



Sault Ste. Marie Transit & Google Maps

Trip Planner How-To Guide

Welcome to Google Transit's trip planner for Sault Ste. Marie Transit (SSM Transit). You can now plan your trip using this easy online tool which incorporates all of SSM Transits schedule information in Google Maps. For additional information, contact Transit Services at **705-759-5438**.

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Transit Trip Planner

Powered by Google Maps

Start Location:
Enter address or major destination

End Location:
ex. 99 Foster Drive or Civic Centre

Date:

Time:

Plan by:

1. Plan your trip

To get directions and trip information, type the starting point in the “**Start**” box and the ending point in the “**End**” box and choose “**Get Directions**”.

Google Transit will suggest three route options that fulfill your time requirements. The routes chosen may combine the use of buses and walking but will not include driving.

A number of factors are considered when these options are generated, including minimizing travel time, the number of transfers and walking distance/time.

The first option will be shaded in light blue and its directions will appear below. The corresponding routing will be highlighted on the adjacent map. The symbols for each of the suggested routes will show the combination and order of how many walks or buses will be required to reach the destination.

To view another option, click on its respective box. This option will then be shaded in light blue, and its directions will appear below.

In your itinerary, you can click on each separate step to see its exact location on the map to the right. When you click on a step, the stop will turn gray and the map will move to show you the correct location.

2. Obtaining reverse directions

To obtain reverse directions, click **“Reverse”**. Google will automatically switch your start and end points and then calculate reverse directions.

3. Trip planned by arrival time

Directly under where the trip start and end data is entered, click on **“show options.”** To calculate directions based on arrival time rather than departure time, select **“Arrive by”** from the drop down menu. Click on the **“Get Directions”** icon, and Google will recalculate your directions.

4. Changing the date of your trip

To change the date of your trip, click on show options under the **“A”** and **“B”** boxes. Select from the drop down menu, **“Today”**, **“Tomorrow”** or **“Choose Data”** and select a date on the calendar and Google will put the date in ***mm-dd-yy*** format for you. Click on the **“Get Directions”** icon, and Google will recalculate your directions.

5. Changing the time of your trip

To change the departure or arrival time of your trip, click on show options, located under the **“A”** and **“B”** boxes. When you click on this link, a blue box will appear below. Enter your desired arrival or departure times (including a.m. or p.m.) in the box to the right. Click on the **“Get Directions”** icon, and Google will recalculate your directions.

6. Extra tools and features

Google Transit has additional features that make this an incredibly useful tool. To the right of the directions, there is an interactive road map that can be zoomed in, zoomed out and scrolled through. At the top of the map, there are options for how to view the map: Street View, Traffic, Satellite, Terrain and Earth.

Street View: From a street-level perspective, portions of many regions in Canada can be viewed. For example, if you would like to see what your new office building looks like so you won't walk past it on your first day on the job, Street View will show you what to expect. Google obtained the pictures by driving a car with a 360-degree camera mounted to its roof.

Traffic: Major highways are coloured in red, yellow or green to convey how quickly the traffic is moving at that moment. The traffic map will show you which roads are currently under construction.

Satellite: View the area from an astronaut's perspective.

Terrain: Examine the area's elevation.

Earth: View Google Maps in 3D with the required Google Earth Plug-in.