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Snap Map is a unique feature within Snapchat that allows users to keep track of the locations of their friends while viewing Snaps and Stories. To get started with Snap Map, you need to enable location services in your phone settings and select “while using the app” for Snapchat. This ensures that your location updates only when you’re using the app, preventing battery and data drainage.

To access Snap Map, iPhone users can pull down the camera screen, while Android users can pinch their fingers inward from the camera screen. The map features a heat map that displays areas where Snaps are being taken, with light blue or green areas indicating low activity and yellow, orange, or red areas indicating high activity. Tapping on colored areas allows you to view Snaps that people have taken and submitted to “Our Story.”

Snap Map also features Stories, which are created around specific locations or events. Your friends’ Bitmojis are displayed on the map if they have enabled their location, and you can tap on their avatar to see their name and when they were last active on Snapchat. You can also search for specific friends, events, or monuments using the search bar at the top of the map.

To control who can see your location on Snap Map, go to the gear icon in the top right corner of the map. You can choose to enable Ghost Mode if you don’t want anyone to see your location, or select My Friends if you want all your friends on Snapchat to see your location details. The My Friends, Except option allows you to exclude select friends from seeing your location, while the Only These Friends option lets you choose which friends can see your location.

It is extremely important to be set to Only These Friends or Ghost Mode on Snap Map because sharing your location with strangers or acquaintances can pose a serious safety risk.

If your location is visible to everyone on Snapchat, anyone can potentially see where you are and what you’re doing, including people you don’t know or trust. This information can be used for malicious purposes, such as stalking or harassment.

By setting your location to Only These Friends, you can ensure that only your trusted friends on Snapchat can see your location. This is especially important if you have a large number of Snapchat friends, many of whom you may not know personally. It is also important to regularly review your friend list to ensure that only people you trust have access to your location information.

Alternatively, Ghost Mode allows you to hide your location from everyone on Snap Map, providing an additional layer of privacy and security. Ghost Mode is automatically enabled after two hours of inactivity on Snapchat, so you don't have to worry about manually turning it on and off.

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