

FLT Trailheads to Google Maps 3-25-2019

You can use the frequently updated Excel FLT Trailheads.xlsx file to generate FLT trailheads in Google Maps and thus have them available for driving directions on your Smartphone. Here's how:

1. Log into your Google account if not already logged in.
2. Go to www.fingerlakestrail.org > Go Hiking > Hiking the FLT – Basics > How to find the Trail. Scroll to bottom of this webpage.
3. The last 4 of these 5 FLT Trailhead files are always up to date as they are generated whenever maps are updated; about once a month. **FLT Trailheads Google.html** is not, but you will be generating this file for Google Maps with the steps below.
4. Download **FLT Trailheads.xlsx** by clicking on it.
5. Open this file and delete Row 1 – do this to have correct labels in Google Maps (right click on row 1 at left and select Delete).
6. Save this file – it will go to your Downloads folder replacing the one you just opened.
7. On your computer open Google Maps (in Chrome Google apps are accessed at top left).
8. In Google Maps click Menu (3 horizontal bars at top left).
9. Choose: Your Places > Maps > See All Your Maps > +Create a New Map > Import.
10. Make sure Upload is selected and either Drag Your File (from step 5. above) from File Explorer or Select it from File Explorer.
11. A dialog box opens asking for the column that has Lat/Lon; choose the Latitude/Longitude column > Latitude/Longitude again > Continue.
12. A dialog box asks for the column to title your markers: Name > Finish.
13. Google Maps opens showing all trailhead markers. To label with Name, click Uniform Style > Set Labels > Name.
14. Name your “Untitled” map; suggest same as the Excel file, step 5. above with the date.

Your map is automatically saved in Google Drive and is now available on your Smartphone in Google Maps. Use it to get driving directions from “Your location” to a chosen trailhead.

On your phone choose Google Maps > Menu (top upper left) > Your places > scroll left to Maps > Name of your map.

To turn off your map: Menu > **Name of your map** (blue when turned on) > tap to turn off.

To delete this file from Google Maps go to Google Drive > tap the 3 dots to the right of its name > Remove (it goes into Trash, where it can be recovered, if need be).

Extra tip: If you purchase FLT maps online they include both the PDF and GPX files. GPX files for FLT maps can be loaded onto Google Maps and with it you can see where you are as you hike compared to the GPX track! The steps to do this are similar to those above.

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