

New Google Maps features to aid EV drivers in locating charging stations

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Google Maps has introduced new features to assist electric car drivers in finding charging stations, it said in a blog post dated April 17. These features include detailed directions to charging station locations, such as "Enter the underground parking lot and follow the signs toward the exit. Just before exiting, turn right." Google Maps will show AI-powered summaries that describe a charger’s specific location based on information from user reviews.



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The reviews will take into account a holistic charging experience with Google prompting drivers for additional details about their experiences, such as the type of plug used and how long they had to wait.

Additionally, nearby chargers can be seen on the in-car map with information such as real-time port availability and charging speed. For trip planning, Google Maps will suggest the best charging stops along the way based on the driver's battery level. This update will roll out globally, starting with vehicles with Google built-in during the coming months.

Another feature includes Maps suggestions for best charging locations with Google built-in on multistop trips. For example, if the driver is planning a multistop summer road trip to several national parks, Maps will suggest the best charging stops along the way, based on the battery’s charge level.

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