GentryOS Ledger User Guide

Record your day as it happens.



A private daily timeline for meaningful travel, stops, journal entries, photos, videos, and personal memories.

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Designed for privacy

GentryOS Ledger is built around a local, personal timeline. Your entries and travel history stay under your control. Backups are created only when you choose to export one.

1. Getting Started

GentryOS Ledger combines automatic travel history with a personal journal. The app can build a daily timeline from meaningful movement and stops, while letting you add notes, photos, and videos whenever you want.

First launch

- Open GentryOS Ledger and review the permission prompts.
- Allow location access so Ledger can record meaningful travel and stops.
- Enable notifications if you want optional capture reminders.
- Open Settings inside Ledger to confirm Travel Tracking is on.
- Add familiar locations such as Home and Work under Known Places.

> **Tip**
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> Ledger works best after it has been allowed to run normally in the background for a day or two. iOS may learn the app's location behavior over time.

What Ledger records

- Meaningful travel routes shown on a daily map.
- Stops with arrival and departure times.
- Your manually created journal entries.
- Photos and videos you attach to entries.
- Optional names for familiar or important places.

2. Permissions & Background Tracking

Ledger needs a few iPhone permissions to provide its core features. You remain in control of each permission in iPhone Settings.

Location - Always

Needed for automatic travel and stop history while Ledger is not on screen.

Background Location

Allows meaningful route recording during normal day-to-day travel.

Notifications

Used for optional capture reminders.

Camera / Photos / Microphone

Used only when you choose to create media-based journal entries.

Recommended location setting

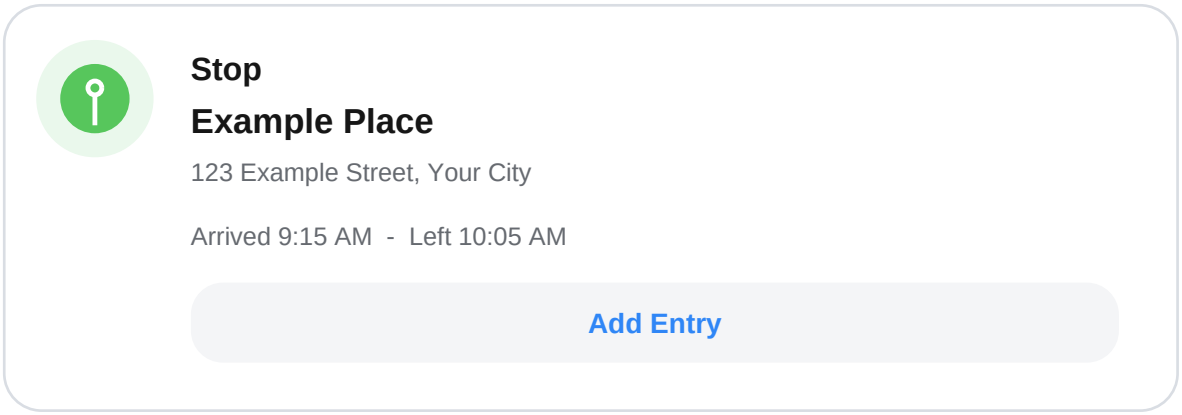
For the most reliable automatic timeline, set Location access to **Always** for GentryOS Ledger and allow precise location when available. If iOS restricts location access, route lines or departures may be less complete.

Battery use

Ledger is designed to retain meaningful travel rather than every tiny movement. Background location can use additional battery, especially during long drives or active navigation.

3. The Daily Timeline

The Timeline is the main record for a selected day. It combines the day route, stops, and your journal entries in chronological order.



A stop card can show:

- The detected or custom stop name.
- The street address.
- Arrival and departure times.
- Total time spent at the stop.
- Entries linked to that stop.
- An Add Entry button for recording something at that location.

Overnight stays

When you remain at a Known Place such as Home across midnight, the next day may show the stay as **Overnight** rather than claiming you arrived at midnight. This keeps the timeline readable while preserving the departure time.

4. Travel Routes & Stops



Day Route

The Day Route map shows meaningful travel recorded throughout the selected day. Tap the expand control to open the route full screen.

How stops are created

- Ledger uses iPhone location services to identify meaningful stops.
- Very brief pauses or normal driving slowdowns are intentionally filtered when possible.
- A stop may appear after iOS has enough information to determine that you remained at a location.
- Departure times can be completed from continued GPS movement when iOS does not immediately provide a visit departure.

Important

Automatic location history depends on iOS background behavior and real-world GPS conditions. No phone app can guarantee a perfect route or stop for every trip, tunnel, parking garage, or low-signal area.

5. Known Places

Known Places let Ledger recognize familiar locations such as Home, Work, a family member's home, or another frequently visited place.

Add a Known Place

- Open Settings > Known Places.
- Choose a recent stop or add a location manually.
- Give the place a familiar name.
- Set the recognition radius.
- Enable prompt suppression if you do not want capture reminders there.

Recognition radius

The radius defines how close your recorded location must be to count as that Known Place. A moderate radius helps account for GPS variation around large properties, parking lots, or buildings.

Home and Work across midnight

If you remain at a Known Place overnight, Ledger can carry that stay into the next day so the morning departure is not lost.

6. Journal Entries

Journal entries add the personal context that automatic travel history cannot know. Entries can be attached to a stop or created independently.

Create an entry

- Tap **Add Entry** inside a stop card to link the entry directly to that stop.
- Tap the large **New Entry** button to create an entry from anywhere in the timeline.
- Choose Write, Photo, or Video.
- Use the iPhone keyboard microphone if you prefer Apple dictation while writing.
- Save the entry when finished.

Edit and organize

- Tap an existing entry to edit it.
- Mark useful entries as Favorites.
- Add tags to make later searching easier.
- Delete an entry when it is no longer needed.

> **Linked entries**
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> When created from a stop card, the journal entry stays visually grouped with that stop so the timeline reads like a single story of the day.

7. Stop Actions & Apple Maps

Each visible stop has a menu accessed with the three-dot button.

Rename Stop	Give a location a familiar label without changing its GPS coordinate.
Edit Address	Correct the displayed address while preserving the original recorded coordinate.
Hide Stop	Remove a stop from the visible timeline without deleting journal entries.
Delete Stop	Permanently remove the stop record after confirmation.
Unhide Stop	Restore a previously hidden stop to the timeline.

Open a stop in Apple Maps

Tap the green pin icon on a stop card to open that saved location in Apple Maps. Ledger uses the recorded latitude and longitude so the map location remains accurate even if you edited the displayed address.

8. Search, Favorites, Tags & Summaries

Ledger is designed to remain useful after months or years of entries. Search and organization tools help you find a moment without manually browsing every day.

- Use Ledger Entries to search text across your journal.
- Filter or review Favorites.
- Use tags to group related entries, trips, people, or projects.
- Review the Daily Summary for a compact overview of a selected day.
- Use the calendar to move quickly to a specific date.

Suggested tag ideas

Family	**Travel**	**Medical**	**Work**
Vacation	**Receipts**	**Ideas**	**Important**

9. Backup & Restore

Backups provide a manual copy of your Ledger data. You choose when to create a backup and where to save it using the iPhone Files picker.

Create a backup

- Open Settings > Backup & Restore.
- Tap **Create Ledger Backup**.
- Watch the progress indicator while Ledger prepares the backup.
- Choose a save location in Files.
- After a successful save, Ledger displays **Backup Complete**.

What the backup includes

- Journal entries.
- Travel events and stop history.
- Renamed stops and entry-location links.
- Referenced photos and videos.

Restore a backup

- Tap **Restore Ledger Backup**.
- Choose the backup in Files.
- Review the restore summary.
- Confirm Restore & Replace only when you are ready to replace current Ledger data.

> **Backup safety**
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> Keep at least one recent backup somewhere you control. Before restoring an older backup, create a fresh backup of the current Ledger first.

10. Reports, Privacy & Data Control

Daily PDF report

From a day's Timeline menu, choose **Export Day PDF** to create a shareable record of that day. Reports can include route information, stops, journal entries, and media references.

Privacy

- Ledger is designed as a personal, local-first journal.
- Travel and journal data are not intended to create an advertising profile.
- Backups and exports happen only when you initiate them.
- You control app permissions through iPhone Settings.

Erase data

Ledger includes an Erase All Data option in its settings. This permanently removes local Ledger data after confirmation. External backups you previously created are not automatically deleted.

> **Before erasing**
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> Create and verify a backup first if there is any chance you may want the information later.

11. Troubleshooting

A route is incomplete	Confirm Location access is set to Always, Background Location is allowed, and the phone has a usable GPS signal. Continue normal use and verify on another trip.
A stop is missing	Some stops may be delayed by iOS. Known Places and continued movement help Ledger reconstruct important departures.
A false stop appears	Use Delete Stop to remove it. Brief travel pauses are filtered, but GPS conditions can occasionally create a false location event.
A departure is missing	Continue moving away from the stop; Ledger can complete departures from GPS movement when iOS does not promptly report one.
Backup seems to do nothing	Use the progress indicator. The backup is complete only after you save it in Files and Ledger reports Backup Complete.
Apple Maps opens the wrong-looking address	The pin opens the saved GPS coordinate. You can edit the displayed address without changing the coordinate.

12. Quick Reference

Add journal entry	Timeline > Add Entry or New Entry
Open stop in Apple Maps	Tap the green pin on the stop card
Rename a stop	Stop menu > Rename Stop
Correct an address	Stop menu > Edit Address
Hide a stop	Stop menu > Hide Stop
Delete a stop	Stop menu > Delete Stop
Add Home or Work	Settings > Known Places
Create a backup	Settings > Backup & Restore > Create Ledger Backup
Restore a backup	Settings > Backup & Restore > Restore Ledger Backup
Export a day	Timeline menu > Export Day PDF

GentryOS Ledger

A private, practical record of where you went, what you did, and the moments you chose to remember.

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