

# THE MST GUIDE

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## Hiker Manual

This is an instruction manual for installing and using *The MST Guide* app on iOS and Android devices, current for these app versions:

iOS: 1.2.4

Android: 1.7.1

For additional help, please contact:

[support@pockettrails.app](mailto:support@pockettrails.app)

## Download

**Download** the correct app for your device using one of the following links.

**iOS:** <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/the-mst-guide/id1547543639>

**Android:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=app.pockettrails.themstguide>

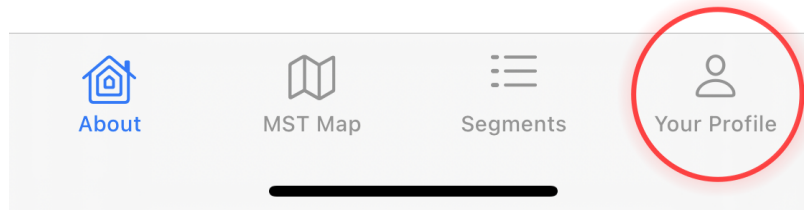
Once you've downloaded the app, open it up and sign in!

**Note:** Because authentication is required to access our data, it is important to [sign in](#) while you have internet access.

## Sign In

To use *The MST Guide*, you must create a free account and **sign in**.

**iOS:** The quickest way to create an account or sign in is to click on the “Your Profile” tab on the bottom navigation bar.



This will prompt you to create an account using either an email and password, or a preexisting Google or Apple ID account. Once you're signed in, you are ready to use the guide!

**Note:** to see the “44th Birthday Challenge”, you will have to close and restart the app.

**Android:** To create an account or sign in, click on the profile icon in the top right corner of the app.



You will then have the option to sign in using either an email address and password or a Google account. Once you're signed in, you will have to press the back button twice to return to the main screen.

**Note:** the profile icon should now be green, indicating that you're signed in and ready to use the guide!

## Using the Guide

### Accessing the 44 Mile Challenge

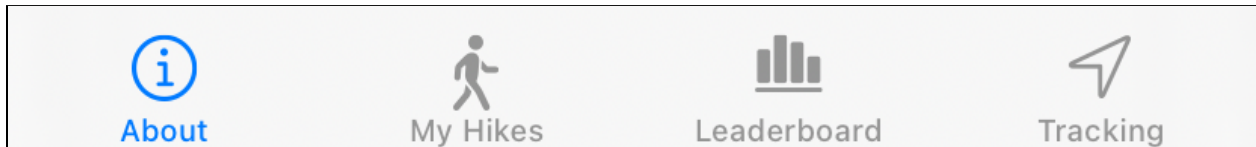
Starting on September 1st, 2021, you can access the 44th Birthday Hike Challenge from the front page of the app. Look for this image at the top of the screen:

**Happy 44th Birthday, MST!**  
click for more details

Within the 44 Mile Challenge, you will see 4 new tabs at the bottom of the screen:

- About
- My Hikes
- Leaderboard
- Track

iOS:



Android:



## Tracking Your Hikes

1. Open the track tab. First, you will see an Opt-In switch and accompanying info letting you know that opting in will allow other users to see your “trail name” and total tracked miles.
2. Once the map has loaded, verify that the “Detected Segment” is the correct segment that you intend to hike. If this information is incorrect, you may have to check your location settings or be closer to the segment.
3. If you are within half a mile of the MST, you should see a “Start Tracking” button. Click this to start tracking your hike!
4. Refer to the notes below for platform-specific instructions on stopping your hike.

### **iOS Tracking Notes:**

- You can use other apps while tracking your hike, but make sure that you do not dismiss *The MST Guide* completely or the tracking will stop and your hike will not be saved.
- To stop your hike, click “Stop Tracking”. This should save your hike, update the leaderboard, and reset the map.

### **Android Tracking Notes:**

- You should see a notification in your notification bar indicating that your hike is being tracked.
- Leaving the “Track” page will cause the page to reset, but your hike will still be tracked as long as you see the notification. Use the “End Hike” button in the notification to stop your hike when you are finished. This will save your hike and update the leaderboard.

## Joining the Friends

If you haven't already, consider joining the Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. There is a handy link button right on the front page of the app that will direct you to the Friends' website. During the 44th Birthday month, you'll also have the option to [donate and receive this special patch](#):



## Frequently Asked Questions

iOS

**I signed into the app but I can't see the "Happy Birthday" button.**

*This error, specific to app version 1.2.3, requires you to close the app, dismiss it from your recently used apps, and open it again. If that doesn't work, try restarting your phone and opening the app again. Also, you will need internet access for the very first time you see the "Happy Birthday" button. After that, it will still appear if you are offline.*

**I cannot start tracking my hike!**

*Please check your location setting within the app. Background tracking requires you to give the app permission to "Always" allow location access.*