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# WHO CAN RUN IOS 26?

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# 5. LIQUID GLASS ADJUSTMENTS

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Liquid Glass is translucent so it is supposed to look and act like real glass. It allows light and color to filter through, so you can see the background behind buttons, menus, and other interface elements.

The light reflecting off of Liquid Glass buttons is most noticeable when you move your phone. Especially in your lock screen. Apple says, "that Liquid Glass is designed to use real-time rendering to dynamically react to movement with reflective highlights."

However, not everyone is a fan. For some people the see through nature of the buttons and folders is harder to work with. The good news is you can adjust this to your preference. Here's how.



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you can toggle the "Increase

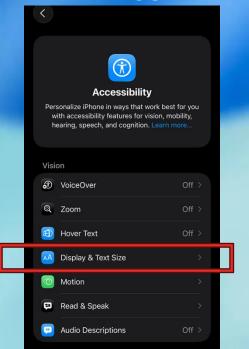
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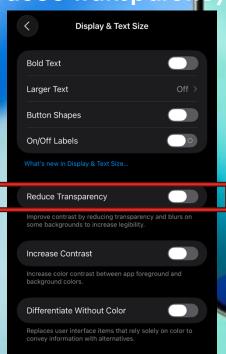
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- 1. Open Settings.
- 2. Tap Accessibility.
- 3. Tap "Display & Text Size"

4. Tap the toggle for "Reduce Transparency





This darkens menus and elements affected by the Liquid Glass design in apps and your Control Center.



white outline.





Be aware that by taking these steps you're going to lose the transparency effect that liquid glass was created for. When you use "Reduce Transparency" and/or "Increase Contrast" you are inhibiting that effect. When Liquid Glass if fully in effect it ensures your background is the main focus, but the icons are still visible enough to distinguish between each one. When these other options are enabled, the icons are the main focus and you won't be able to see through them to the background. You can see the progression here if you adjust these settings.

# 15. LIQUID GLASS ADJUSTMENTS



Transparency enabled (center-left), Liquid Glass with Increase

Contrast enabled (center-right) and Liquid Glass with Reduce

ransparency and increase Contrast enabled (right).

#### 16. THE CAMERA APP

The Mac Observer put together a nice chart on the changes in the camera app in iOS 26. Here you can see how they moved/changed things:

#### What Changed in the iOS 26 Camera App

Feature	What's New	Why It's Streamlined
Two-Main Modes on Launch	You now see only <i>Photo</i> and <i>Video</i> when you open the app. Other modes (Portrait, Pano, Slo-Mo, etc.) are tucked away but accessible with a swipe.	Focuses on the two most common tasks, less initial clutter.
Pop-out Menus	Settings like flash, timer, aspect ratio, exposure, styles, and Night Mode appear in pop-out menus instead of crowding the screen.	Keeps the interface clean and only shows controls when needed.
Liquid Glass Design	Controls now float with translucent backgrounds and rounded buttons, matching the new Liquid Glass style.	More modern, less visual weight on controls.
Lens Cleaning Hints	The camera can detect smudges or dirt on your lens and suggest you wipe it.	Helps prevent blurry photos caused by a dirty lens.
Relocated UI Elements	Modes moved below the shutter button, and some toggles shifted into menus.	More intuitive, less finger travel across the screen.

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Let's talk about a few of these things.

First, in order to declutter the controls Apple only shows the Photo and video buttons at the bottom of the screen because those are by far the most used. In order to see other modes, just press on Photo and you will see the other mode options appear and you can swipe to them like always. If you choose Photo or Video, the other options disappear until want them again. You can also access these other modes simply by swiping left And right across the camera screen.





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Another big change you will notice is that other settings controls for the camera don't appear on the main screen. Instead, they are located in the waffle at the top right of the camera screen. When you press on the waffle a screen will pop-up at the bottom of the camera. From there you can fine tune your camera and photos. The options available changes depending on the camera mode you're in.





# 17. AIRPODS AS A CAMERA REMOTE

If you want you can use your AirPods as a remote to trigger your camera. Although you have to have a compatible pair of AirPods. So which AirPods models will allow you to do this?

In order to make this work you have to meet the following conditions:

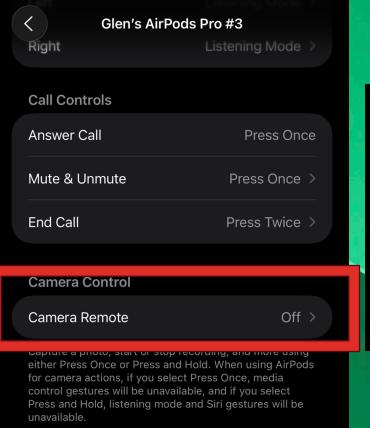
- An iPhone or iPad running iOS26 or iPadOS26
- Models of AirPods: AirPods 4 or AirPods Pro 2 or 3
- You are using the built-in Camera app or another supported camera app

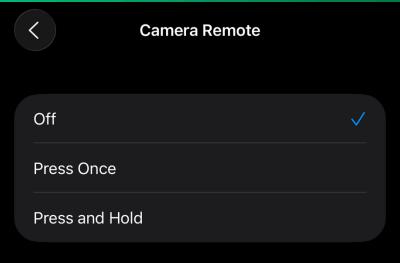
If you are good with these things, then you first have to configure the Camera Remote on your AirPods.

# 17. AIRPODS AS A CAMERA REMOTE

1. Make sure you have your AirPods in your ears and connected to your phone. Then go into settings and select your AirPods under your name. Then click on "Camera Remote" and choose the setting you prefer. Understand that when you choose a Camera Remote setting it may interfere with other AirPods controls, so you will have to choose.







# 17. AIRPODS AS A CAMERA REMOTE

#### Capture photos with your AirPods

**Step 1:** Wear at least one AirPod and confirm it's connected. This ensures the press is recognized as a camera action. Keep your iPhone or iPad positioned on a stable surface or tripod.

**Step 2:** Open the Camera app and select Photo. Frame the shot as you normally would. Ensure nothing blocks the lens or the subject.

Step 3: Press the AirPods stem using your chosen gesture to trigger the shutter. In many regions, you'll see a 3-second countdown before the photo is taken, giving you time to move your hand away. In some regions the countdown and feedback tone aren't available, and you won't hear a tone if the ringer is off or Live Photo is on.

#### **Record video with your AirPods**

**Step 1:** Open the Camera app and switch to Video. Wearing at least one connected AirPod is still required. Confirm your storage has space to avoid recording interruptions.

**Step 2:** Press the AirPods stem to start recording. This works like a remote record button, so you don't need to touch the screen. Keep your phone stable to reduce shake.

**Step 3:** Press the stem again to stop recording. Wait a moment for the file to save. Review the clip to confirm audio and framing look right.

#### Select AirPods as the camera mic via Settings (alternative)

**Step 1:** Open Settings on your iPhone or iPad. Keep your AirPods connected and in your ear. This ensures they appear as an input option.

**Step 2:** Tap Sounds & Haptics, then tap Input. This screen lists available audio inputs. Select your AirPods to route mic input from them.

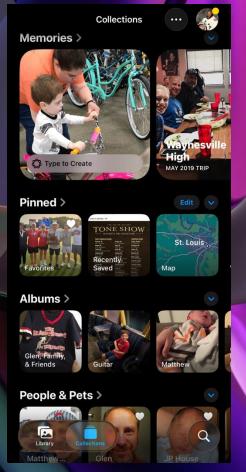
**Step 3:** Return to the Camera app and record video. Your device will use AirPods for audio according to the input setting. Change the mic mode in Camera Controls if needed.

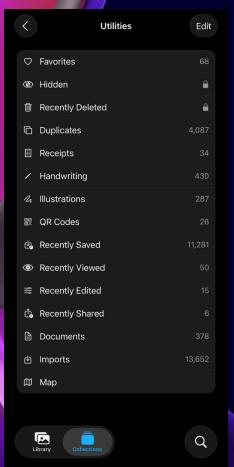
# 18. REDESIGNED PHOTOS APP

Most people seemed to dislike the Photos redesign for iOS 18, so hopefully people will like this better. I'm never that bothered by the changes. It just takes time to adapt. Let's look at some of the changes.

1. The first thing you will probably notice is the navigation. Apple introduced a unified view in the Photos app in iOS 18 and got rid of tabs. The Tab bar is back in iOS 26. You have two options at the bottom of the screen to choose from: Library or Collections. Library is simply your full library. If you tap on Collections, your screen changes and you will be able to select from a whole bunch of options like albums, memories, People, Favorites, and media types. If you scroll all the way to the bottom, you will find a useful section to help you: Utilities.







# 19. PLACES VISITED IN APPLE MAPS

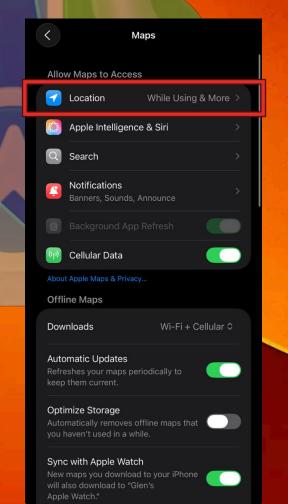
Apple Maps now includes "Visited Places" that will keep a secure history of the locations you have been to. Visited Places is an upgrade on the recent places. It give you a timeline of your places visited that can be filtered, searched, and organized.

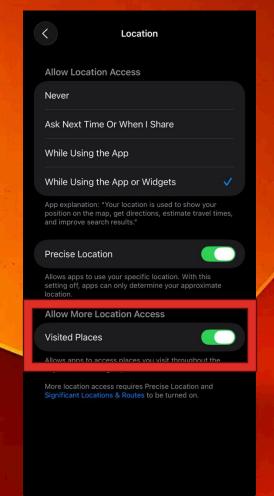
If you're worried about privacy, Visited Places are stored ondevice and synced across your Apple devices, and protected with end-to-end encryption so they cannot be read by Apple. You can remove these any time you like. Here's how to enable it:

Open the Settings app on your iPhone.

Tap Apps, then choose Maps.

Tap Location, then turn on Precise Location and Visited Places.

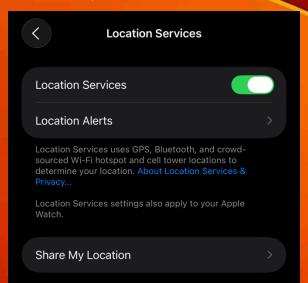


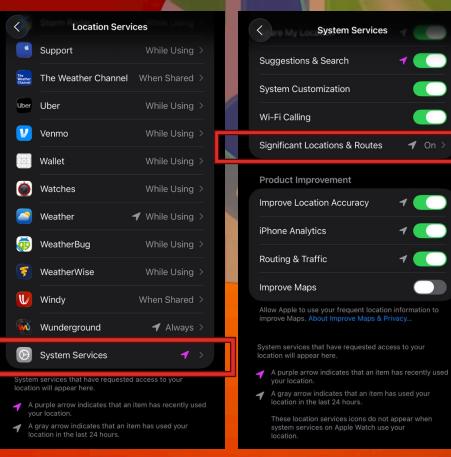


## 19. PLACES VISITED IN APPLE MAPS

**1** On >

Go back to Settings > Privacy & Security. Tap Location Services, then make sure it is turned on. Select System Services, tap Significant Locations & Routes, and turn it on.





After you make sure these settings are turned on in the correct way, Apple Maps will begin recording and organizing your Visited Places

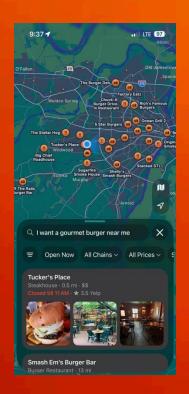
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## 20. NATURAL LANGUAGE SEARCH

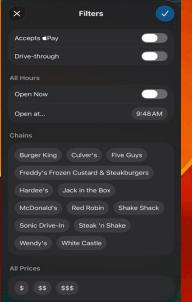
Maps in iOS 26, is making more us of Apple Intelligence. Devices that support Apple Intelligence will be able to search for places in the way they talk. You can do searches asking regular questions.

Let's try a search. I want a good burger that's not fast food. For my search, I said, "I want a gourmet burger near me." Here's how it turned out:





The results did what I asked, but some of these weren't close to me, so it may take the AI some tweaking. You can filter your results some, but oddly there is no filter for distance.





# 21. IOS 26 HAS A "NEW" SYSTEM APP

In iOS 26 you'll discover a new app called Preview. Well, technically this isn't a completely new app since it's been on the Mac for years. Now it makes its debut on the iPhone. I'm shocked it hasn't happened before this considering how useful the app is. Believe it or not, Preview on the Mac has been around since 1989!IT originated as a part of the NEXT OS.

Just in case anyone doesn't know, Preview is an Apple app designed for viewing and editing PDFs and images.

So why did Apple finally add Preview to iOS? Probably because in the past on iPhone and iPad you could open and look at PDFs and annotate with Markup, but there wasn't a single app that handled this. Here is a list MacObserver made of the things Preview can do in iOS 26.

- Open & view PDFs Annotate with Markup (pen, highlighter, shapes, text notes, arrows)
- Sign documents with a saved signature (finger on iPhone, Pencil on iPad)
- Fill forms (type into fields, check boxes, add text where needed)
- Reorder, rotate, or delete pages in a PDF
- Combine/merge PDFs (bring pages from another file)
- Scan to PDF using the camera and clean up the scan
- Export & share (flatten annotations, share via Messages, Mail, AirDrop, etc.)
- iCloud Drive integration so your edits sync across devices

#### 22. BATTERY SAVING MODE

Smart phones are all about battery life. No battery life, no use. Apple has created a new method of combatting battery drain and it's called Adaptive Power mode. Apple is saying that it'll give your phone longer battery life. You need a relatively new iPhone to use it though; it's available on the iPhone 15 Pro and Pro Max, and every iPhone 16 and iPhone 17 model. How does it work?

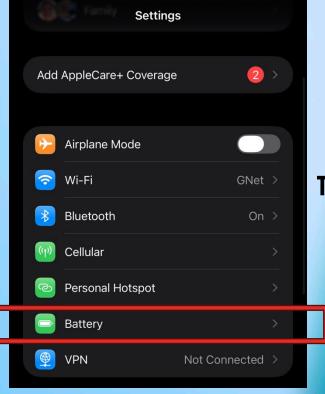
Adaptive Power monitors your typical phone usage patterns to find extra battery life when it thinks you're going to need it. Hopefully, you never notice it's doing anything. Apple says it takes about a week for the system to figure out how you use your phone and then starts to work.

While this sounds great, there are of course down sides to this. When Adaptive Power starts doing it's thing, you might notice screen brightness dropping by 3 percent. There will be a combination of performance adjustments and less background activity. This could mean you notice a slight slowness in some apps.

When your battery drops below 20 percent, Low Power mode automatically will be turned on. Apple has said that Adaptive Power won't be enabled if you're doing something demanding on your phone. They mention things like taking picture and video or playing games in game mode.

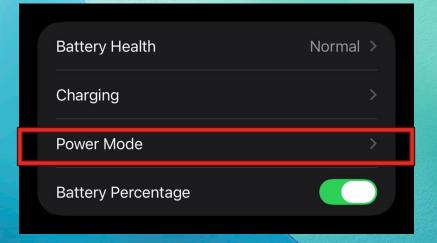
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To work with Adaptive Power mode, go to your settings to Battery.



Next toggle "Adaptive Power on or off."

Then scroll down to the bottom to "Power Mode."





### 23. TINT ICONS TO MATCH IPHONE COLOR

iOS 26 gives the opportunity to match your icons to your background on your home screen. This

is pretty simple to do.

1. Long press a space on your Home screen and tap Edit in the upper left.





2. Press on "Customize."

3. Click on "Tinted" in the Customize area. Then adjust the sliders until you find the color you want.

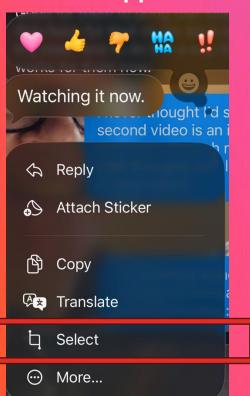


# 24. SELECTIVELY COPY MESSAGES TEXT

You can now copy parts of messages rather than the entire message. This was so frustrating in the past that you couldn't do this. Here's how:

1. Long press on a message. A
Contextual menu will appear. Press

on "Select."





2. You will see copy handles that appear around the words of the message. You can drag and copy the part you want.



### 25. ASK CHATGPT ABOUT ONSCREEN CONTENT

If you see something on your screen that you want to know more about, you can use ChatGPT to help you. This can be from a picture, in a browser, or whatever.

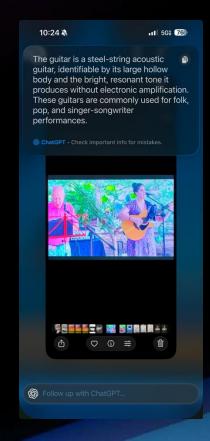
1. Take a screenshot (Quickly press and release the iPhone's Side button and the Volume Up button at the same time.) and then press the "ask" icon in the bottom left.



2. Now a ChatGPT dialogue box will pop up.
Type your question about the picture.



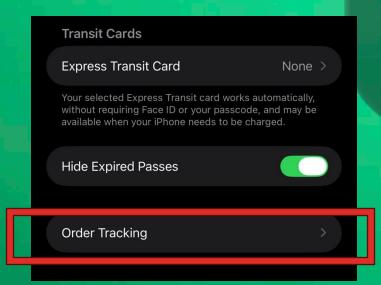
3. See what ChatGPT answers.



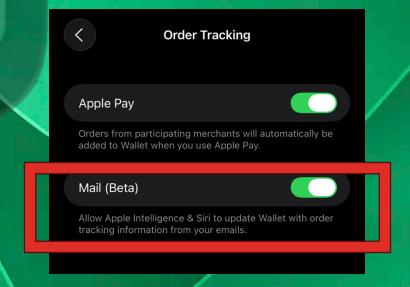
# 26.USING YOUR WALLET TO TRACK ORDERS

You can now track your orders using Apple Wallet. In order to do this, you need to be able to use Apple Intelligence. It will look at your emails from sellers and shipping companies, to give you your full order details. In order to take advantage of this, you first have to enable it.

- 1. Go to Settings > Apps > Wallet & Apple Pay
- 2. Scroll to the bottom and click on "Order Tracking."

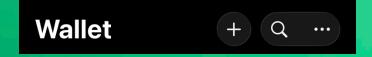


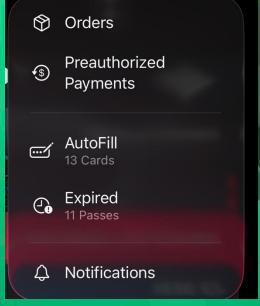
3. Enable the switch next to Mail (Beta).

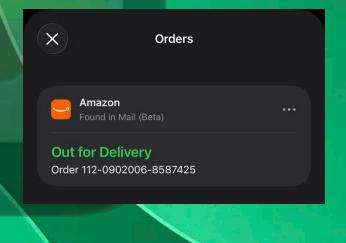


# 26.USING YOUR WALLET TO TRACK ORDERS

Now you are ready to track orders in Wallet. Go to the Wallet app and click on the 3 dots in the upper right corner. Here you will get a drop-down menu. Click on "Orders" and this will show your current orders. You can click on any of the orders to get more specific information about that order.









# 27.YOU EXPECT MORE?!?!?!

You'll have to wait for iOS 27! I'm outta here!

