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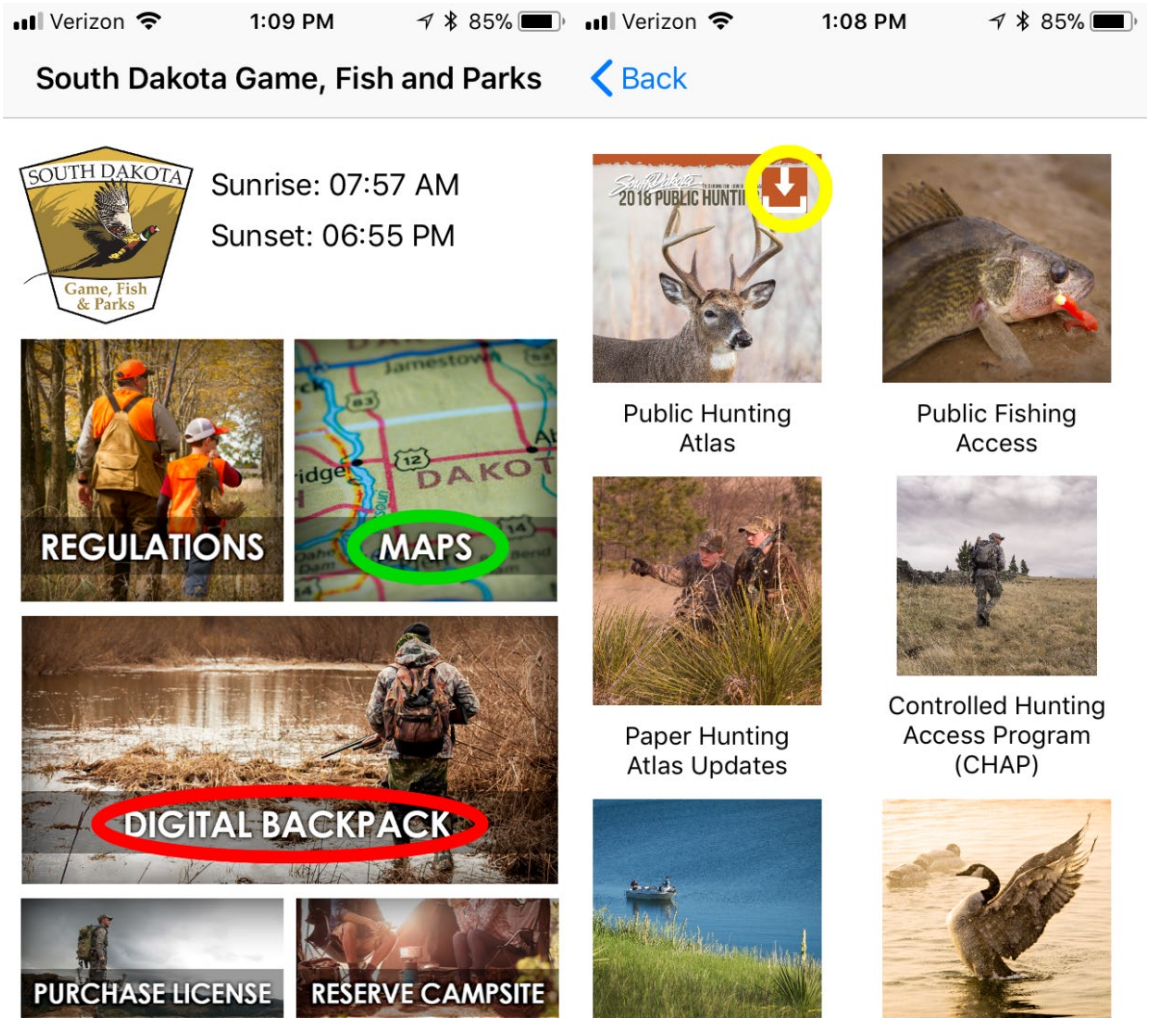
GFP App Offline Map and Waypoint Instruction Guide

The GFP app is now featuring waypoints! The waypoints can be accessed in the offline map. To download the offline map follow this step by step guide. If you have already downloaded the offline map you may proceed to section two of this instruction guide: "Waypoints".

Section 1: Offline Map

1. Open the app and click "Maps" (green circle) then "Access and Units".
2. Tap the Down Arrow (yellow circle) on the top right corner of the Public Hunting Access picture.
3. Hit download.
4. Wait for the load bar to finish. A "Download Complete" box will appear when you are ready to go.
5. Access your map from your "Digital Backpack" (red circle) on the main page.
6. Click "My Maps".
7. Click "Public Hunting Atlas".
8. You now have an offline version that can be accessed anywhere at any time as well as give you access to waypoints as well.



Section 2: Waypoints

Once you are in the offline map you now have access to our new waypoint feature. This waypoint feature offers a variety of options for ease of use. You can show/hide waypoints, create waypoints at your current location or another location and also delete waypoints.

Show/Hide Waypoints

The waypoints can either be displayed or they can be hidden. When you open the offline map your waypoints will NOT appear and you will be looking at a clean map. If you wish to see your previous waypoints go to the bottom right hand corner of the page and tap "Show Waypoints" (dark purple circle). Any previous waypoints should now be visible. If you wish to look at a clean map or hide these waypoints in the same spot that you selected "Show Waypoints" select the button that says "Hide Waypoints" (green circle). Your waypoints should now be hidden and you will be looking at a clean map.

Once you have tapped "Show Waypoints" at the bottom right-hand corner of the page any previous waypoints will appear and the waypoint tools will appear in the top right-hand corner.



Make a Waypoint

Once you have selected "Show Waypoints" the waypoint tools will appear on the top right-hand corner of the screen. To create a waypoint you have two options.

Option 1: Current Location

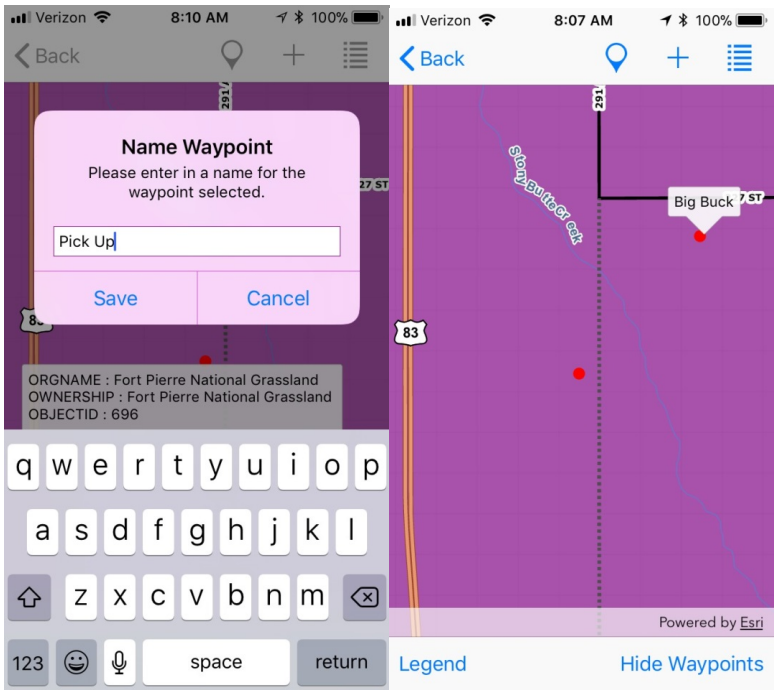
1. Tap the "My location" button (yellow circle).
2. This will automatically create a waypoint at the exact location you are at.
3. Whether you label your waypoint or not click "Save" and your waypoint will appear at your location.
4. If you do not wish to save the waypoint click "Cancel".

Option 2: Another Location

1. You do NOT need to be at a certain location to create a waypoint there.
2. Select "Add Waypoint" (blue circle).
3. You have the option of still selecting your current location with the same "My Location" icon (yellow circle) OR you can tap anywhere on the map.
4. Wherever you tap on the map is where your waypoint will be saved.
5. Whether you label your waypoint or not click "Save" and your waypoint will appear at your location.
6. If you do not wish you save your waypoint select "Cancel".
7. If you are done creating waypoints or do not wish to create a waypoint while you are in the "Add Waypoint" feature select "Cancel Add Waypoint".

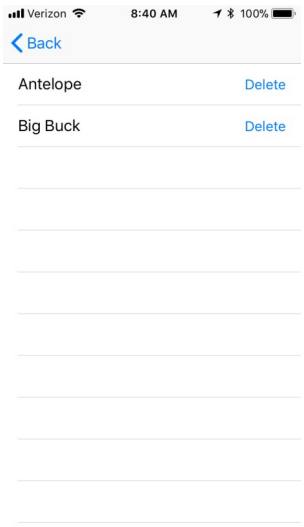
Labels

You have the option to simply save waypoints or you can label them. Once you have clicked "Make a Waypoint" a box will appear giving you the option to name your waypoint. If you wish to label you waypoint this is the appropriate place to do so. Once your waypoint has appeared on the map by clicking on the waypoint itself you will see the label instantly pop up. If you have not labeled your waypoint you will not get the label box to appear.



Deleting Waypoints

If you wish to delete a waypoint go to the top right corner of the screen and hit the button that looks like a grid (light purple circle). This will open up all of your waypoints in order from oldest to most recent. You can then tap the "Delete" button and that waypoint will be erased. This allows for the most relevant waypoints to appear and prevents your map from becoming cluttered.



Section 3: FAQs

How do I get a more accurate position reading?

You may find that your location is not accurate to the terrain or another positioning unit you may be using. If you turn on "Airplane" mode you actually can get a better GPS signal. The offline map does NOT require cell service. If you are in an area that you are not getting cell service or it's very spotty it is going to mess your signal up because it's using cell service AND gps to pinpoint your location. The cell service is off, so the location is going to be off. Turning on "Airplane" mode means you are eliminating the cell service and simply using your gps.

If you are hunting in an area that you have strong cell service you will most likely have better success leaving cell service on as this will be an accurate signal. If you are hunting in an area that your cell service is spotty, poor or absent going into airplane mode will just use gps and should give you a better signal.

I am having difficulty downloading the offline map. What can I do?

We recommend waiting to download the offline map until you have your best internet connection possible. The offline map is quite large and it may have difficulties loading if there is slower internet connection. It is best to wait until you have your peak performance service and then attempt to download the offline map from there.

Where can I make waypoints in the online map?

The waypoint feature is exclusive to the offline version. You will not be able to access nor create waypoints while you are in the online version.

I can't see my waypoints or my waypoint tools. Where are they?

First make sure that you are in the offline map. Then make sure you have selected "Show Waypoints" at the bottom right-hand corner of the screen.

Why won't my handbooks load?

Much like the offline map the handbooks are very large documents themselves. We recommend waiting to download the handbooks until you have the strongest internet connect possible. If there is a slower internet connection it will take longer for the handbooks to download and you are more likely to have trouble. Once you have your peak service that is the best time to download these handbooks.

I am having difficulties with the app. Who can I contact for help?

If you have gone through the checklists and the FAQs and have still not had your problem solved please contact Nick Harrington via email at nick.harrington@state.sd.us or phone 605.773.6252 for further assistance.