

How to Share Trail Condition Photos with the ATA

1. Ensure location services are enabled on your phone's camera

Before you start taking photos, enable location services on your phone's camera. Below, you will find illustrated documents and/or videos that provide instructions on how to enable location services on iPhones, Androids, and Samsung Androids.

iPhone – Here is a [video](#) and [illustrated instructions](#) for enabling location services for your camera on an iPhone

Android – Here is a [video](#) and [illustrated instructions](#) for enabling location services on an Android.

Samsung Android – Here are [illustrated instructions](#) for enabling location services on a Samsung device.

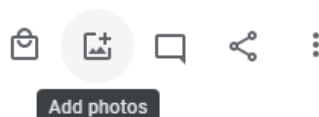
2. Go take photos!

Once location services are enabled on your phone's camera, you are ready to take photos! With the location services enabled, your camera will automatically collect GPS coordinates for the photos you capture.

3. Share your photos:

Now that you have your photos, it is time to share with the ATA. The best way to do that is to add them to the shared album in Google Photos. This can be done from your phone or desktop computer. The following instructions are for a desktop computer with a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari, or Firefox. The phone interface is very similar.

- Open the [AZT Stewards-Trail Conditions Album](#).
- Click the 'add photos' icon at the top right in your browser (or tap Add Photos on your phone). In a browser it looks like this:



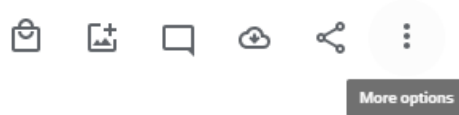
- Select the photos you want to share and click 'Done' (or 'Add' on your phone).
- Your photos are now shared!

4. Enable location sharing for your photos in the shared album

Once you have shared your photos, allow other viewers to see where your photos were taken by enabling location sharing. This only needs to be done once and it applies to all of your photos in this album. This is a privacy setting; location sharing is off by default.

To enable location sharing:

- Click on the raindrops icon



- Select Options, then toggle on “Share photo location.” When location sharing is enabled, you will see a blue check like this:

SHARING

Share photo location

Let others see where your shared photos were taken.



- Click the X to close this window.

5. Add comments or captions:

Adding a description of your photos is helpful so that everyone knows what they're looking at.

- Click on your photo. It will enlarge and appear by itself.
- Click the 'info' icon on the right side of the page to open the sidebar (or scroll if using a phone). In a browser, it looks like this:



- Click 'Add a description' and write a caption for this photo. Consider including:
 - Approximate location (Passage number, nearby landmarks)
 - Describe the issue that prompted you to take the photo
 - Corrective action you think should be taken
 - Any detail that you think will be helpful

Caution #1

If you are entering descriptions on your phone, your phone must have an internet connection (cell service or WiFi). Otherwise, your descriptions may be lost. This is a known issue with Google Photos.

Caution #2

If you add a photo to the album and your description has disappeared, do not re-type the description. Instead, close the album and then open it again. Your description should now be visible. This is a known issue with Google Photos.

Hot Tips

- You can add photos from your phone and then add descriptions at your computer.
- You can enter descriptions before or after adding photos to the shared album.
- Descriptions entered in the album will appear in your own Google Photos home page, and vice versa.
- A photo can have only one description. If you share a photo in multiple albums, the same description will appear in each album.
- When you delete a photo from your Google Photos home page, it will no longer appear in the shared album.

FAQ

Q: Google Photos isn't my thing. Can I share my photos some other way?

A: Yes! Attach your photos to an email and send them to JJ (jj@aztrail.org). Please include descriptions for your photos. If you are attaching multiple photos to an email, make sure your descriptions include the filename of the photo.