

Cheat Sheet

Mastering Collections in the Photos App



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A GUIDE TO APPLE'S POWERFUL TOOLS THAT ORGANIZE YOUR PHOTOS FOR YOU

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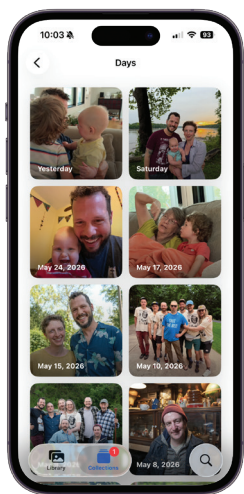
I found the Photos app very confusing at first, but once I learned my way around it, it's one of my favorite apps. Lately, I find myself opening Photos and revisiting memories instead of using social media apps. It's a positive change!

The Photos app on your iPhone has two major sections: **Library** and **Collections**. Your photo Library includes all of your photos and videos, while Collections are Apple's curated ways to browse those photos. Collections filter your photos so you can find them quickly. Here is a summary of all of the Collections in the Photos app, so you can spend less time scrolling through your Library and find the photo you're looking for in seconds!

weeks! I recently used this to revisit photos from a family trip. The way it groups photos by the day they were captured can be super useful if you remember to use it.

PRO TIP!

Tap the People & Pets Collection to open it, then tap the + icon and tap Create New Group. Select multiple people or pets and tap the blue check icon to create a Group. Using Groups, you can find photos including any combination of important people or pets in your life.

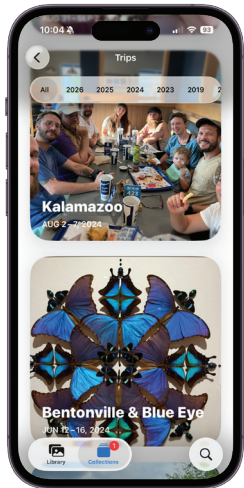


Recent Days

This Collection groups your newer photos and videos by date, making it easier to revisit media you captured recently. If you took a bunch of photos last Thursday, they'll all be grouped together by day in this collection. This is great for jumping back to photos from the last few days or weeks. Check out this collection right now on your iPhone and see what you've been doing in the past few

Memories

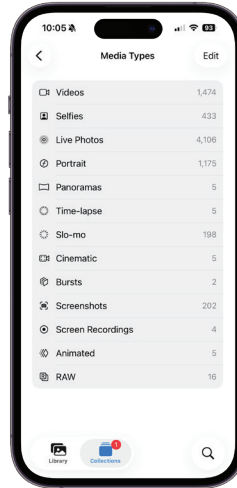
These are Apple's automatically curated collections based on meaningful people, places, dates, trips, holidays, and events. They are good for rediscovering moments you might have forgotten about. The drawback of this collection is that Apple's selections are automated and seemingly random. You can long press on a memory and tap Delete to delete it, or tap Feature Less to select a person you'd like your iPhone to highlight less often. Overall, the Memories section is mostly automated and lacks true customizability. That said, it's still fun to check out every once in a while and revisit some unexpected memories.



Trips

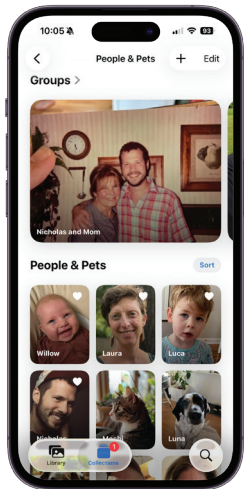
Trips gathers photos and videos from travel, using location and date information to group them together. This can make vacation photos easier to find without having to manually create an album. If you travel, this is a fantastic way to revisit memories from your past trips. Note that it might take weeks or even months for a new “trip” to populate in this Collection.

Recently Deleted, Receipts, and other helpful filters depending on your library. This Collection is a great tool for cleaning up, recovering, hiding, and managing specific types of photos rather than browsing memories.



Media Types

This Collection groups photos and videos by format, such as Videos, Selfies, Portraits, Screenshots, Screen Recordings, and other categories depending on what is in your library. This is the best way to find your captured media by type. If you want to find a specific screenshot of a recipe, a screen recording, a selfie, or slow motion video, or any other specific media type, this Collection is super useful.



EDITOR'S PICK

People & Pets

This is my favorite Collection by far! People & Pets groups photos by recognized faces, dogs, and cats. You can name people and pets, mark favorites, and find photos of them easily at any time. The facial recognition has gotten good enough to identify all the photos of a person, cat or dog in your Library. This is

perfect when you want to quickly find images of your spouse, kids, grandkids, pets, or any important person in your life.

PRO TIP!

At the bottom of your Collections tab, tap Reorder. Drag your favorite Collections to the top and move the less useful ones to the bottom. Tap the blue checkmark icon to confirm. This is a great way to customize the Photos app to your taste and style.

Albums

Albums are Collections you create yourself. Unlike other Collections, Albums are not just Apple’s automatic sorting. They are your own way of grouping photos by topic, event, person, project, or purpose. These are great for manually saving photos from a vacation, home project, recipe collection, important set of documents, or photos you plan to print. I’ll cover lots more pro tips for using Albums to improve your experience of the Photos app in Lesson 2 of the Photo Management Course!

Utilities

Utilities gathers practical photo management tools and categories, such as Duplicates, Hidden,



DESIGN YOUR LOCK SCREEN

Wallpaper Suggestions

These are images Apple thinks will look good on your Lock Screen or Home Screen, including landscapes, photos of family, and images that look good as spatial scenes. When you’re ready for a fresh Lock Screen image but don’t want to dig through your whole library looking for one, this is a great tool.

PIN YOUR FAVORITES

Pinned Collections

This is a place to keep your most-used Collections close at hand. You can pin almost any Collection or Album within the Photos app to save it here for easy access. I have pinned my favorite Collections, like photos of my wife and kids, and moved the Pinned Collections to the top of my Photos app so they are front and center on the Collections tab. I recommend taking the time to pin a few Collections!

Shared Albums

These are Albums that are designed for sharing photos and videos with specific people. These are perfect when you want a small group to see or

contribute photos without posting them publicly. The users you add can like and comment on photos, similar to social media but much more private. Your Shared Albums are stored in iCloud, but they don't count against your iCloud storage. You can share a link to your Shared Album with anyone, but these work best for other iPhone users because they integrate neatly into the Photos app for everyone you've added. I have a Shared Album set up for photos of my kids and it's a great way to keep in touch with family.



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