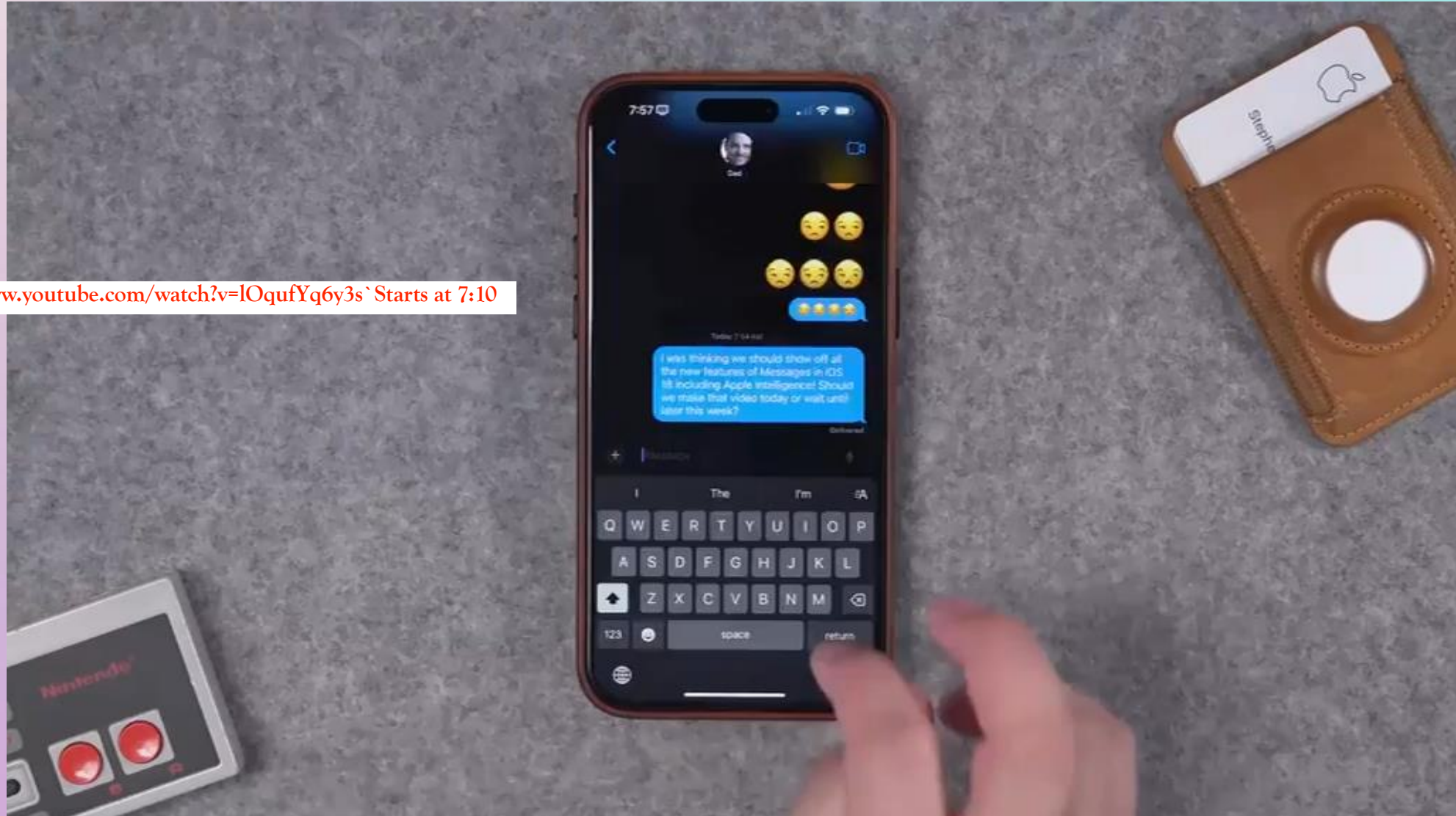
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Next, with your AirPods in, go into Settings and press on your AirPods at the top. Then click on “Head Gestures.” Make sure this is turned on and then at the bottom press “Try Head Gestures.”



# 15. Safari Highlights and Hide Objects

Safari has cool new features including Highlights and Hide Distracting Objects.



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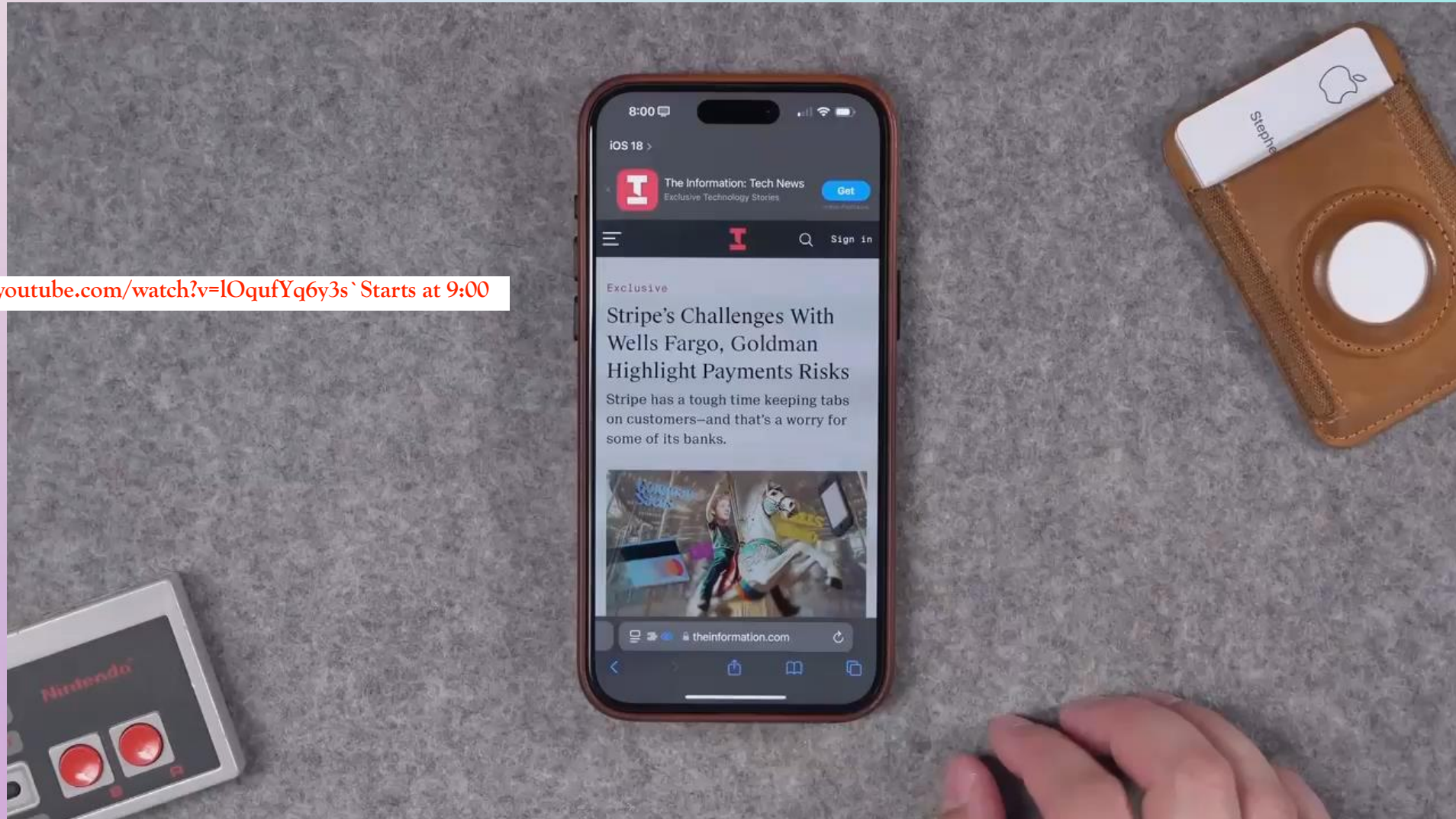
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# 16. Maps

Maps has added some nice features letting you save your walks and hikes and places.

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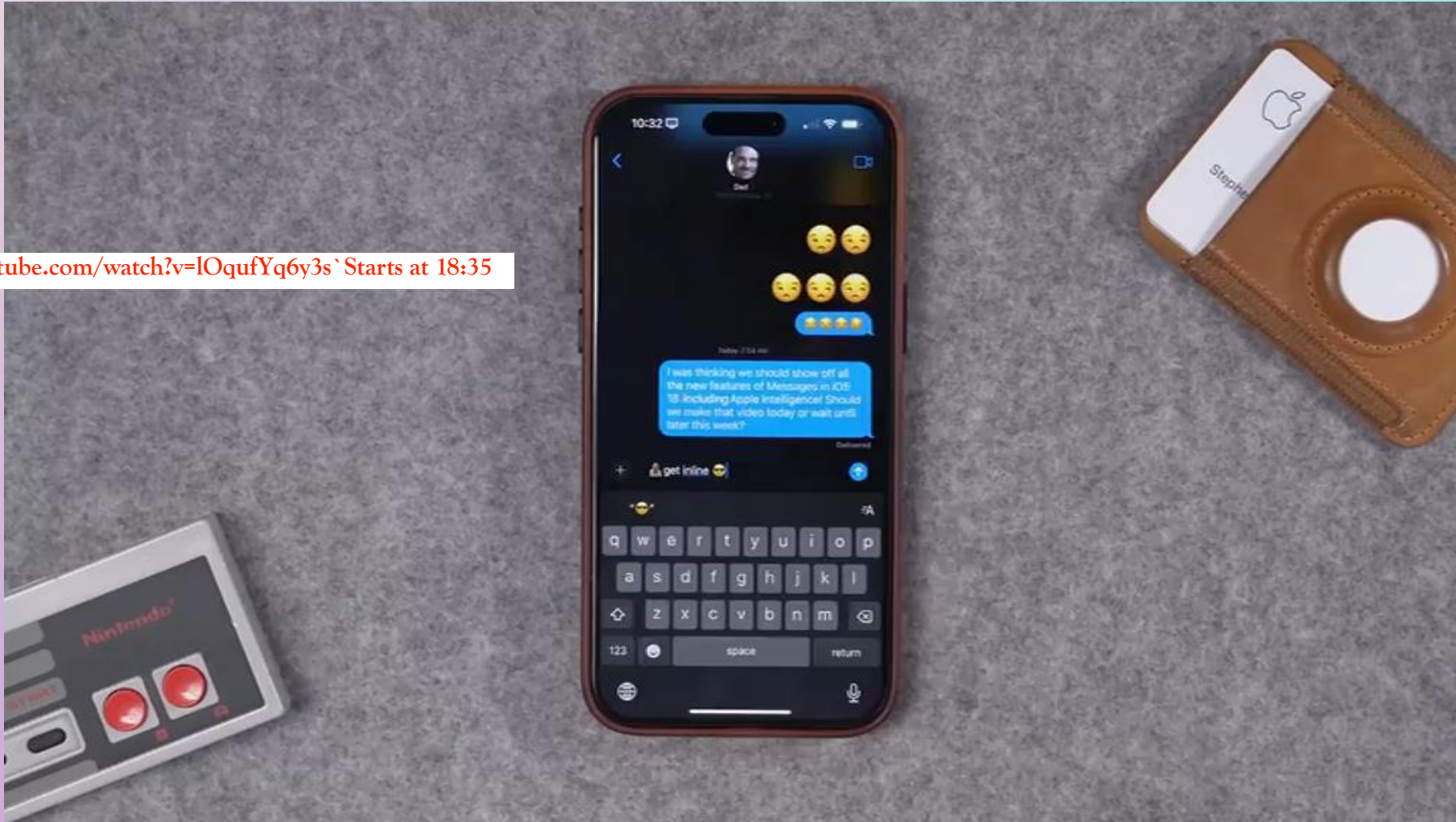


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# 17. Phone App

The Phone app itself has some great updates. It's ironic that sometimes we don't think about our iPhone being a phone, so we don't worry about Phone updates!

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# 18. Try These 5 Sneaky Cool Features

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