



Section 10: Using Google Maps

In this section:

You can use **Google Maps** to:

- **Find a location.**
- **Get directions** between two locations.
- Find **public transport options.**
- **Find a café** near you.



Google Maps is a **free** website.

You can use Google Maps on your **computer, tablet or smart phone.**

You can also download the **Google Maps app** on your **smart phone.**

To use the map you need to be connected to the **internet.**

How to use Google Maps on your device

Step 1: Open your internet browser.

There are many different **internet browsers**.

You might use one of these browsers:



- Chrome



- Safari



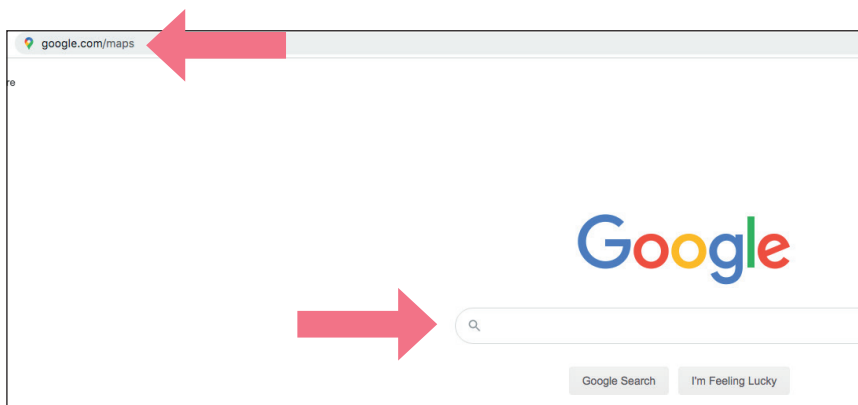
- Microsoft edge



- Firefox

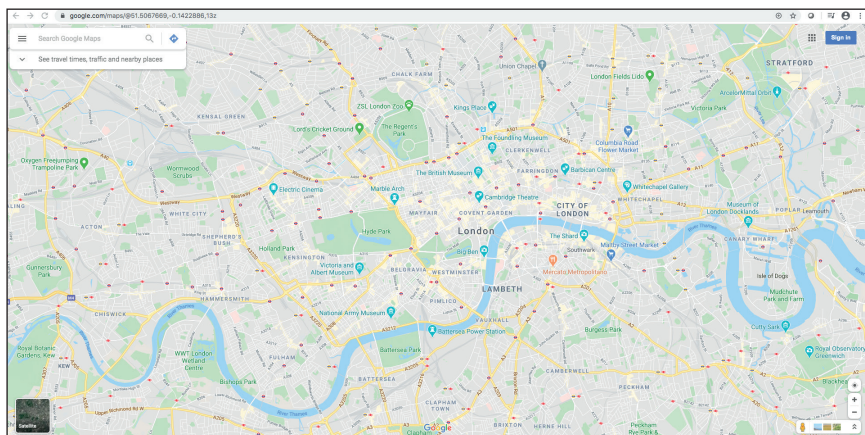
Step 2: Search for Google Maps.

You can also put this **url** in your search bar **google.com/maps**.



Step 3: Use the Google Maps home screen.

The home screen will look like this.



Finding an address on the map

You can **search** for an **address**.

Put the **address** or **postcode** into the **search bar**.

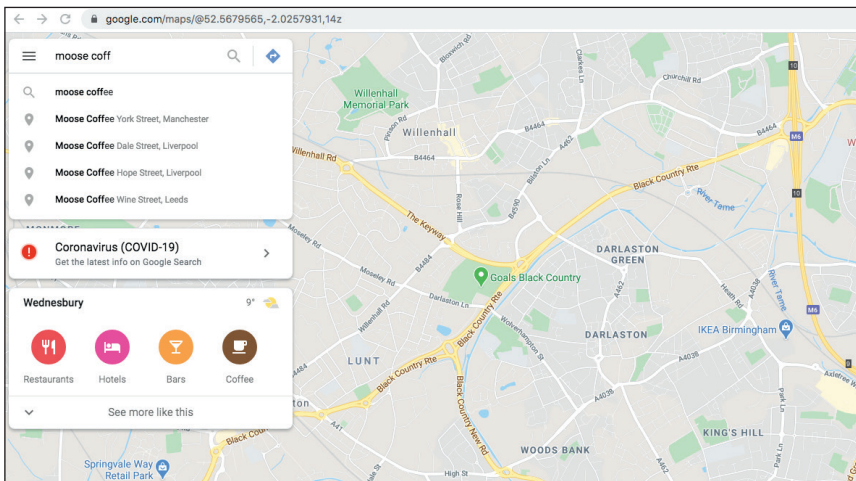
Click the **magnifying glass icon** to search. 

You can also search for a **business name**.

For example: you want to visit Moose Coffee in Manchester.

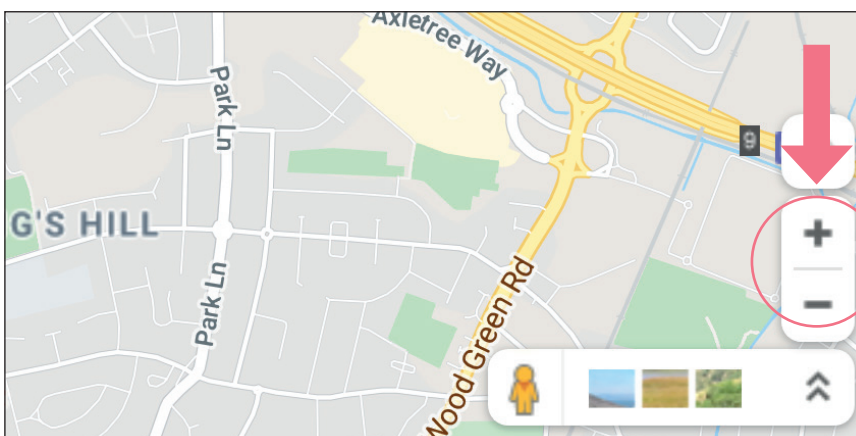
Put "Moose coffee" into the search bar.

Google Maps will give you some **suggestions**.



You can make the **map bigger** by clicking the **plus sign** in the bottom right corner.

You can make the **map smaller** by clicking the **minus sign**.

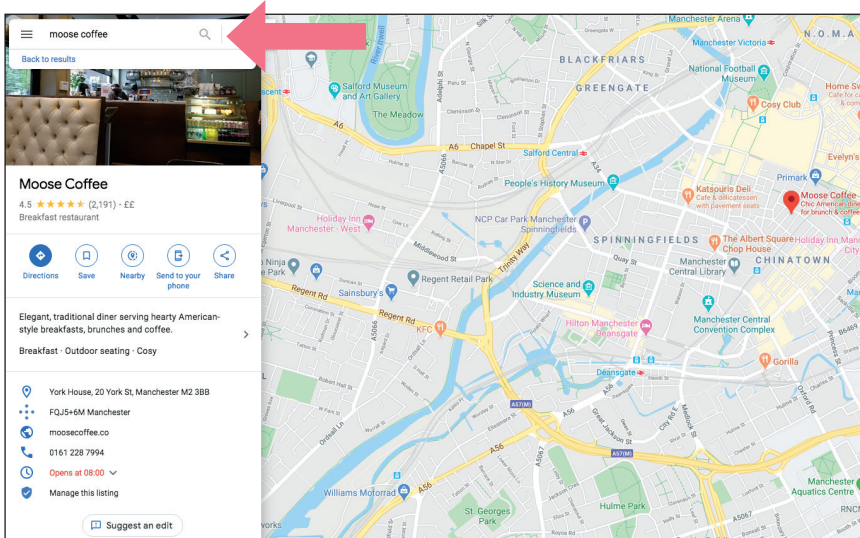


Get directions

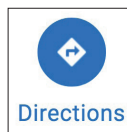
Google Maps can **give you a route**.

For example: you want to meet a friend at a coffee shop called Moose Coffee.

In the **search bar** put the **name** of the coffee **shop**.



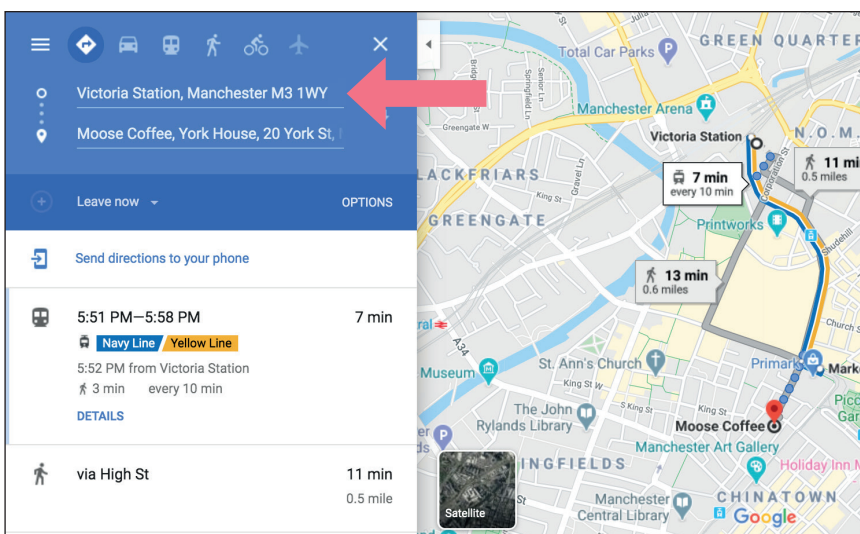
Now **click the blue 'directions' icon**.



Put in **your location**.

In this **example** you might be staying at the **Ibis Hotel** in the city centre.

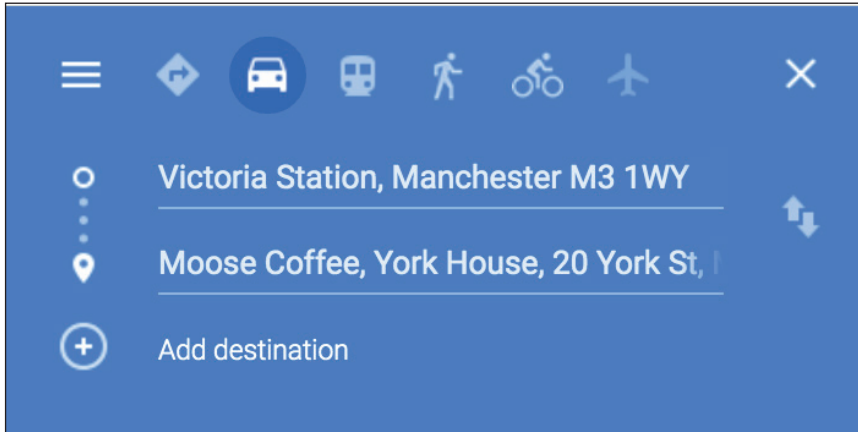
The map will now show **how to travel** to your location.



Different ways to travel

Google Maps can give you a **route using car, walking and public transport.**

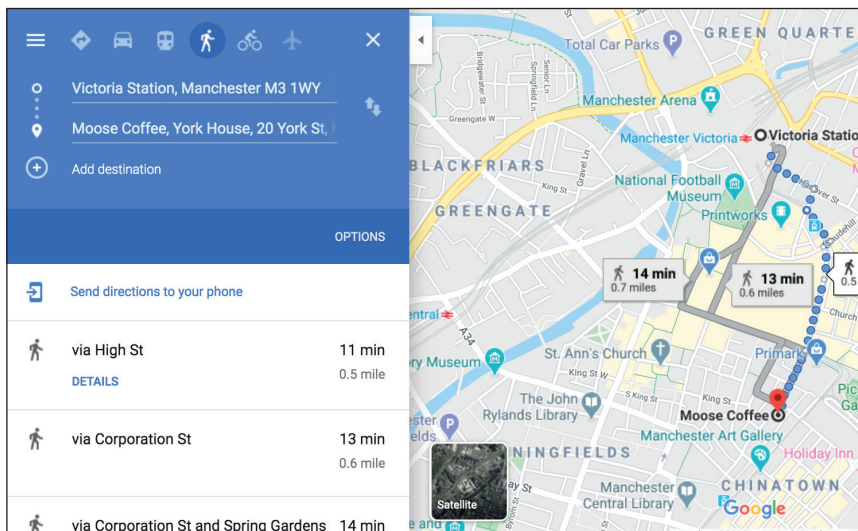
Look at the **icons above your search bar.**



To get **directions for walking**, click on the 'walking' icon.



It will also tell you **how long** it will take.



Click on the 'bus/train' icon to tell you about **public transport options.**



Click on the 'car' **option** for a car route.



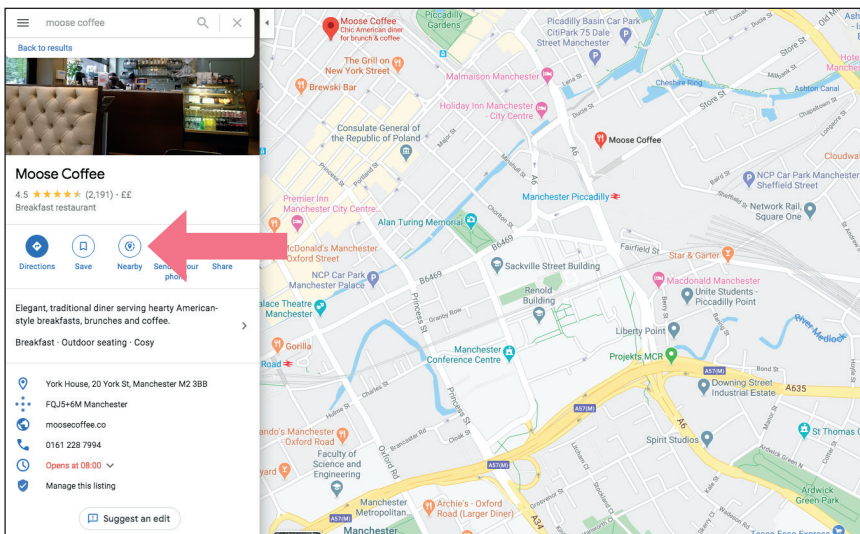
How to find places of interest

Google maps can also tell you about **interesting places nearby**.

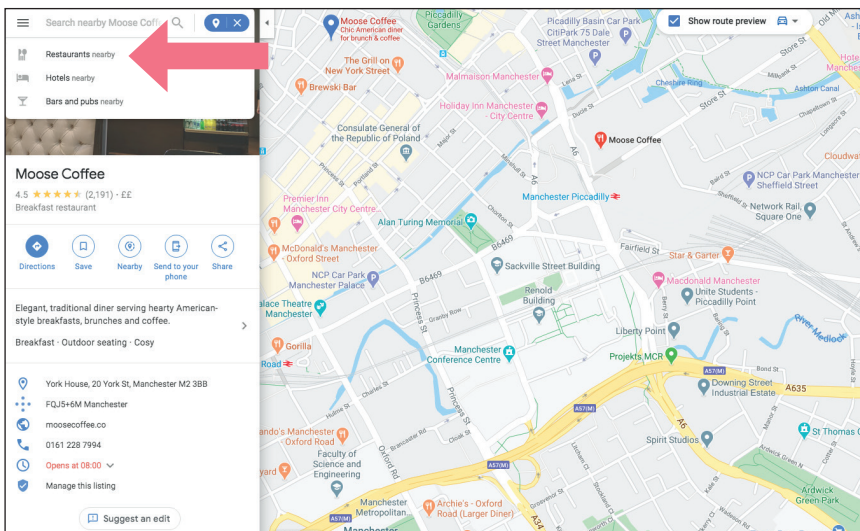
For example, after you meet your friend for coffee you might want to go for lunch.

You can **search for restaurants** near you.

Search your location.

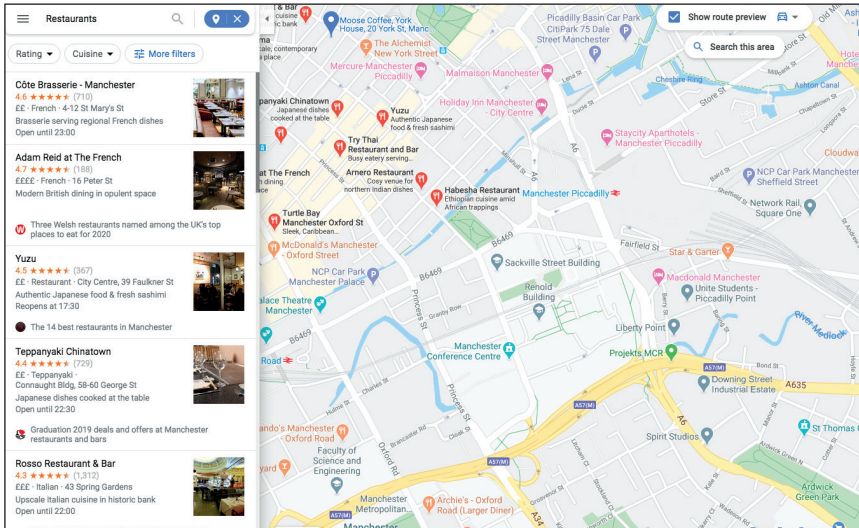


Now click the 'nearby' icon.



Select 'restaurants nearby'.

Google Maps will now **show all** the **restaurants** that are near you on the map.



On the left hand side Google Maps gives you **information about the restaurants**:

- Star rating.
- Cost.
- Opening hours.



Challenge yourself:

Open Google Maps and practice your skills.

1. Find a **post office** near you.
2. Find out **how long** it would take to **travel** to the post office using the bus or by car.
3. Find your **local library**.
4. Can you see the **opening hours** for the library?
5. What would be the **best way to travel** to your library?