

IDIDAHIKE 2026 – Avenza and Trail Maps Tutorial

Background: FTA has created four geolocation maps (PDF) for the IDIDAHIKE 2026. These are *custom* designed maps with imbedded GIS data for uses in the Avenza Map app. When used in the Avenza Map app they display the route of the trail and the user's location on the map.

These *custom* maps are only available (download) from the official FTA IDIDAHIKE 2026 webpage for use during the IDIDAHIKE. The four maps are not available from the Avenza Store (library of downloadable maps). Each of the four trail routes includes access to normally off-limits areas of Nokuse. This is special permission access and only available to users during the IDIDAHIKE 2026.

Tutorial / Guide:

1. Download the basic Avenza Map app (free download).
2. Download the appropriate hike map from the IDIDAHIKE webpage to your cell phone's file.
3. In the Avenza Map app select upload (+) a *custom* map from your files.
4. From your files select and open the desired map file.
5. View the selected map in the Avenza app.

Notes:

1. Each of the four maps can be copied and printed (hard copy). Printed maps will not contain the imbedded GIS data and therefore not display the user's location.
2. The basic Avenza Map app is a free download. It's highly recommended that trail users download both the Avenza Map app and the hike map to their device with WIFI access. Coverage for one or both may be unavailable at the trailheads and on the trail.
3. In the basic Avenza Map app you're only permitted to have three active *custom* maps at any one time. Only load the map you intend to use.
4. The above only addresses maps and use for the IDIDAHIKE. It covers a very basic Avenza feature. You're encouraged explore Avenza further.