GET READY TO MAP AT OPENSTREETMAP.ORG

New to OpenStreetMap? Here are some steps to take before you start mapping.

WHAT IS OPENSTREETMAP?

A collaborative project to create a free editable map of the world. Similar to Wikipedia, anyone can contribute their knowledge to OpenStreetMap (OSM). As a result, it has become the largest open map resource used by countless governments, companies, & organizations.

CREATE AN OPENSTREETMAP ACCOUNT

You’ll need a free account to add and edit features on OpenStreetMap.
Important Note: Please use Chrome, Firefox, or Safari. MS Internet Explorer is not supported.

1. Point your browser to openstreetmap.org
2. In the upper right-hand corner, click ‘Sign Up’
3. Enter your email address for confirmation
4. Choose and enter your Display Name (i.e. your username)
5. Choose and enter a password (don’t forget this!)
6. Click the blue, ‘Sign Up’ button
7. Check your email for confirmation and click the link in the email.

We recommend that you use a personal email account to sign up. When choosing a display name, consider using an alias or nickname instead of identifiable information.

TAKE THE iD EDITOR WALKTHROUGH

OpenStreetMap has an editor built right into the browser, known as iD. The iD editor comes with a short, but comprehensive tutorial for beginners.

1. Log in to your OSM account at openstreetmap.org
2. Center the map somewhere on your neighborhood & zoom in to block-level.
3. Now click ‘Edit’ from the OpenStreetMap page and select, ‘Edit with iD’
4. Then click, ‘Start the Walkthrough’.

Note: At any time you can find the Walkthrough from the ‘Help’ tab in the iD editor.