FIND MY

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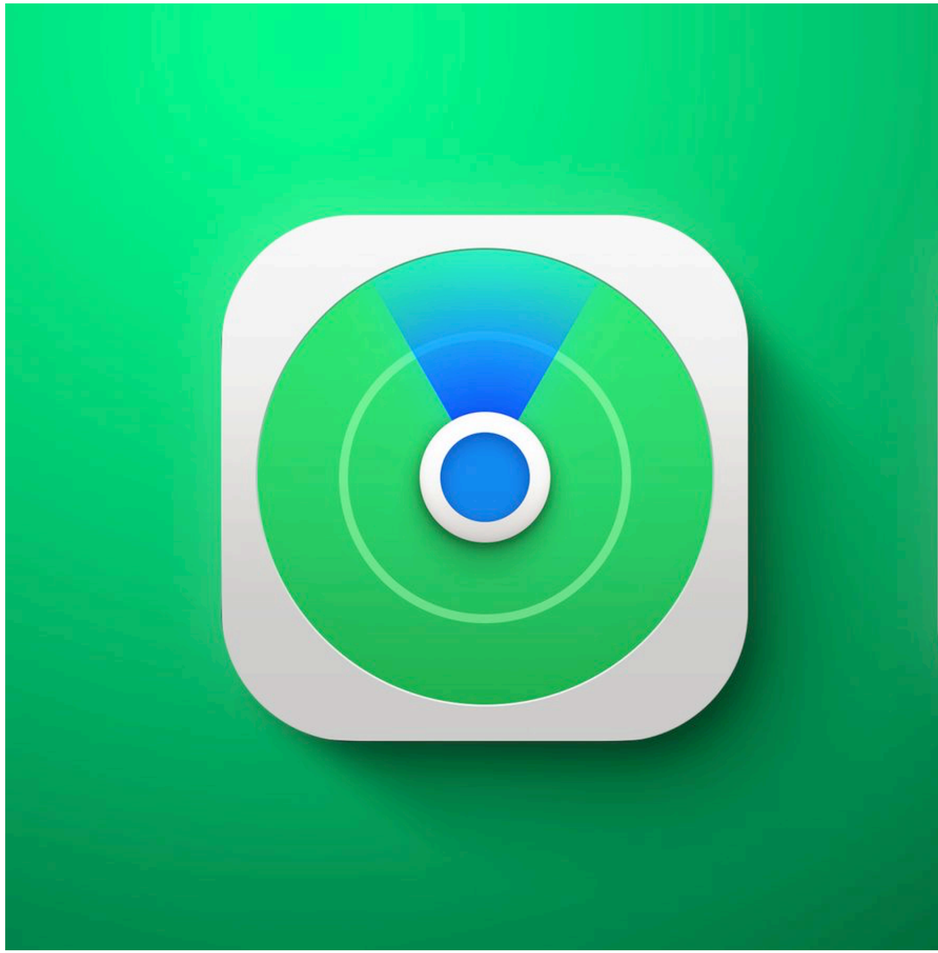
Released with iOS 13 on September 19, 2019.

It is an asset tracking service. Assets are people, Apple products and any item you attach with an AirTag.

Requires a connected iCloud account.

Operates on iOS, MacOS, iPadOS.

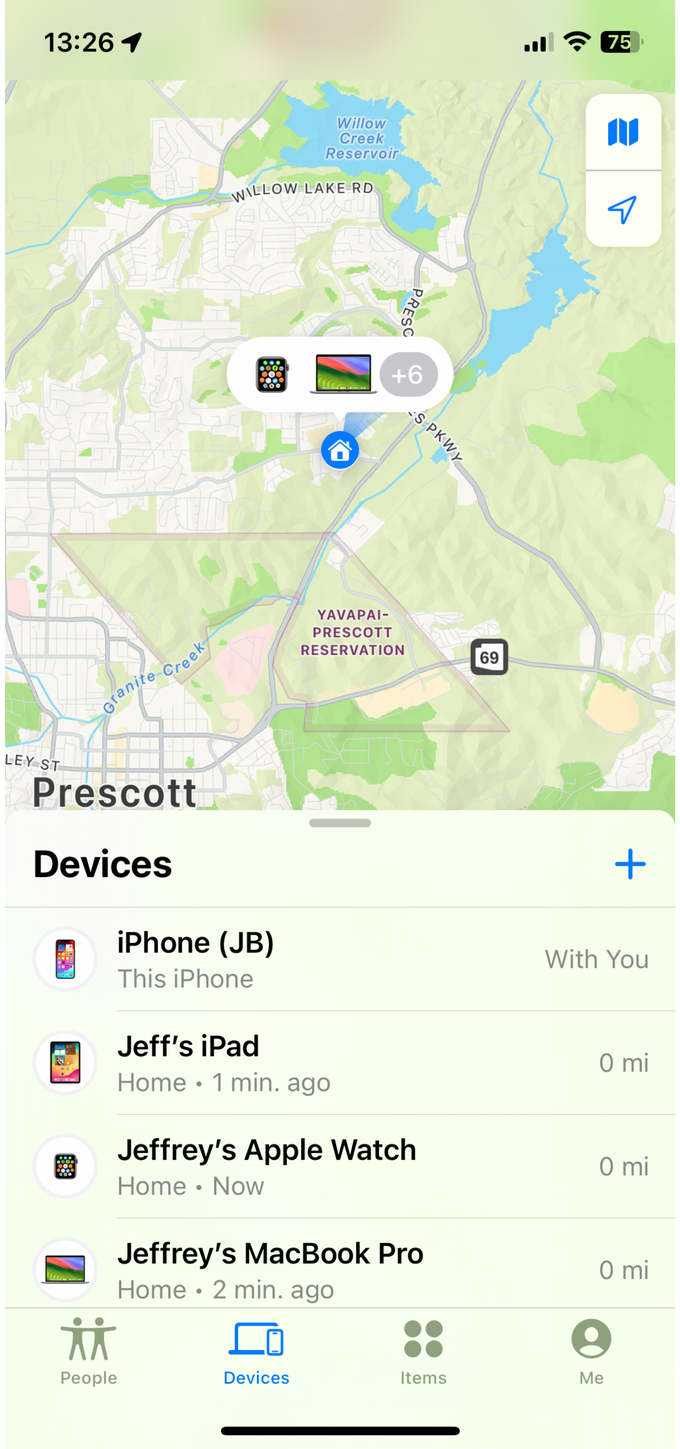


WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO FIND?

* People (that have agreed to be tracked)

* Devices

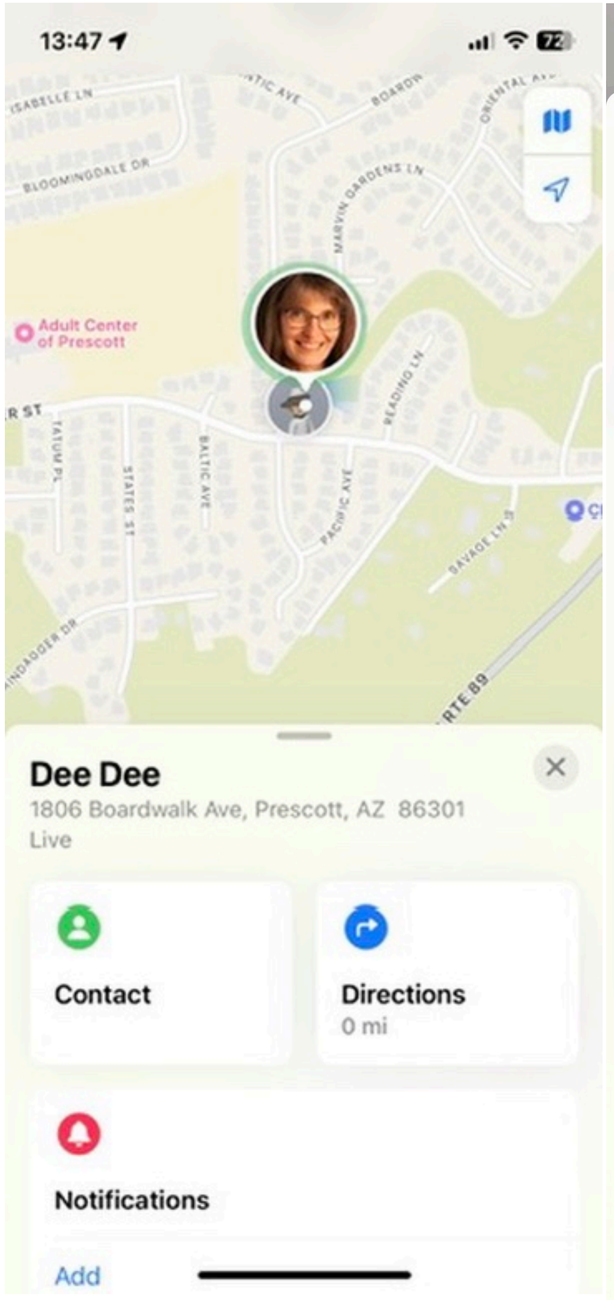
* Items (Air Tags)

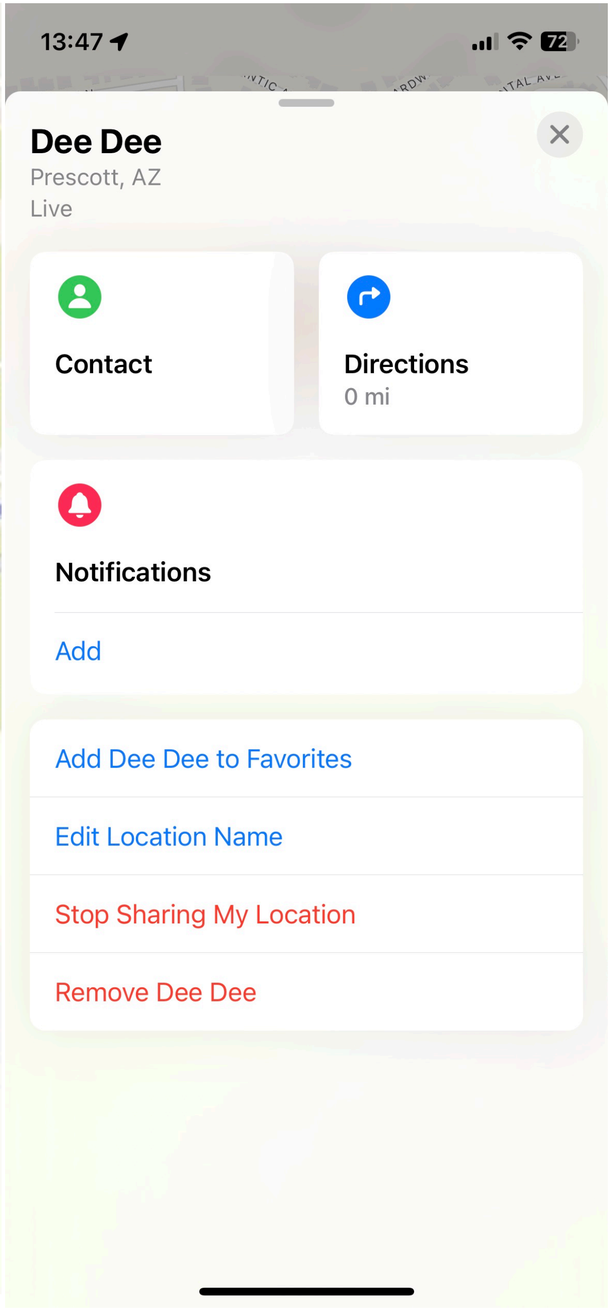


PEOPLE

Easily track people in your contacts list.

They must accept an invitation that you would initiate.

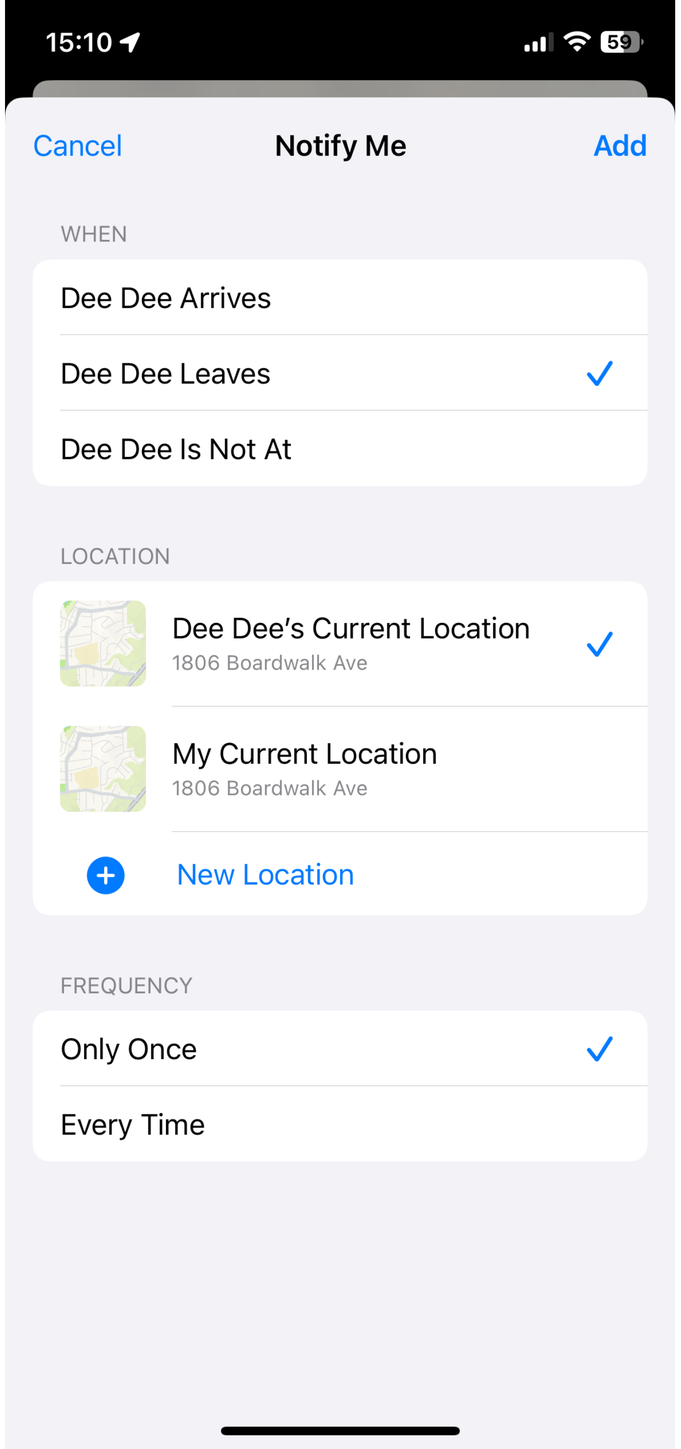




NOTIFICATIONS

Select the person, press “Add” under Notifications and then select “Notify Me” or Notify (selected person).

Your options appear on the screen shot on the right.



ADD A PERSON

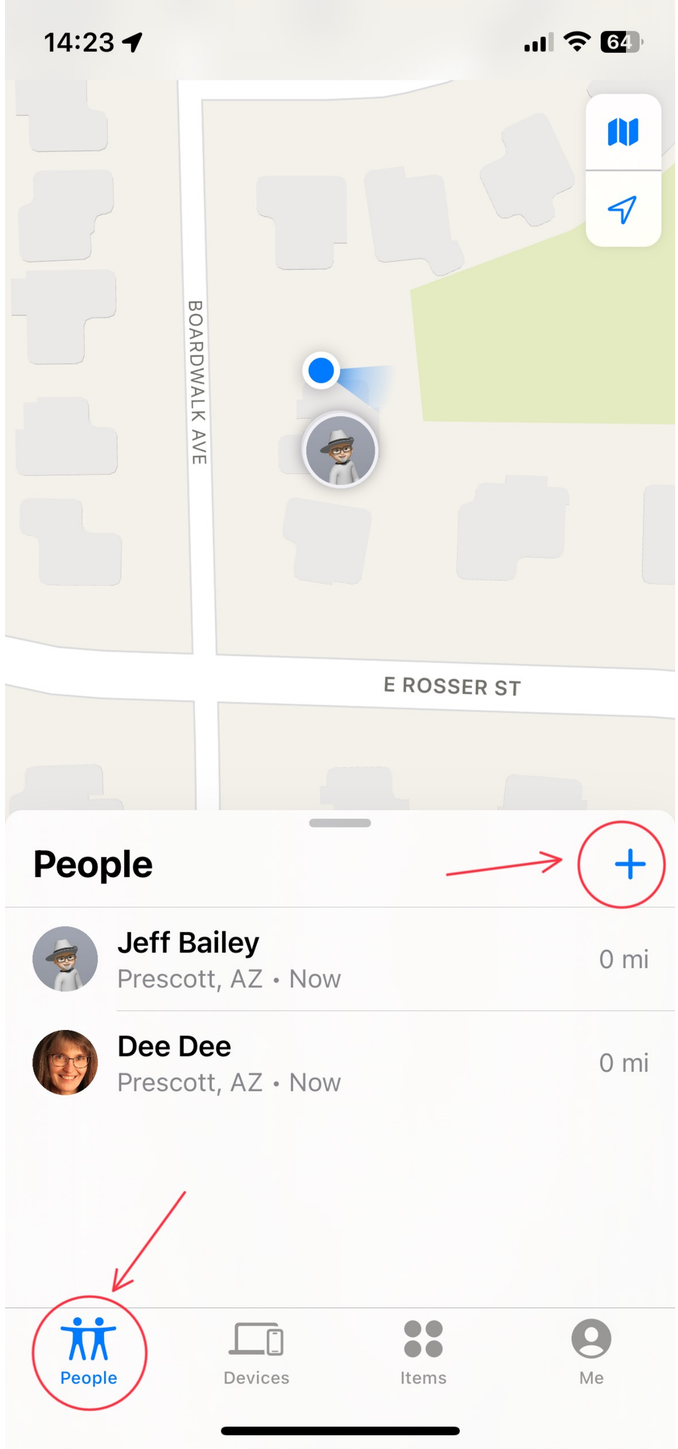
Select the “People” category.

Press the “+” button.

Select “Share my Location”

A list of iOS capable contacts will come up. Select a name and press the “send” button. Choose to share for one hour, until end of day or indefinitely.

They will receive an invite. Once they accept, they now have the option to share or not to share their location.



SATELLITE FEATURE

For iPhone 14 (with iOS 16.1 or later) or iPhone 15 models, you can also share your location via satellite when you're somewhere without cellular and Wi-Fi coverage.

To share your location via satellite with someone, you need to already be sharing your location with that person in Find My before you're outside of cellular and Wi-Fi coverage.

The update via satellite will be every 15 minutes.

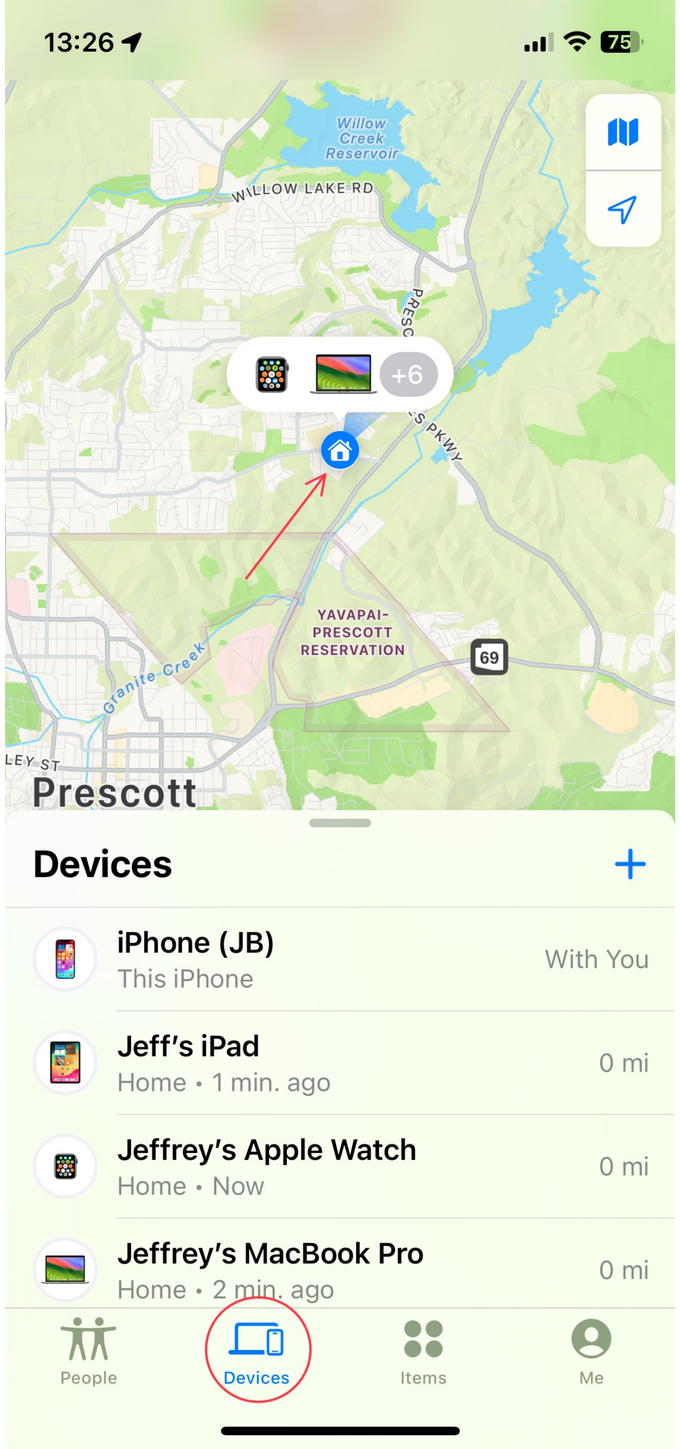
DEVICES

Keep track of all your devices: iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Apple Watch, Mac and AirPods.

Tap on the item and get all the details.

Some devices can send location data for up to 24 hours after they've been turned off or have low battery conditions.

Adding a device is easy - once it is in the iCloud, you'll see it on Find My.



DEVICE NOTIFICATION

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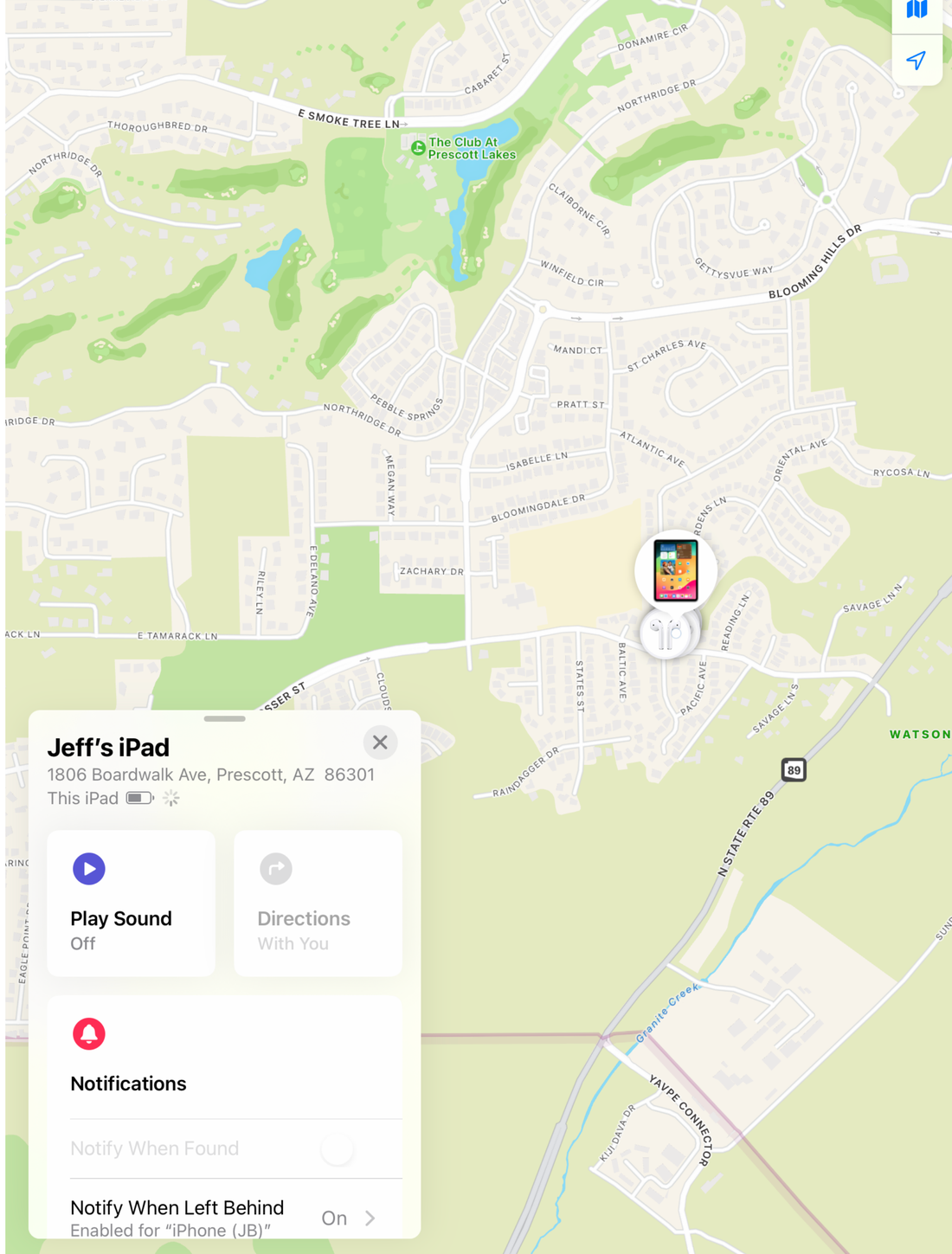
Important feature!

You can activate the system to notify you if a device is left behind.



DEVICE NOTIFICATION

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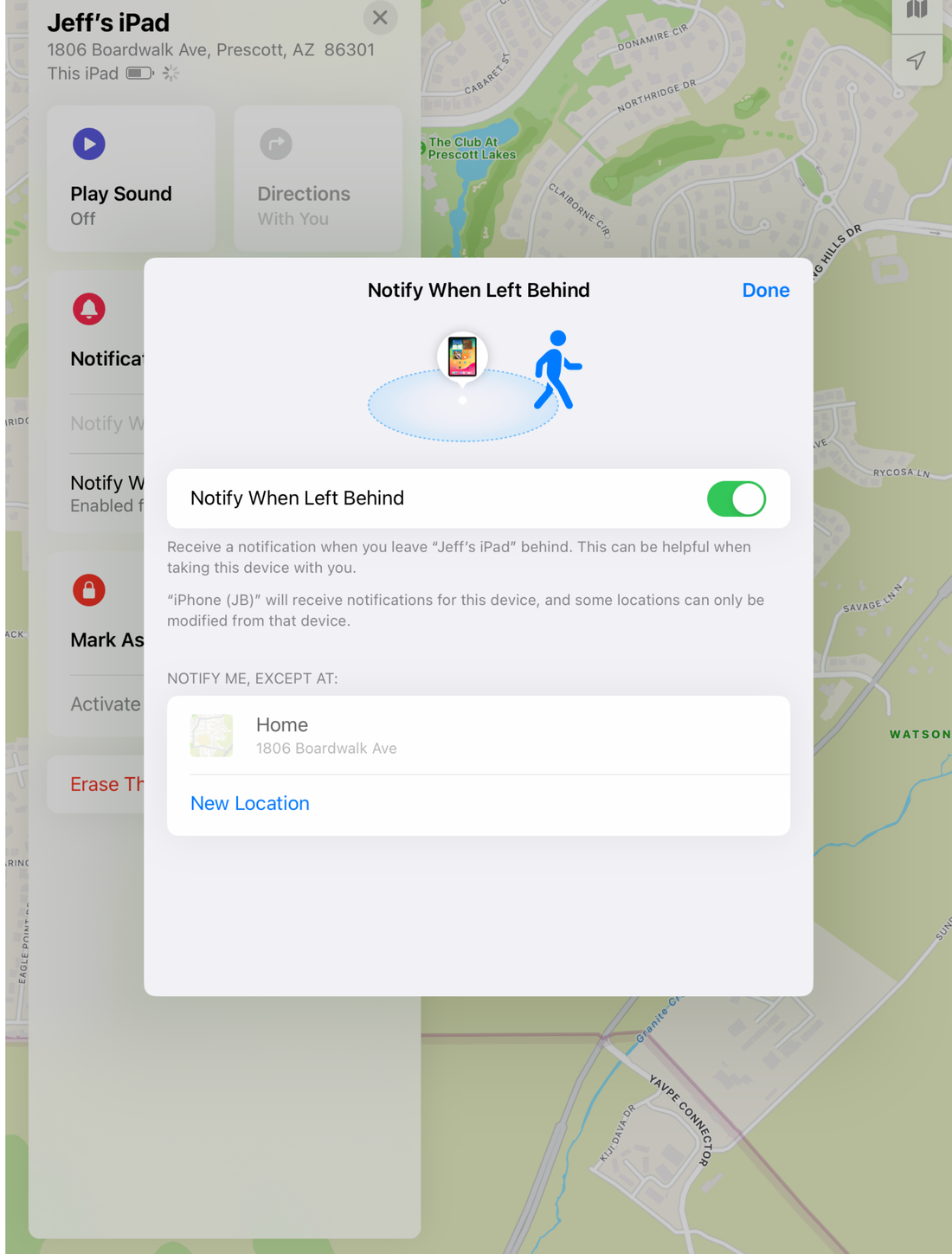
You can enter an exception to the rule.

Notify unless it is left at home or work or any location you choose.

Personally, I have all listed to notify except if left at home.



ITEMS

AirTags are the primary item tracked under “items.”

They are bluetooth connected trackers.

Once set up to your Apple ID, it is tracked on the Find My app.

While their bluetooth range is limited (30-100 feet), they can connect seamlessly and securely to Apple’s Find My network . “It takes a village…”

ITEMS - THE FIND MY NETWORK

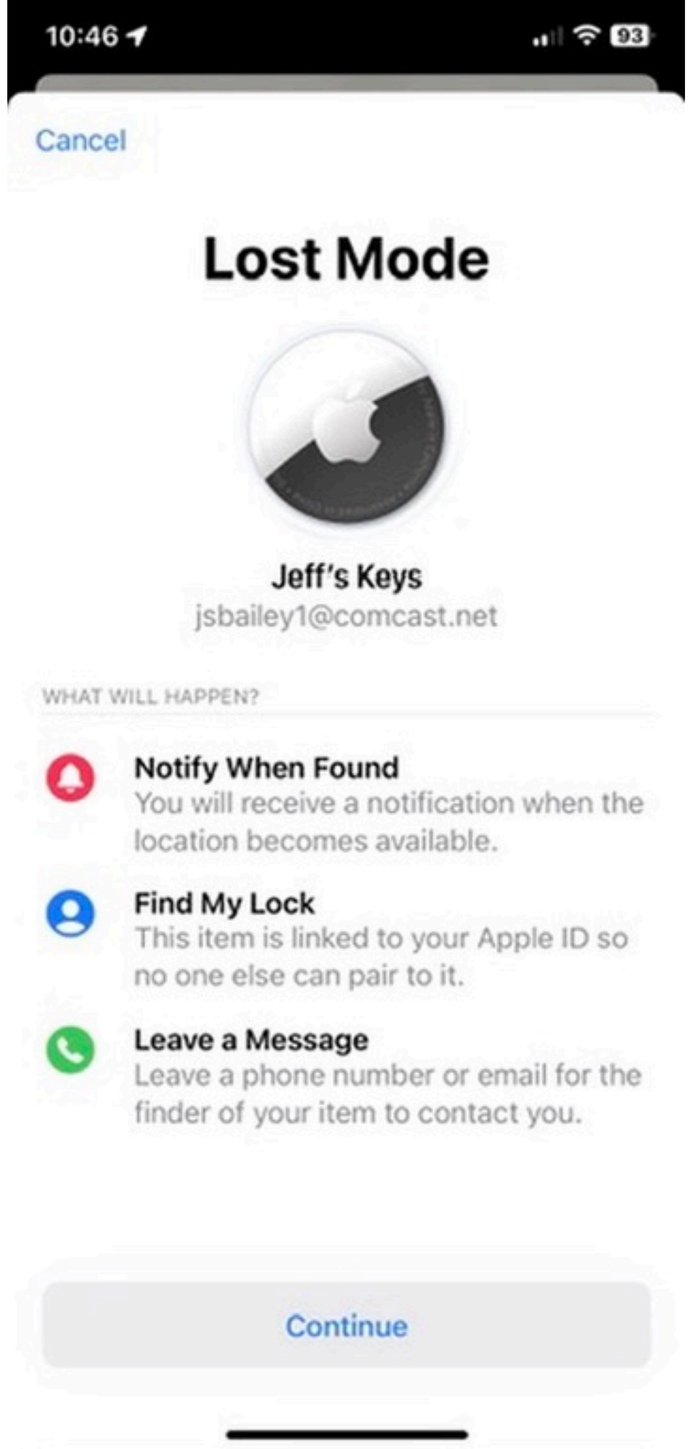
The "Find My" network works by leveraging the large number of Apple devices in use worldwide. When an AirTag is separated from its owner and out of Bluetooth range, it can send a secure Bluetooth signal that can be detected by nearby Apple devices. These devices then relay the location information to the owner's iCloud account, allowing them to track the lost AirTag's last known location on a map.

The location information is transmitted anonymously and encrypted, so the device relaying the signal cannot be identified by anyone, including the AirTag owner.

LOST MODE

Lost mode allows you to report a lost item and provide instructions for notifications to you and instructions for someone if they find you item or device.

You can leave your phone number or email that others who find your device can access.

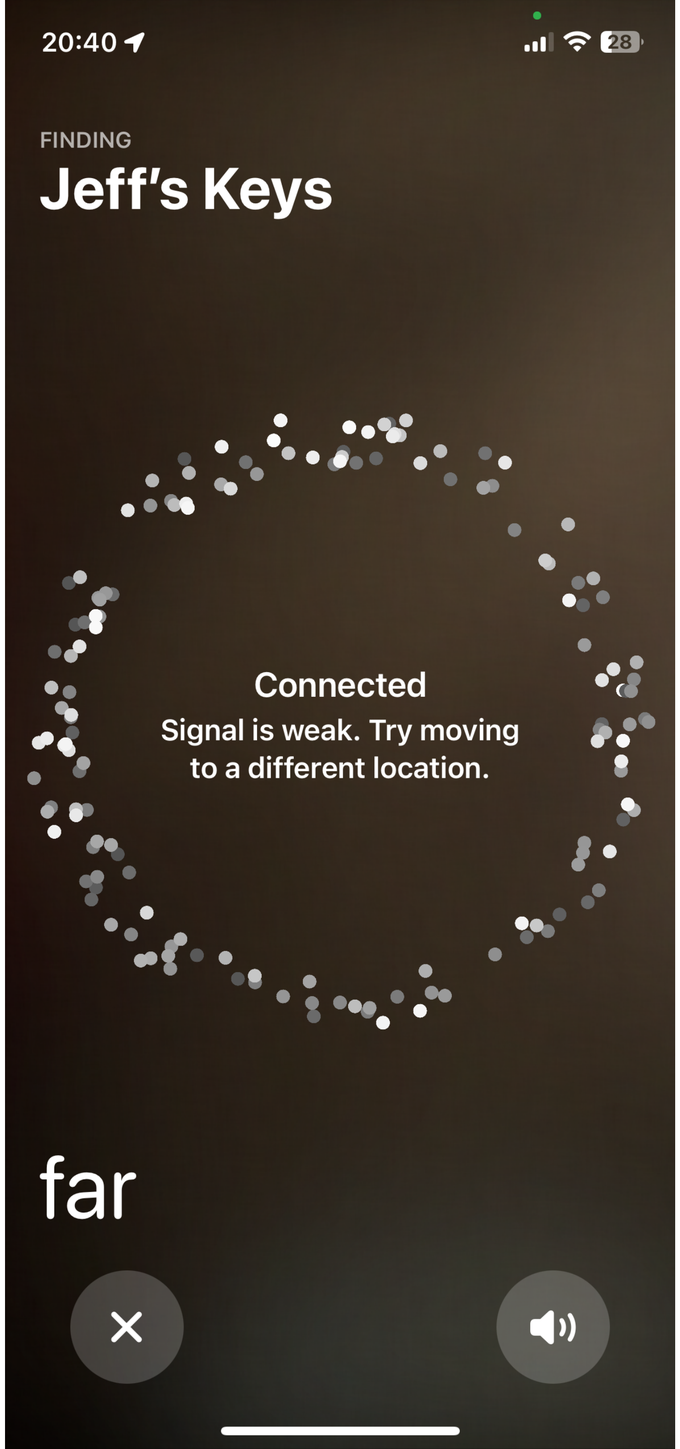


AIRTAG SEARCH

SEQUENCE OF FINDING MY KEYS (1)

On the Find My app, press on the item you want to find and press, “Find."

Initial search for my keys that were about 30 feet away.



AIRTAG SEARCH

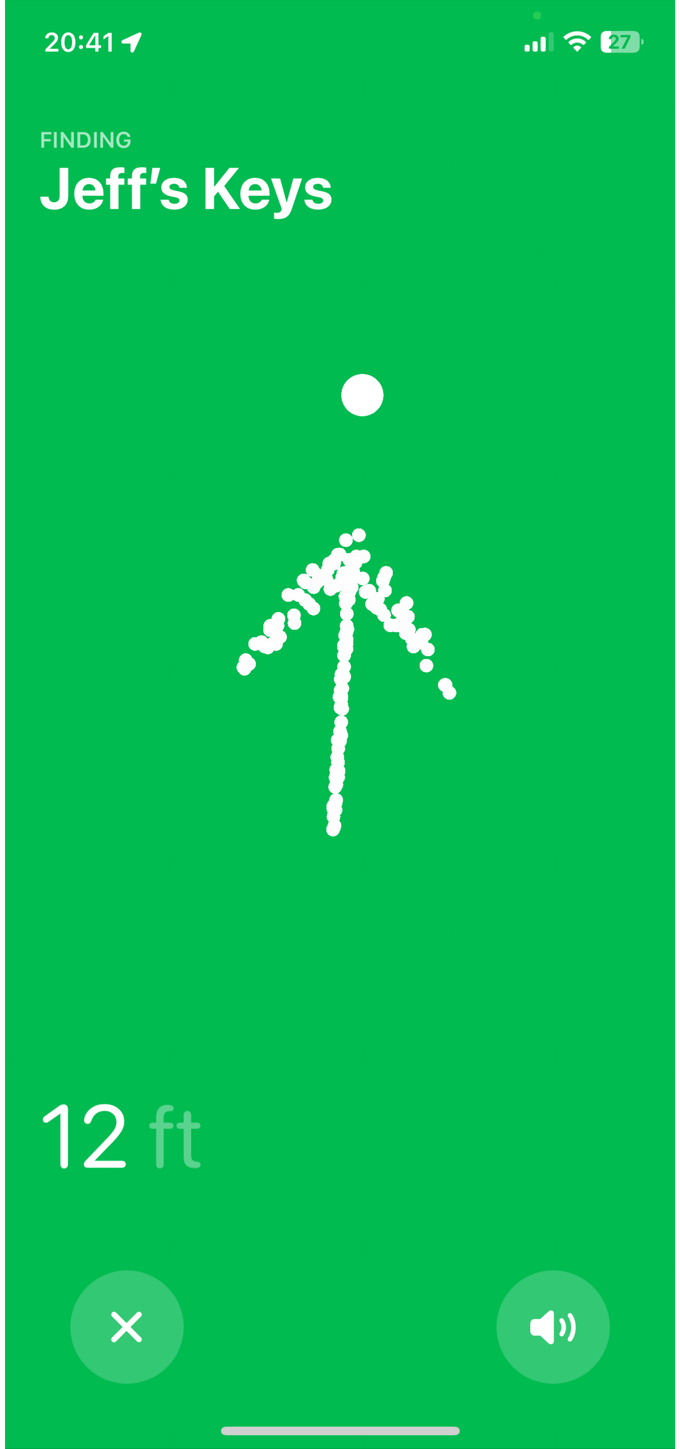
SEQUENCE OF FINDING MY LOST KEYS (2)

After moving closer, now more defined positioning is showing. The keys are estimated to be 23 feet to the left of my current position.

AIRTAG SEARCH

SEQUENCE OF FINDING MY LOST KEYS (3_

As I get closer the screen changes to green showing that we’re close at 12 feet.



AIRTAG SEARCH

SEQUENCE OF FINDING MY KEYS (4)

Less than 2 feet and the arrow is replaced by a circle that slowly shrinks in size as I get closer.

AIRTAG SEARCH

SEQUENCE OF FINDING MY KEYS (5)

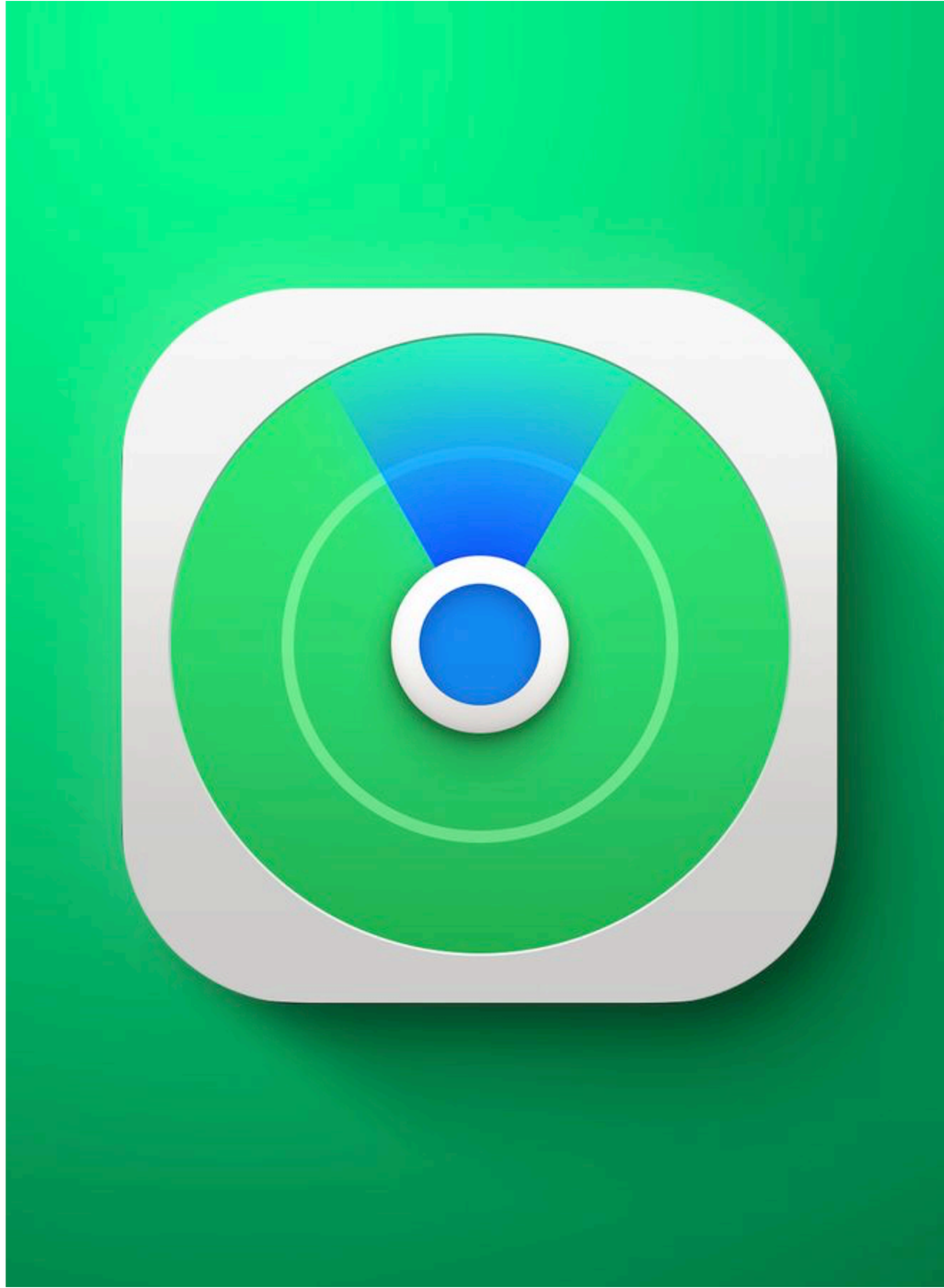
Finally, when on top, the circle becomes a picture of a rotating AirTag and “here” is showing that we are at the precise location for the keys.

FIND MY - CONCLUSION

Find My is a very useful and practical app. It operates in the background.

It can save us a lot of frustration and potential heartache if we were to lose something.

It provides us the means to locate important items and the people we love.

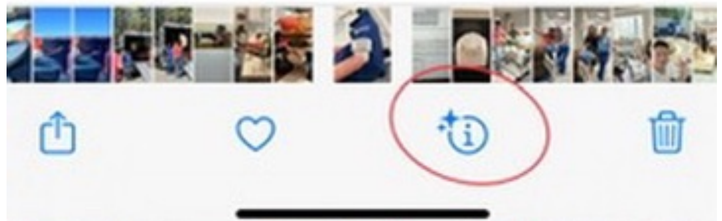


BONUS CONTENT

PHOTO FEATURE

The “info” features on photos allows us to identify plants, dogs, monuments, etc.

Did you know, it can define the laundry symbols?



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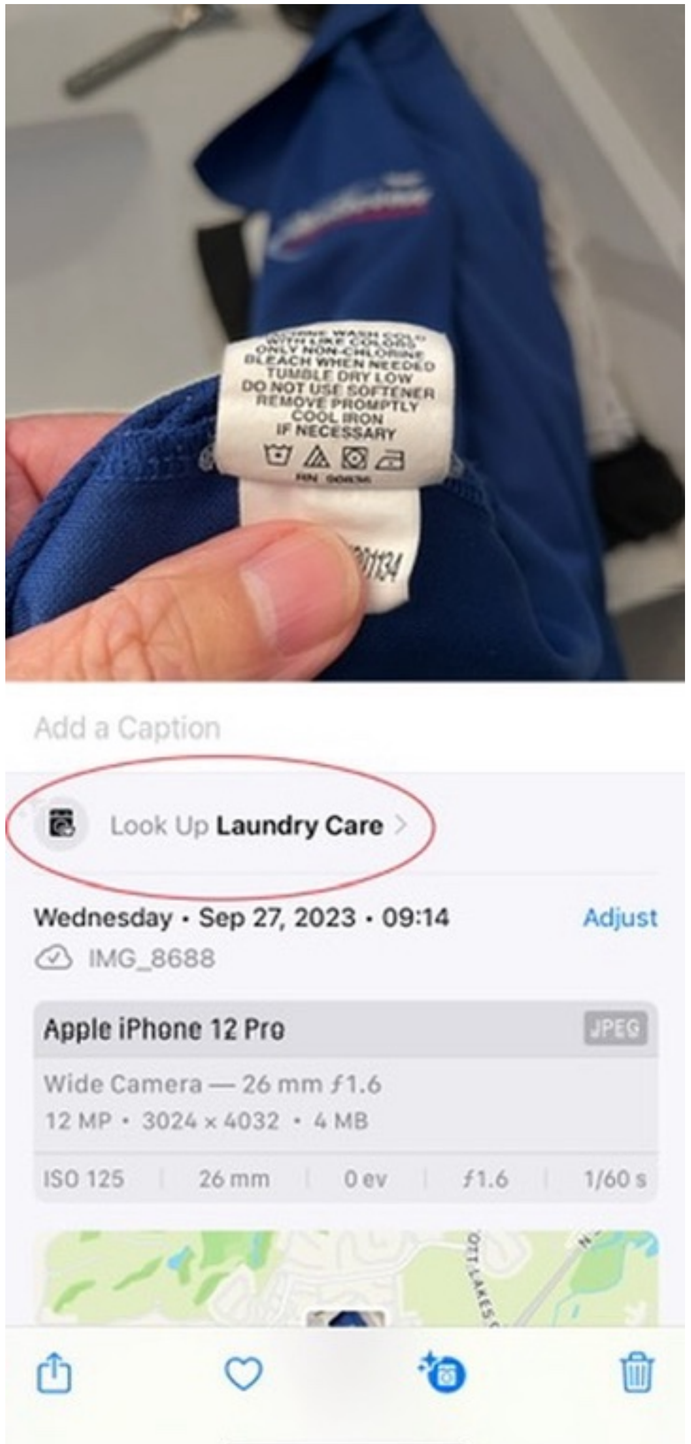
Once you press the info button, it will bring up “Look up Laundry Care.”



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Laundry symbols defined!

Now, if we could only get Siri to do the laundry....

Siri Knowledge

Washing, normal process, maximum 30 Celsius (85 Fahrenheit)
To indicate that cleaning the textile article is allowed using normal washing...
ASTM

Bleaching with non-chlorine agents
To indicate that bleaching the textile article is allowed only with oxygen or ot...
ISO

Tumble drying, maximum 60 Celsius
To indicate that the tumble drying process is allowed only with low temper...
ISO

Ironing, maximum 110 Celsius
To indicate that ironing is allowed with the maximum sole plate temperature of...
ISO

If the results are incomplete, inaccurate, or otherwise an issue, you can report an issue.