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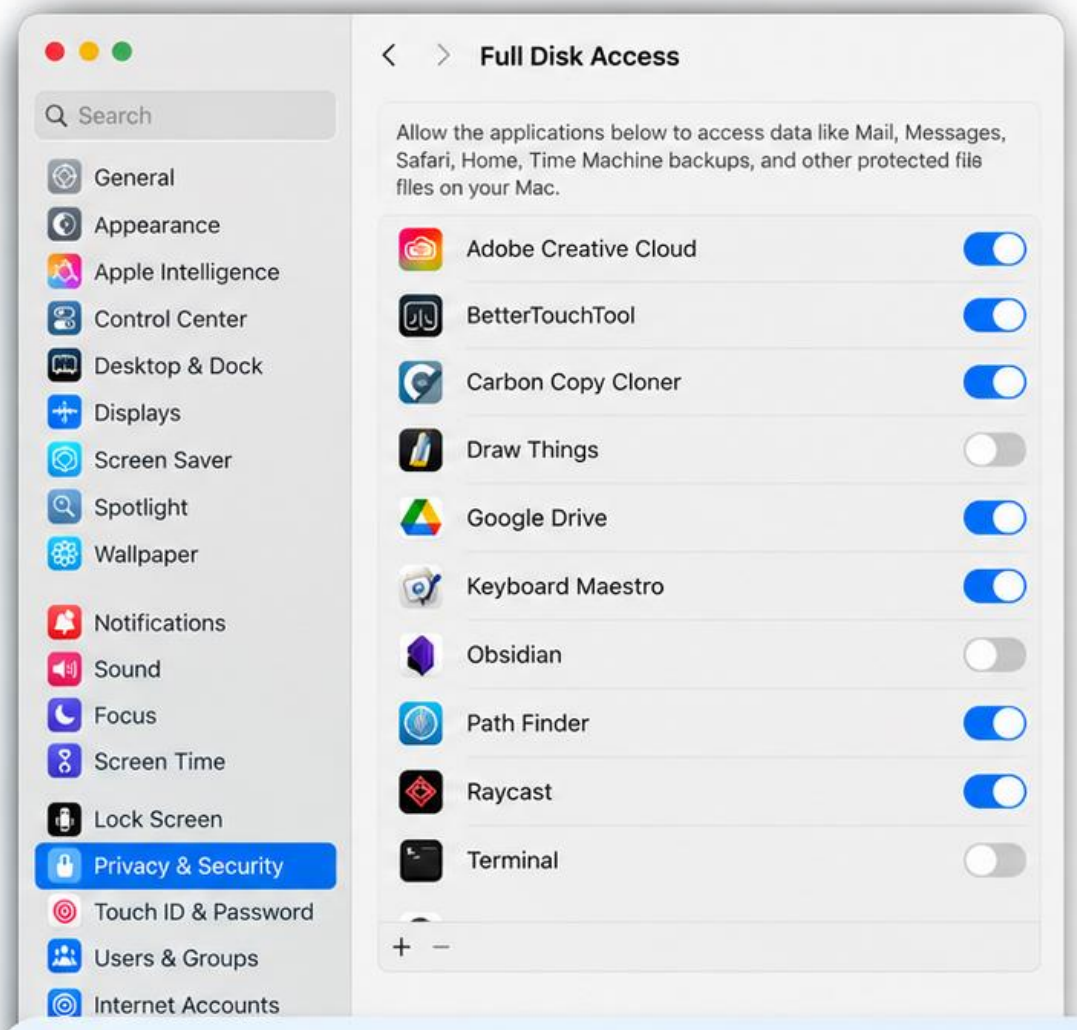
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AI Agents Are Changing Mac Security

Apple says future versions of macOS will make Full Disk Access harder for apps to obtain without clear, explicit user approval — partly in response to the growing use of **autonomous AI agents.**



What is Full Disk Access?

It lets apps access sensitive data such as files, Mail, Messages, Safari browsing history, Time Machine backups, and other protected areas on your Mac.

Why is Apple making changes?

Some developers are using Full Disk Access in ways users may not fully understand, and AI agents increase the risk because they can act more autonomously.

What's coming?

Future macOS versions will require much more explicit user action before an app gets Full Disk Access, with additional safeguards as AI agents become more powerful.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

1. Review the apps that currently have Full Disk Access on your Mac.
2. Remove access for any apps you don't recognize or trust.
3. Be extra cautious about granting access to AI-powered apps and agents.

LEARN MORE (CLICKABLE)

Apple's Announcement
Updates to Full Disk Access in macOS

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APPLE'S BIG HEALTH APP REDESIGN ISN'T READY YET.

The new AI-powered Health experience was tested in iOS 27.2 — then pulled before release.

What happened?

Apple tested a redesigned Health app in early iOS 27.2 betas, but it was removed before the release candidate and public release. Apple says the new experience is still planned and will arrive in a future update later this year.

What's coming?

The redesigned Health app uses Apple Intelligence to provide an Insights tab with personalized health summaries and guidance, a new Longevity tab with Health Age, and at-home movement and fitness assessments, along with other updated features.

When?

Apple still says the redesigned Health app will be available in a future update later in 2026, initially in U.S. English. The exact iOS 27.x update has not been announced.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO US

This was **Feature #13** in Glen's **October iOS 27 presentation**. The new Health app is still coming, but it's not available yet. We'll keep watching for its release in a future 2026 update.

APPLE: HEALTH APP PREVIEW

Learn more about the redesigned Health app (apple.com)

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UGREEN CLAIM:
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WHY IT MATTERS: Faster wireless charging creates more heat, which can slow charging ("throttling"). Active cooling is designed to keep temperatures lower, helping maintain performance.

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Compact & portable
About 2.8" (72 mm) across, 0.6" (16 mm) thick, and ~4.2 oz (120 g).







THE BIG IDEA: A small, stylish battery that keeps your Apple devices charged wherever you go.

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FINALLY, A BETTER WAY TO ORGANIZE YOUR PHOTOS

New Photos tools in iOS 27 make it easier to rate, tag, find, and manage your photos and important documents.

Photos in iOS 27

Star Ratings
Rate photos and videos from 1 to 5 stars.

Keywords
Add your own tags (keywords) to photos, like "Vacation" or "Family."

Captured by Me
Quickly show only the photos you actually took — not screenshots, downloads, or other images.

Identity Documents
Find and manage important documents in your photo library, like passports, driver's licenses, and insurance cards.



THE BOTTOM LINE: Your Photos library can finally behave more like a real photo catalog.

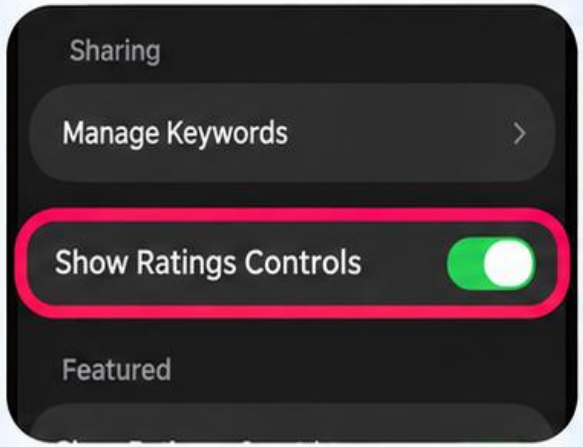
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HOW TO ACTUALLY USE IT

Follow these steps to turn on Ratings, rate your photos, add Keywords, and find your organized photos in iOS 27.

1 TURN IT ON

Show the star rating control.

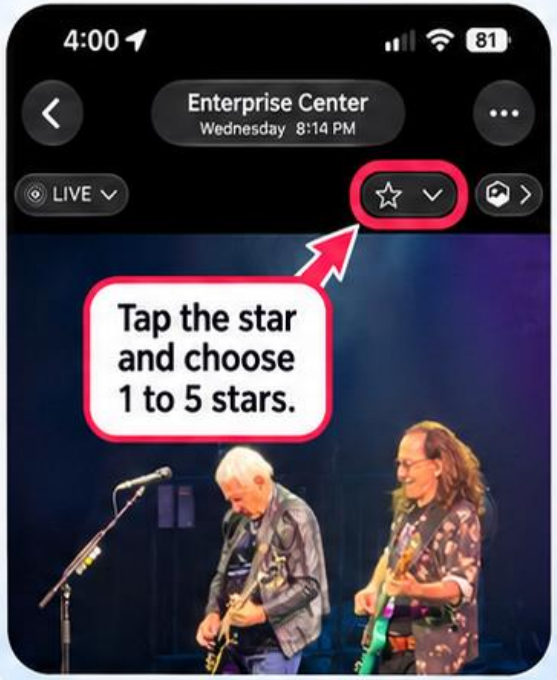


In Photos Settings, turn on **Show Ratings Controls.**

Photos › Settings

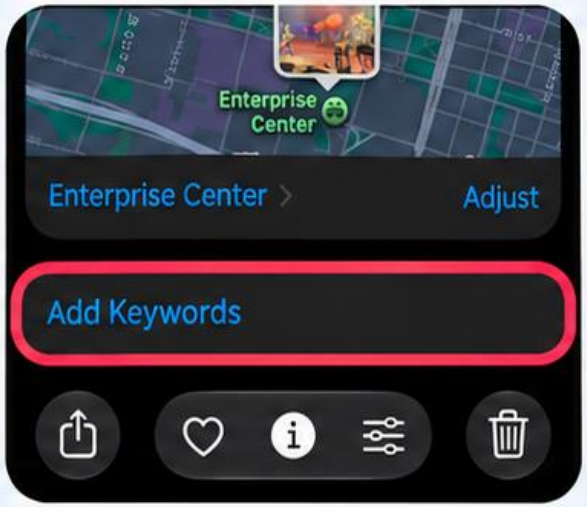
2 RATE A PHOTO

Give a photo 1 to 5 stars.



3 ADD KEYWORDS

Tag photos with your own labels.



Open a photo, tap the Info ⓘ button, then tap **Add Keywords.**

4 FIND IT LATER

Quickly find what you organized.

Search
Find photos by a keyword (like "Concert" or "Vacation").

Sort & Filter
Filter your library by Rating (1 to 5 stars).

Captured by Me
See only the photos you took (not screenshots or other images).

Identity Documents
Find important documents like your passport or driver's license.

RESULT: Your Photos library becomes easier to organize, search, and find the photos that matter most.



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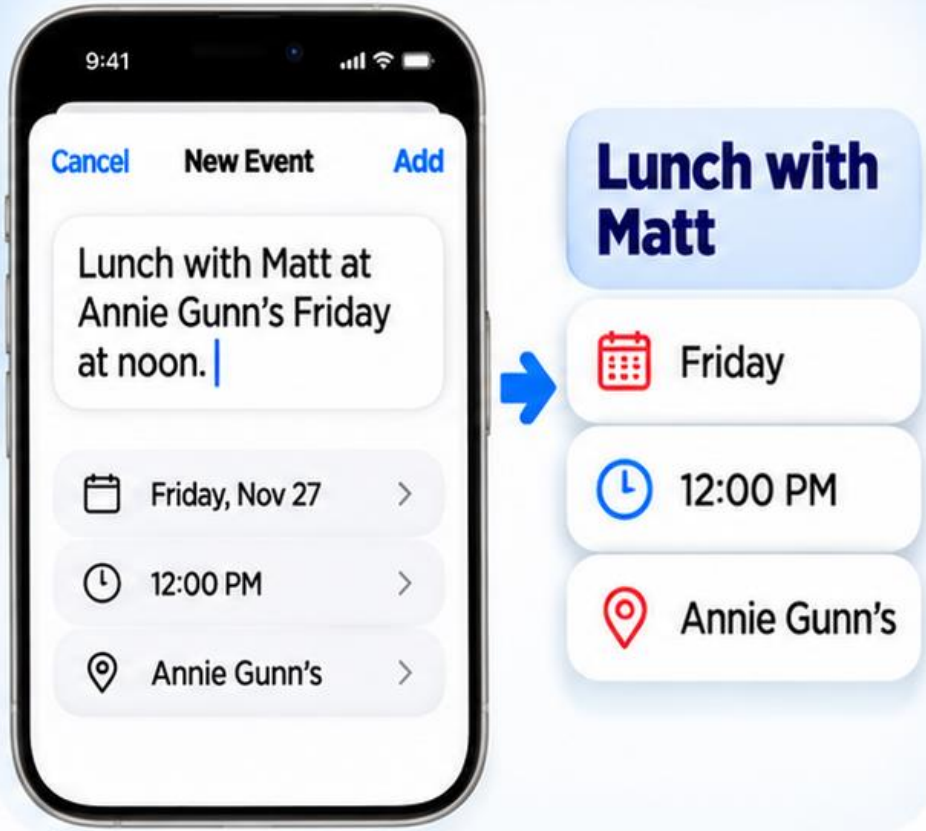
JUST TELL IT WHAT YOU MEAN

In iOS 27, you can type a reminder or calendar event in plain English, and it will understand the details — like the date, time, location, and more.

BONUS:
Reminders can also suggest tasks from text in apps like Mail, Safari, and Notes — even turning a recipe's ingredients into a list.

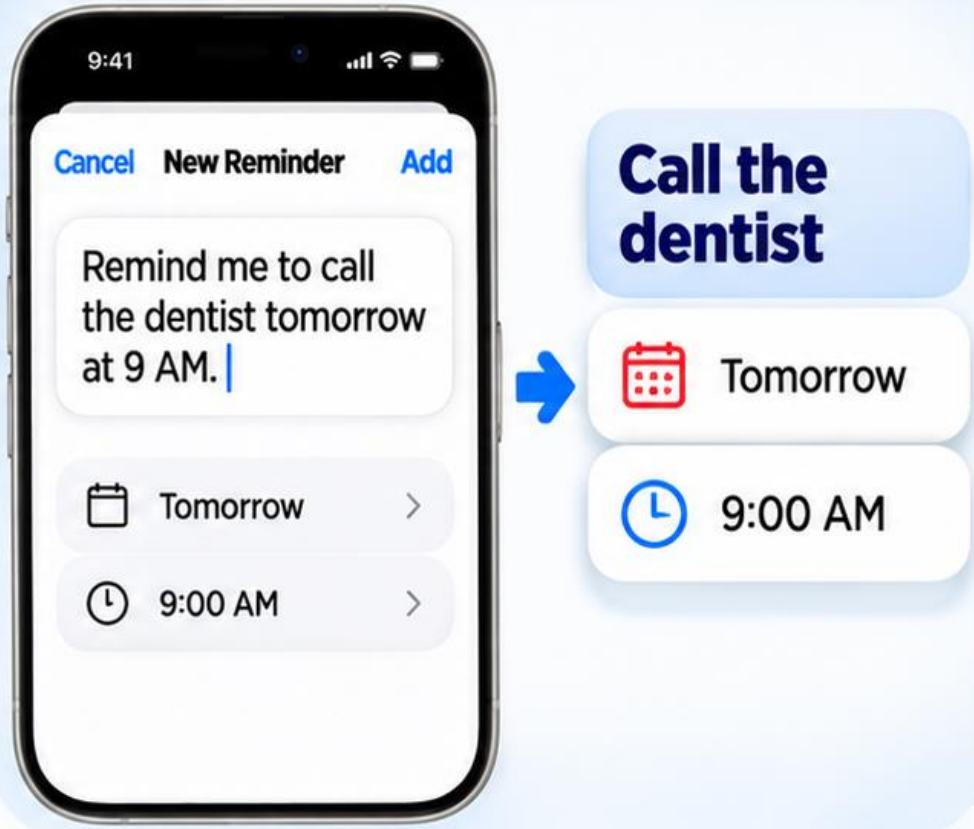
CALENDAR

Type an event naturally, and Calendar finds the date, time, and location.



REMINDERS

Type a task in plain English, and Reminders sets it up for you.



THE BIG IDEA: Type the way you naturally speak. iOS 27 figures out the details.



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TURN A SCHEDULE PHOTO INTO CALENDAR EVENTS.

1 CAPTURE THE SCHEDULE



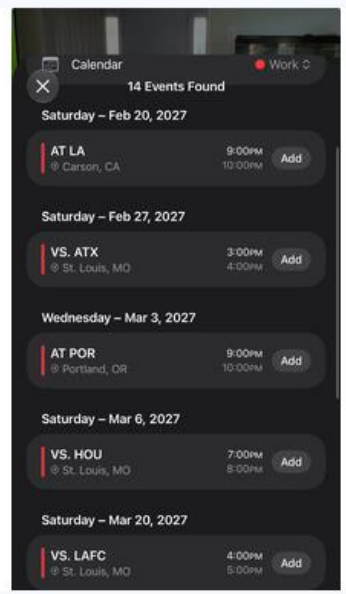
Visual Intelligence sees the dates, times, opponents, and locations in the photo.

2 POINT & RECOGNIZE



Point your iPhone at the schedule, then tap Add to Calendar.

3 REVIEW & ADD



Calendar builds the events for you. Review them — then add one or all.

THE BIG IDEA: Visual Intelligence can turn a photographed schedule into Calendar events in just a few taps.

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SHOW THEM WHAT YOU SEE — WITHOUT DISAPPEARING

FaceTime Dual Capture lets you show the world in front of you — using your rear camera — while your face stays on screen at the same time.

REQUIRES:
An iPhone 17 or later, and iOS 27 (and the person you're calling also needs iOS 27, iPadOS 27, or macOS 27 or later).



HOW TO USE IT

1. Start a FaceTime call.
2. Tap your **video tile** (your face).
3. Tap **Flip to Back Camera.**

GREAT WAYS TO USE IT

Share special moments — like a grandchild opening a present — while they still see your reaction.

Get a second opinion by showing what's wrong with something (a gadget, appliance, etc.).

Share what you're seeing — a concert, vacation view, project, and more — without flipping back and forth.

BOTH CAMERAS. ONE CALL. | Show what's around you and keep the conversation face-to-face.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xss3D6BxeQk

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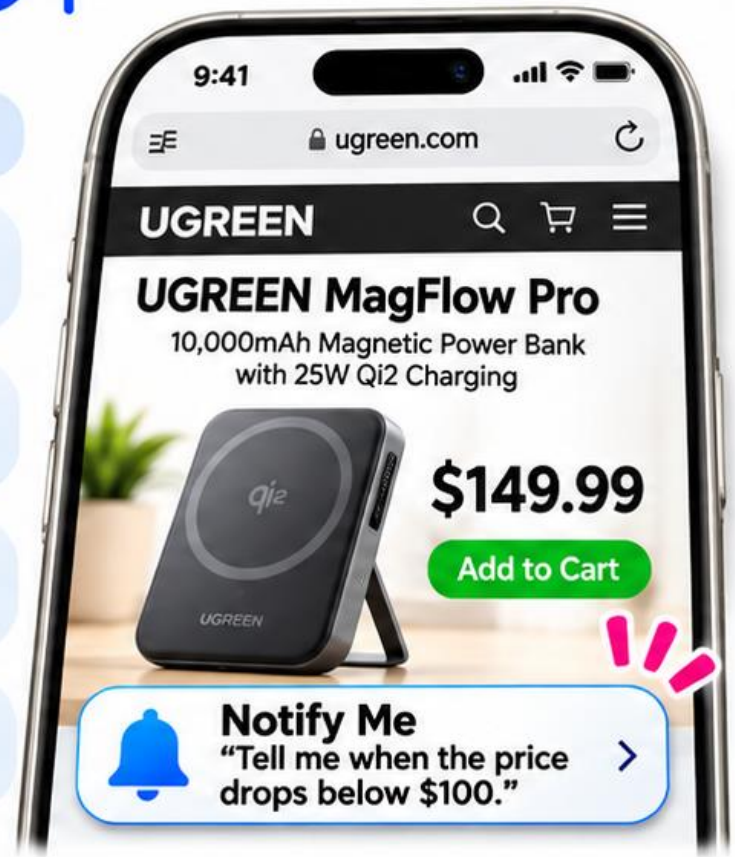
Safari

"Notify Me"

Have Safari keep an eye on a webpage and alert you when something you care about changes — like a price drop, product restock, ticket availability, or a new date.

EXAMPLES:

- "Tell me when this drops below $100."
- "Notify me when tickets go on sale."
- "Let me know when this item is back in stock."
- "Tell me when this page posts a new date."

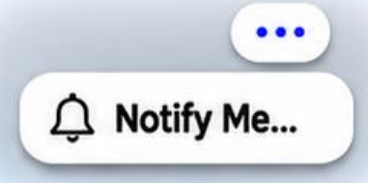


HOW IT WORKS:

1. Open the webpage.



2. Tap the Page Menu (•••) → Notify Me.



3. Tell Safari what change matters, and choose how often to check.



THE BIG IDEA: Safari can keep watch in the background so you don't have to.



https://www.jacobsquick.tips/video/safari-notify-me/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

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Full-Page Widgets

YOUR HOME SCREEN CAN BECOME A DASHBOARD.

In iOS 27, widgets can now expand to a **full-page size** (4×6), showing much more information without opening the app.

GREAT FOR:

- **Calendar** — See several upcoming events.
- **Photos** — Turn a page into a photo album.
- **Weather** — Get a more complete forecast.
- **Home** — Control more accessories at once.
- **Reminders** — View a larger task list.

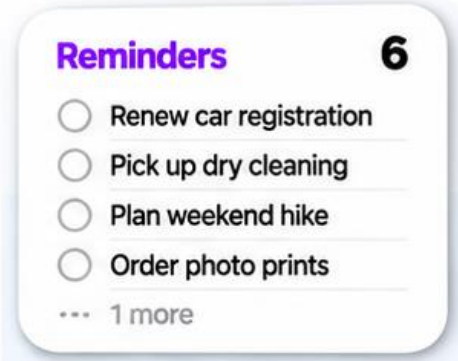
HOW TO ADD ONE:

1. Touch and hold the Home Screen.
2. Tap Edit → Add Widget.
3. Choose an app and select the extra-large (4×6) size.





Weather



Reminders



Photos



Home

THE BIG IDEA: One widget can now take over an entire Home Screen page — and show far more without opening the app.

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GREEN BUBBLES GET BETTER — AND MESSAGES GET LESS ANNOYING.

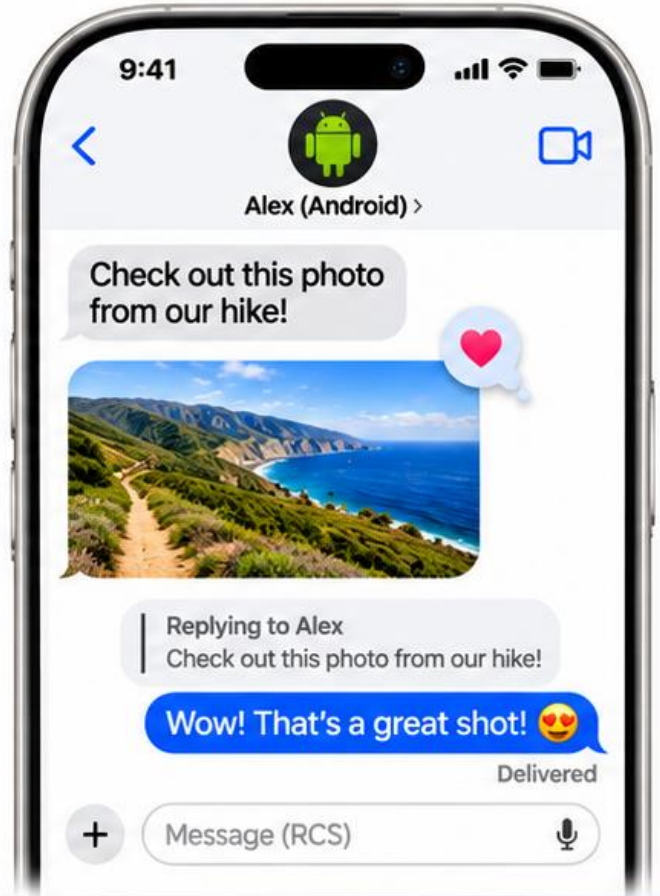
ANDROID CHATS GET BETTER

Inline replies
Reply to a specific message, just like in **iMessage**.

Proper Tapbacks
Reactions on photos and videos now work the right way (no more **"Glen loved an image"** messages).

High-resolution media
Send and receive better-quality photos and videos via RCS.

Read receipts & typing
See when they've read your message and when they're typing (via RCS).



MESSAGES GET MORE RELIABLE

Auto-retry failed messages
If a message doesn't go through, it retries automatically.

No more "stuck" messages
A photo or video that's slow to send won't block your other messages.

Better syncing across devices
Messages, reactions, read status, and attachments stay in sync on your iPhone, iPad, Mac, Apple Watch, and Vision Pro.

Faster performance
Large conversations load and scroll more smoothly.

THE BIG IDEA: Whether you're texting an Android user or just switching between your Apple devices, Messages should feel a lot less frustrating in iOS 27.

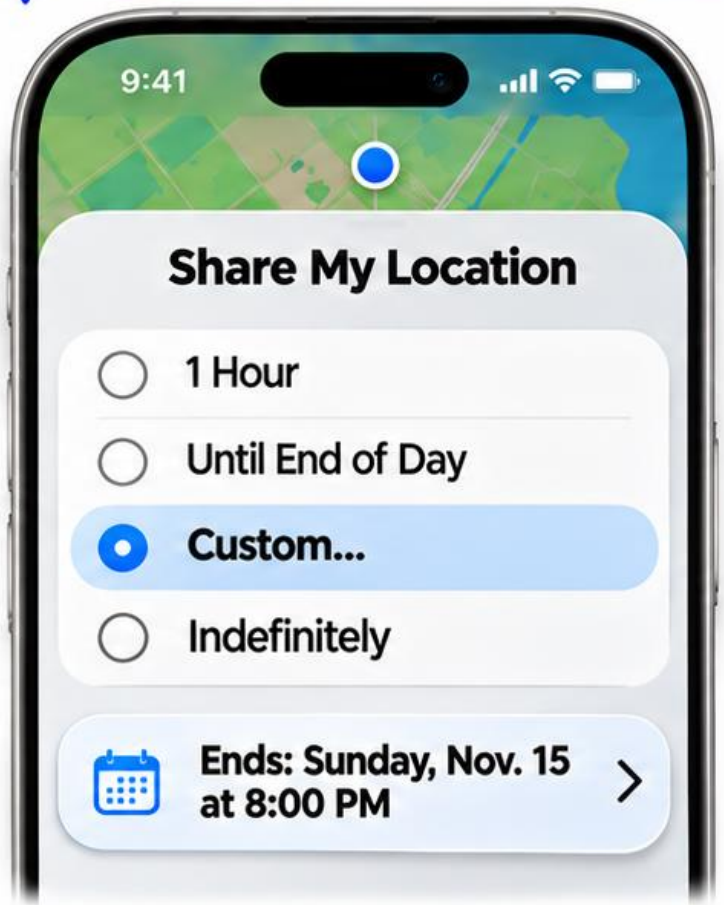
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Find My

Custom Location Sharing

SHARE YOUR LOCATION — ON YOUR TERMS.

iOS 27 gives you more control over location sharing, with a new Custom option that lets you choose exactly how long to share — or set a specific date and time to stop automatically.



WHAT'S NEW:

Choose a custom time
Set a specific duration or an exact date and time to stop sharing.

Temporarily hide your location
Pause sharing with a specific person without turning it off for everyone.

GREAT FOR:

ROAD TRIP
Share your location until you arrive home.

EVENT / CONCERT
Share for the evening, then it stops automatically.

VACATION / WEEKEND
Share for your trip, with a set end time so you don't have to turn it off later.

HOW TO USE IT:

Find My → People → + → Share My Location → choose person → Custom.

THE BIG IDEA: Share your location when it's useful — without having to remember to turn it off later.

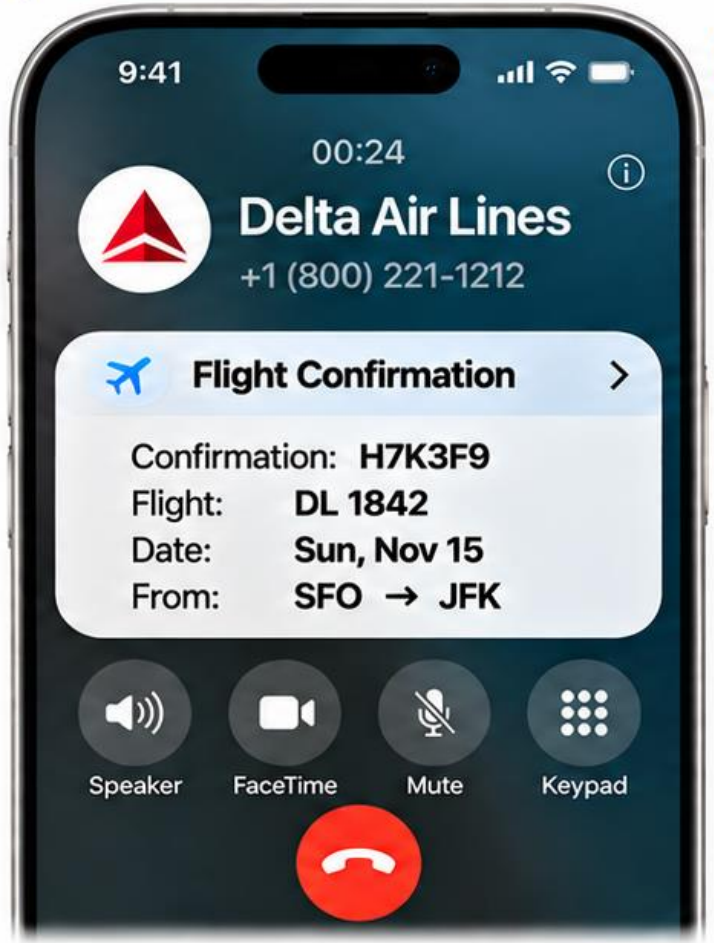
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Phone
Call Context

YOUR PHONE MAY HAVE THE INFO YOU NEED.

WHEN AVAILABLE

When iOS 27 recognizes a business you're calling and finds related information on your iPhone, a Call Context card may appear with things like confirmation numbers, tickets, orders, or reservations.



KEY THINGS TO KNOW:

IT'S SITUATIONAL.
It won't appear for every call — only for certain businesses.

IT USES YOUR INFO.
It looks for relevant details in Mail, Messages, Wallet, and Calendar on your iPhone.

EXAMPLES OF WHAT *MAY* APPEAR:

AIRLINE
Confirmation code, flight number, and travel details.

HOTEL
Reservation number, dates, and hotel details.

ORDER / TICKET
Order number, ticket details, or event information.

HOW TO TURN IT ON:

Settings → Apps → Phone → Apple Intelligence & Siri → Show When Calling.

THE BIG IDEA: The information you need can appear on the call screen before you have to go looking for it.

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Connectivity Assist

YOUR iPHONE GETS SMARTER ABOUT BAD Wi-Fi.

In iOS 27, Connectivity Assist helps keep your connection reliable by using cellular data alongside weak or unusable Wi-Fi, so you stay connected when you're on the move.

KEY THINGS TO KNOW:

A STRONGER CONNECTION
Can use cellular data with weak Wi-Fi to keep things working smoothly.

IT WORKS IN THE BACKGROUND
Helps with everyday tasks like browsing, maps, music, and calls.

LIKELY ALREADY ON
If you had Wi-Fi Assist turned on before, Connectivity Assist should already be on after updating to iOS 27.



HOW TO CHECK / ENABLE IT:

Settings → Wi-Fi → Connectivity Assist

REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES:

LEAVING HOME
Maps, music, or browsing keeps working as your Wi-Fi fades.

AIRPORT / HOTEL / COFFEE SHOP
Your iPhone is less likely to hang onto a weak or unusable Wi-Fi network.

FACETIME
Fewer hiccups when moving between Wi-Fi and cellular.

WEAK Wi-Fi AREAS
Helps keep you connected in places like your backyard or driveway.

A FEW NOTES:

- Can use additional cellular data.
- Doesn't operate while internationally roaming.
- Doesn't work in Low Data Mode.
- May not apply to certain streaming or download apps.

THE BIG IDEA: A more reliable connection that helps you stay online — even when Wi-Fi isn't great.

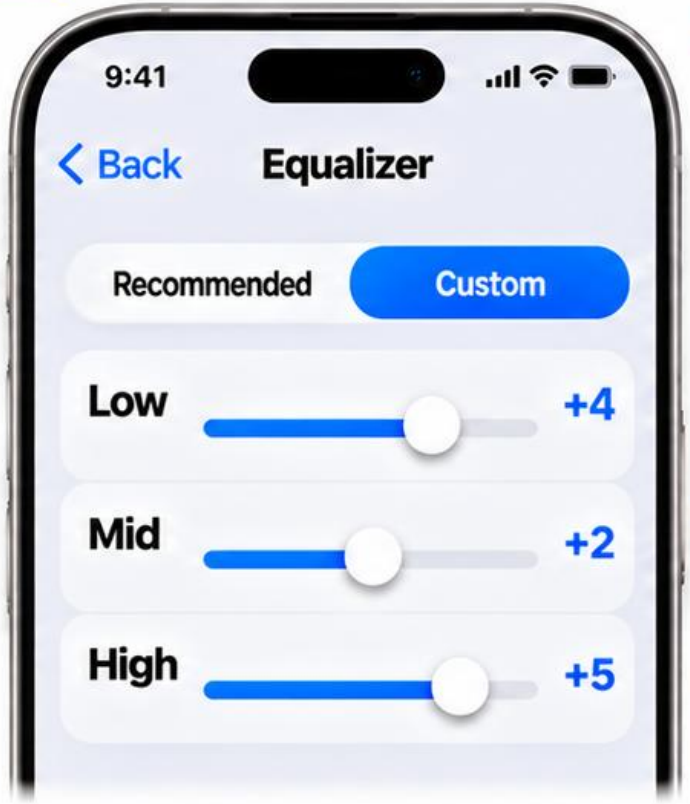
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AirPods Custom EQ

FINALLY — MAKE YOUR AIRPODS SOUND THE WAY YOU WANT.



iOS 27 finally gives you a real equalizer for AirPods, so you can adjust the sound to match your preferences and what you're listening to.



WHAT YOU CAN ADJUST:

LOW (Bass)
Add more depth and punch to music, movies, and shows.

MID (Vocals & Instruments)
Bring voices and main instruments forward for a clearer, more natural sound.

HIGH (Treble / Detail)
Add brightness and detail, like cymbals, strings, and effects.

REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES:

MORE PUNCH
Raise Low for richer, fuller sound.

CLEARER VOCALS
Raise Mid to make voices easier to hear.

MORE DETAIL
Raise High for crisper, more open sound.

WORKS WITH: AirPods 4 or later | AirPods Pro 2 or later | AirPods Max 2

HOW TO SET IT UP: Settings → [Your AirPods] → Audio & Routing → Equalizer → Custom

THE BIG IDEA: Apple finally lets you tune the sound of your AirPods instead of accepting one sound profile.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f46e7k2WNnU

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Separate Alarm & Timer Volume

YOUR ALARM DOESN'T HAVE TO SHOUT JUST BECAUSE YOUR RINGER DOES

BEFORE iOS 27:

One volume setting controlled too much.

RINGTONE VOLUME (SHARED)

- **RINGTONE** (INCOMING CALLS)
- **ALARMS & TIMERS**
- **ALERTS** (NOTIFICATIONS)
- **SYSTEM SOUNDS** (KEYBOARD, LOCK, ETC.)

EXAMPLE: Lowering your ringer at night could also lower a regular alarm.

NOW IN iOS 27:

Three independent volume groups give you more control.

- **RINGTONE VOLUME**
- **ALARMS & TIMERS**
  Dedicated slider when "Match Ringtone Volume" is off.
- **ALERTS & SYSTEM SOUNDS**
  Dedicated slider when its own "Match Ringtone Volume" is off.

SET IT UP: Settings → Sounds & Haptics → Alarms and Timers → turn off Match Ringtone Volume → set your level.

GOOD TO KNOW: Wake-Up alarms and other alarms that already have their own volume control keep their individual level.

THE BIG IDEA: Keep your phone quiet when you want — without accidentally making your alarm too quiet.

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LET THE PHOTO TAKE OVER.

Two new iOS 27 Lock Screen tricks give your wallpaper more room to shine.

BEFORE

Large clock + tight crop can hide more of your photo.





COMPACT CLOCK — Shrinks the time and moves it up beside the date.

EXTEND WALLPAPER — Apple Intelligence can expand photo edges to fill the Lock Screen more naturally.

HOW TO: Touch & hold Lock Screen → Customize → tap the clock for Compact mode • Edit Wallpaper → Extend

MORE PHOTO. LESS CLOCK.

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MAPS GETS A SHARPER VIEW.

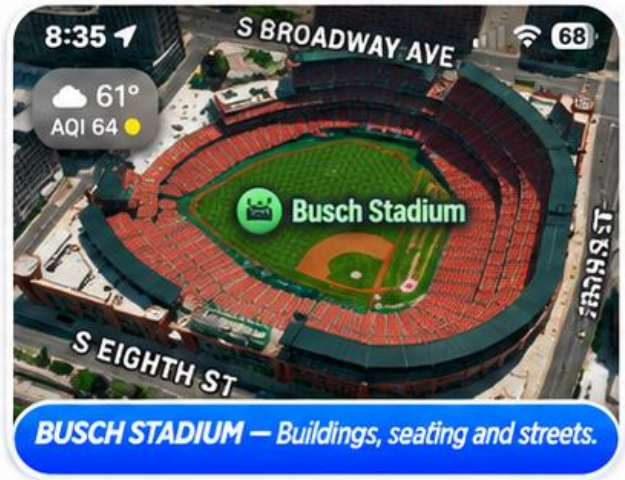
iOS 27 enhances Flyover with more lifelike detail, making places easier to explore and enjoy.

YES — ST. LOUIS HAS FLYOVER.





GATEWAY ARCH — *Structure and park detail.*



BUSCH STADIUM — *Buildings, seating and streets.*



CATHEDRAL BASILICA — *Architectural detail and grounds.*

Explore St. Louis in rich, 3D detail — with more realistic buildings, trees, and other features.

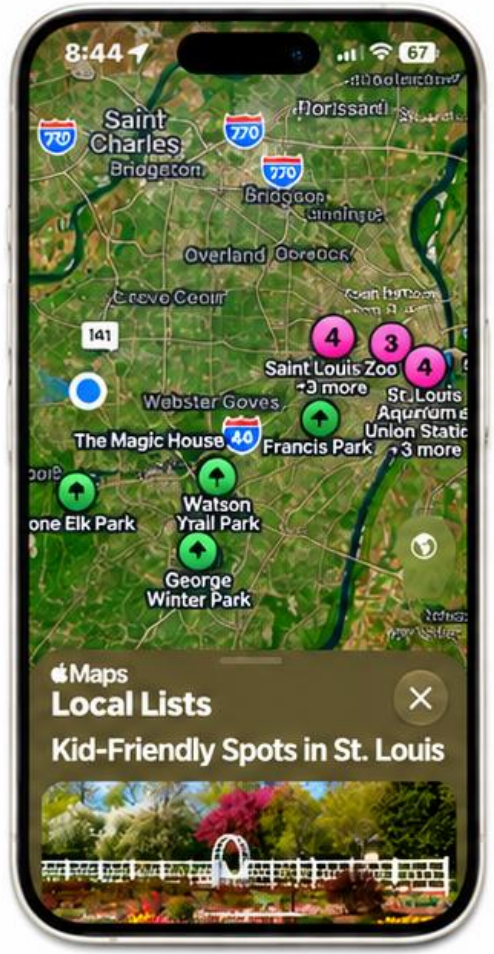
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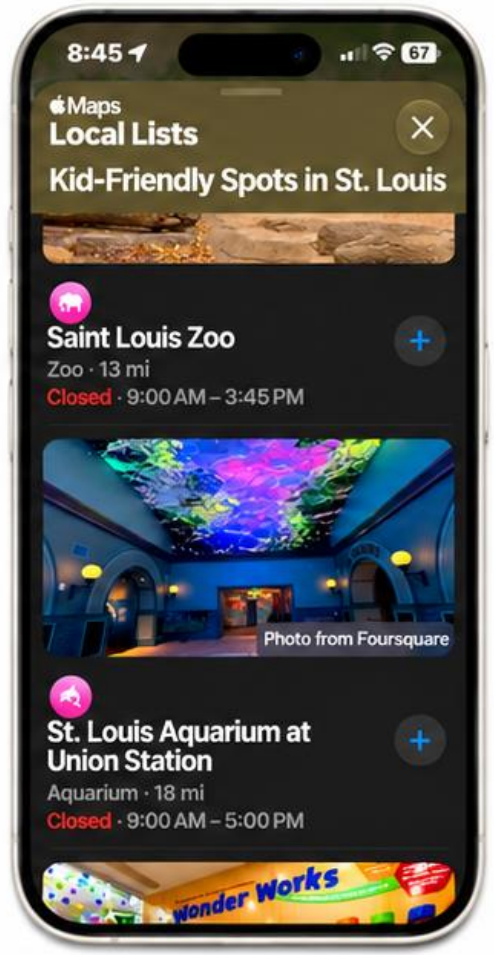
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DISCOVER LOCAL FAVORITES WITH LOCAL LISTS.

A new Apple Maps feature in iOS 27 that highlights places around you that are popular right now.







HOW TO FIND LOCAL LISTS

1. *Open Apple Maps.*
2. *Tap Search.* — Search Maps
3. *Type "Local Lists" and tap Guides (under the results).* — Guides
4. *Choose a collection, such as Trending Restaurants, Kid-Friendly Spots, or St. Louis Essentials.*



What are Local Lists?

Curated collections of places around you that are popular right now, based on what people are viewing, sharing, and interacting with in Apple Maps.

Like a list? Save it!

Tap **Add to Guides** to save it for later. Find your saved lists in **Places → Guides.**

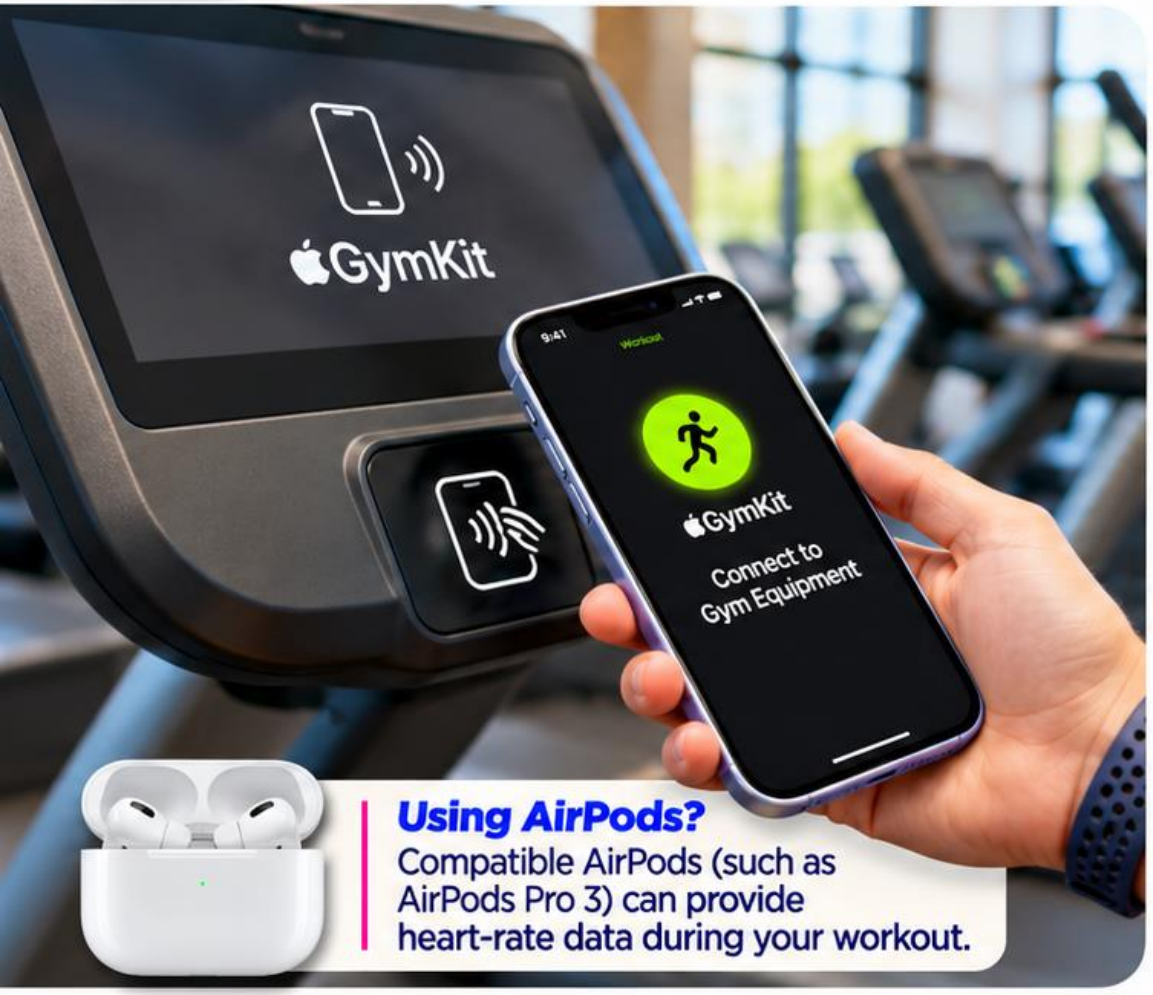
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GymKit now works directly on iPhone in iOS 27, so you can track your workouts without a watch.



Using AirPods?
Compatible AirPods (such as AirPods Pro 3) can provide heart-rate data during your workout.

1 → TAP → TRAIN

1 Hold your iPhone near the GymKit reader.



2 Choose the workout on iPhone.



3 Press Start on the machine.



What Syncs to iPhone?

- Workout duration
- Distance / pace
- Incline or resistance *(depending on equipment)*
- Calories
- Heart-rate data *(when available)*

You can also start from the Fitness app:
Fitness → Workout → GymKit

One-time setup:
In the Fitness app, go to your profile and turn on **Detect Gym Equipment.**

Works with compatible GymKit equipment, including treadmills, ellipticals, indoor bikes, and more.

TAP IN. WORK OUT. LET THE iPHONE TRACK IT.