

## How to find a GPS location without a GPS receiver

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Not all of us have the luxury of having a GPS receiver with us in the field, but we still would like to report the geographic coordinates of a picture or a sighting. Here's how you can find those elusive numbers without any hardware.

Go to <http://maps.google.com> and find the spot on the map that you want to report. Sometimes it is easier to pinpoint the spot if you bring up the satellite view. Then follow the instructions below.

### PROCEDURE FOR USE WITH "NEW" GOOGLE MAPS

Point and left-click on the desired spot, and a box will pop up in the upper left corner of the screen. That box shows the approximate street address and the exact geographic coordinates of the point. Coordinates are shown in decimal degrees:

29.045927°, Š95.475866°.

The minus sign indicates west longitude.

To switch between map and satellite views, click the box in the lower-left corner of the map.

### PROCEDURE FOR USE WITH "OLD" (or "CLASSIC") MAPS

Point and right-click on the desired spot, then left-click on "What's here?". The geographic coordinates of the point will appear in the address field. Coordinates are shown in decimal degrees:

29.046444°, —95.476266°. The minus sign indicates west longitude.

To switch between map and satellite views, click the box in the upper-right corner of the map.