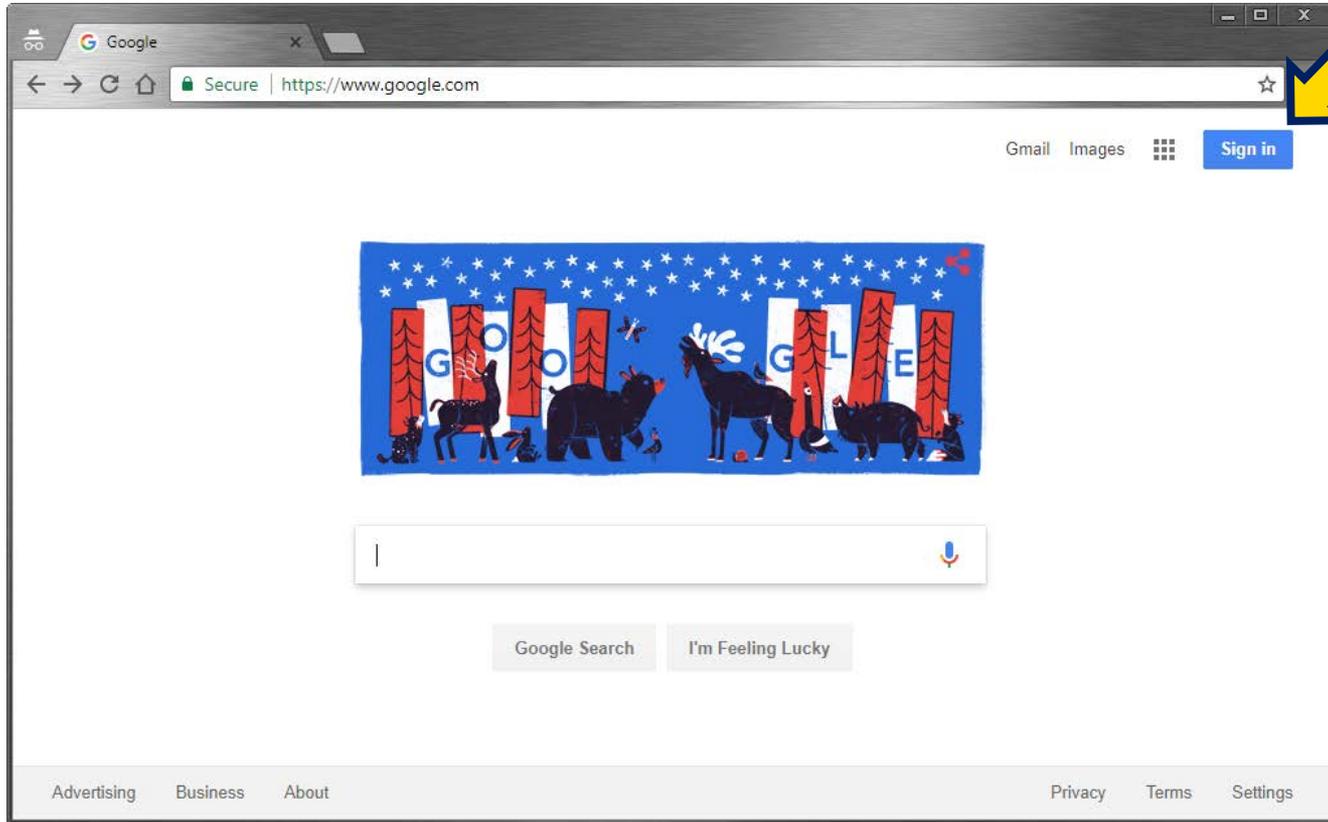# How to import GPS Point of Interest (POI) into Google Maps

One way to "make use of" Flagpole Photographers location files

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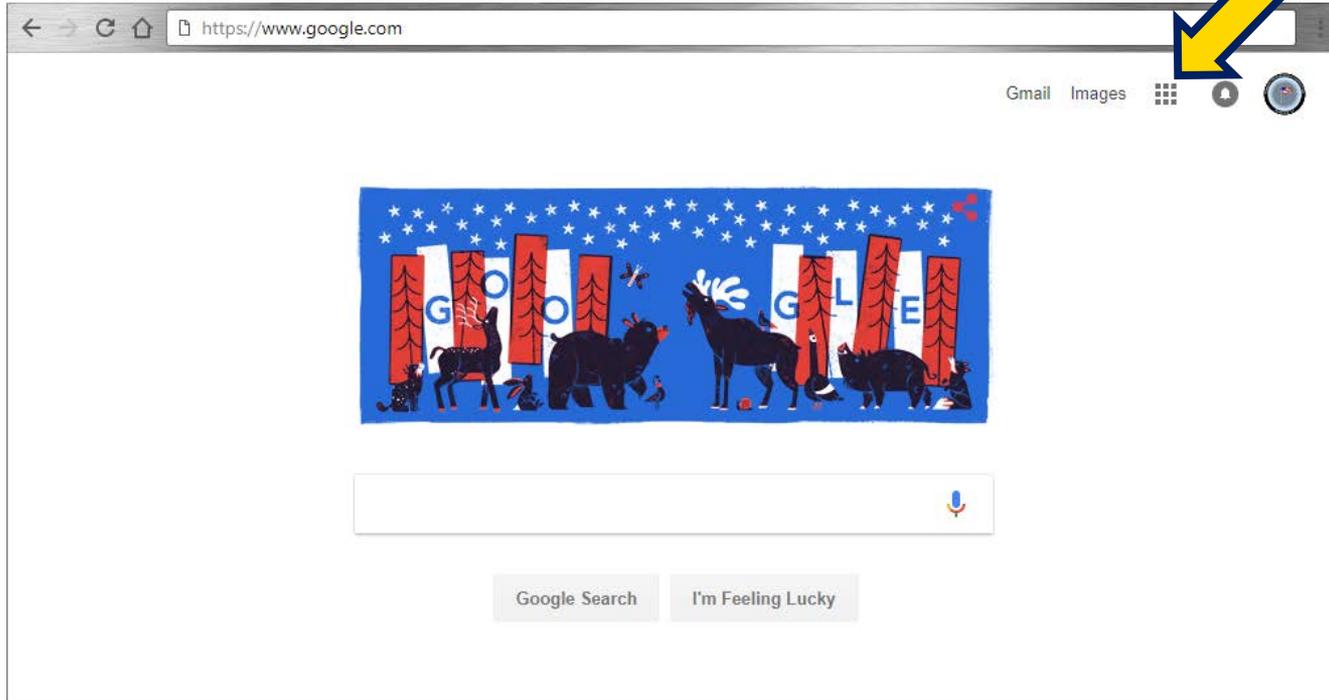
1. Sign in to Google at Google.com

Create account if needed.

In this presentation Info@FlagpolePhotographers.com is the Google account being used.

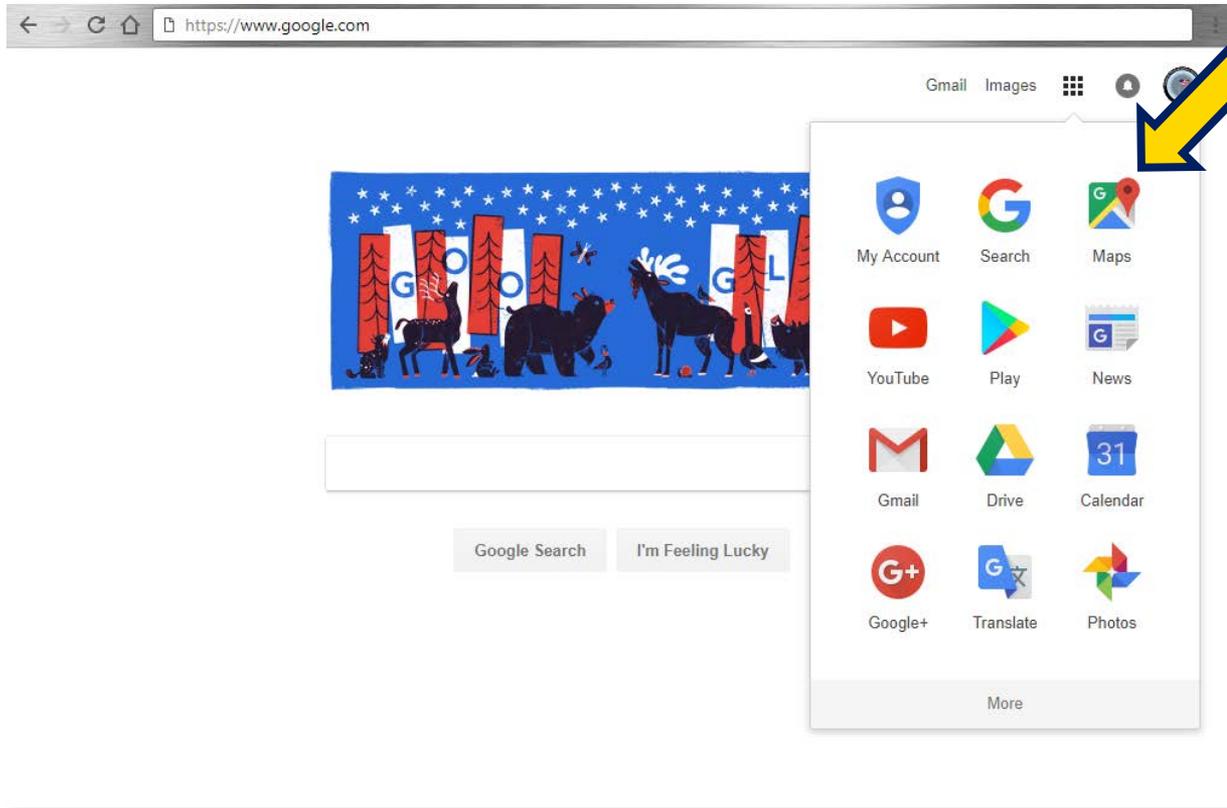Note: you **do not need** to use a Gmail email account for your Google account

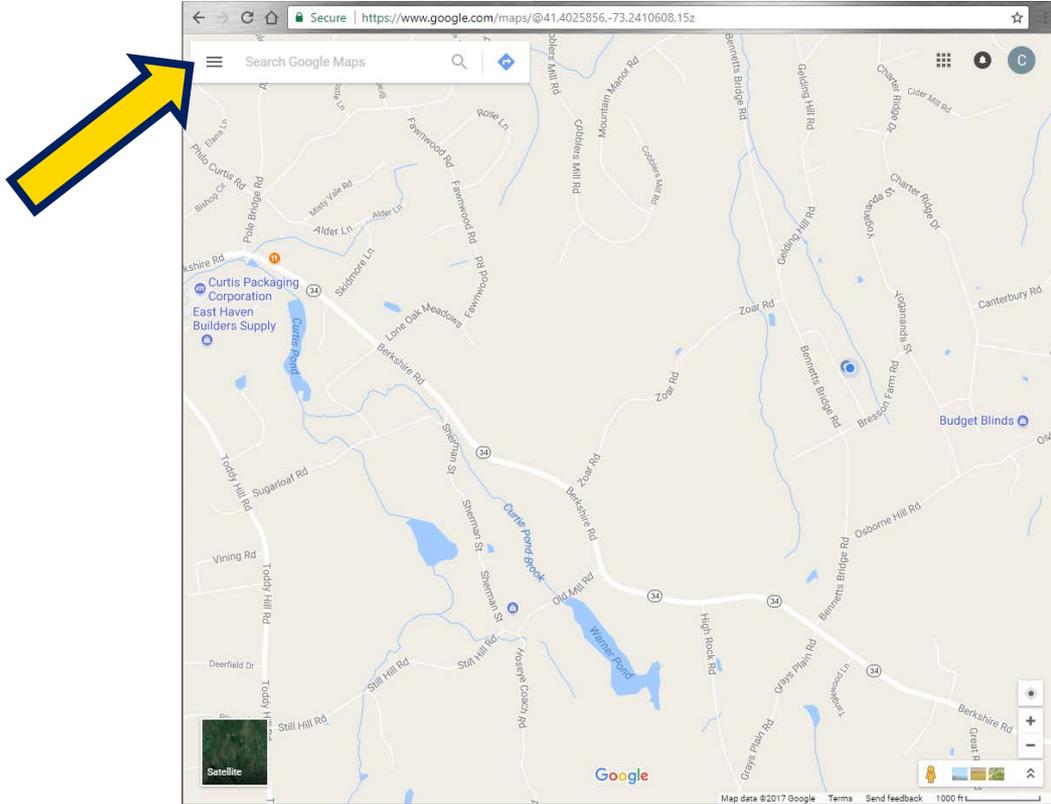# 2. Click on the Apps icon (9 dot grid)

Now to find the Google Maps app
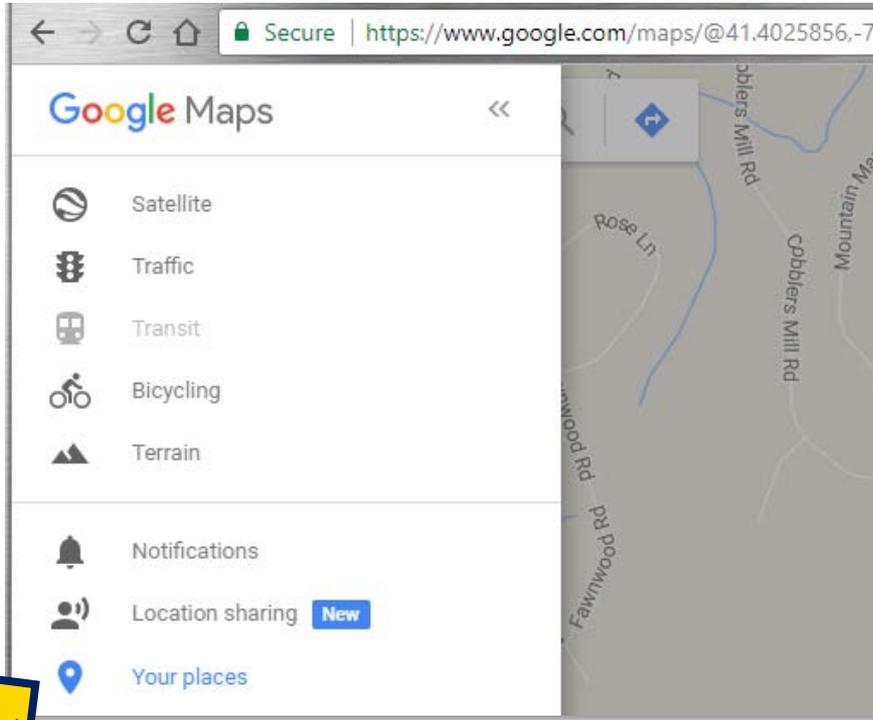
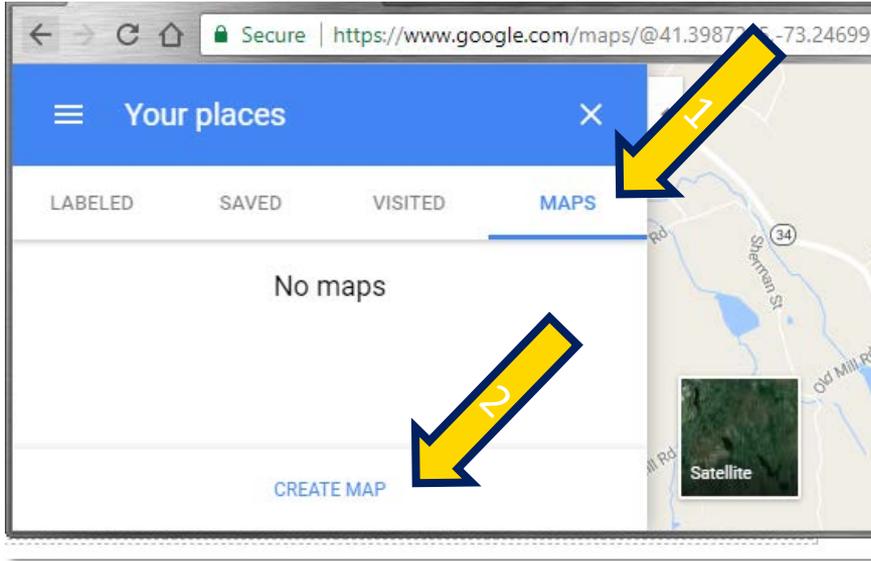# 3. Click on the Maps icon

Open Google Maps
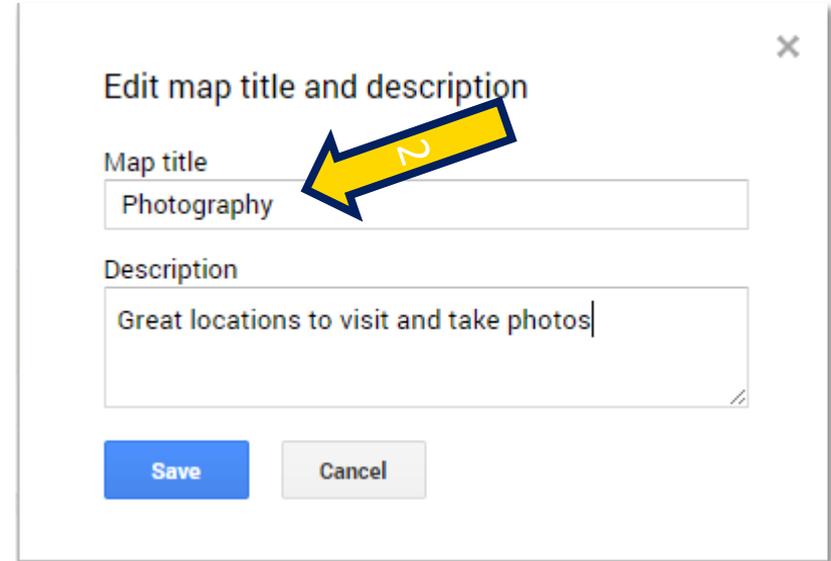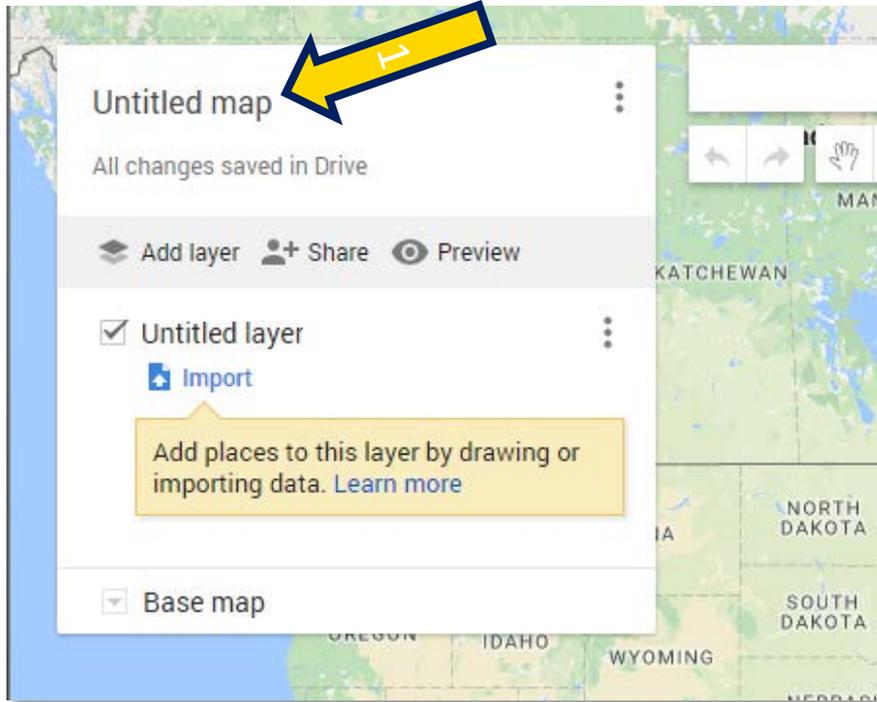
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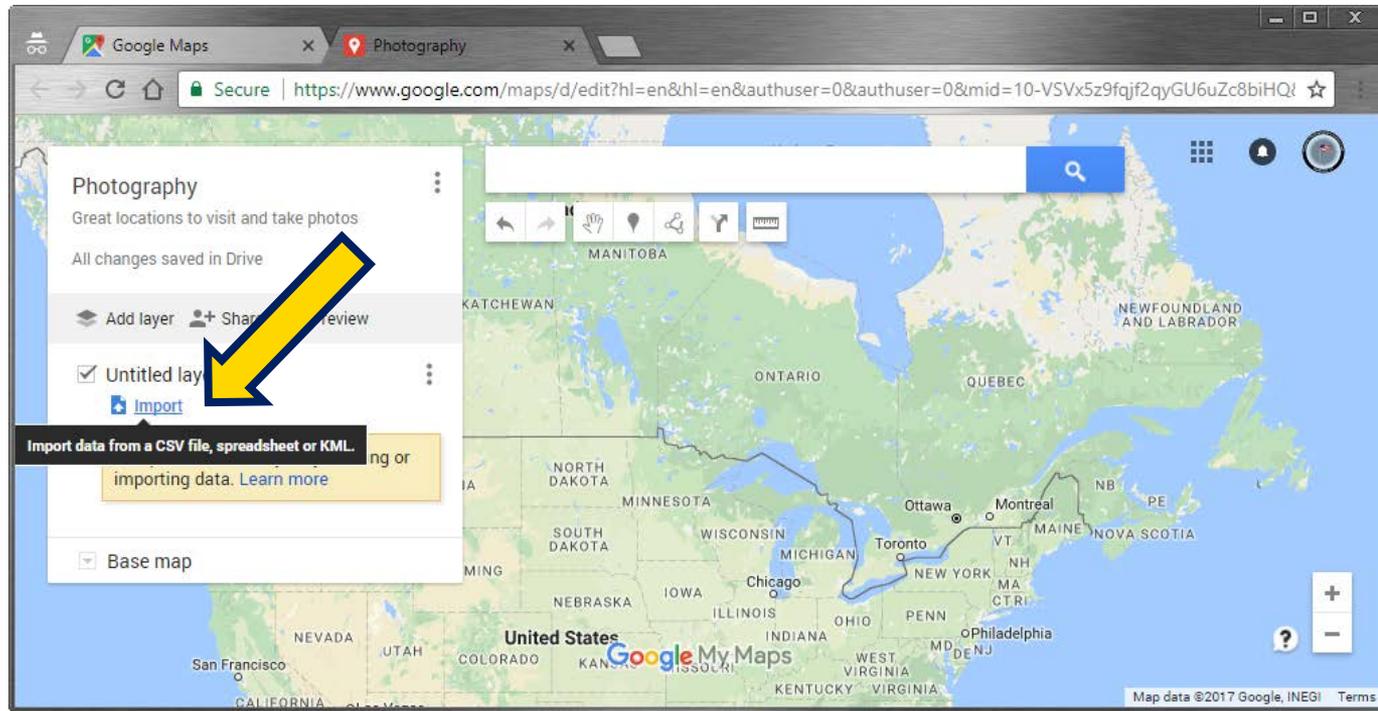
5. Open **Your places** custom maps area

6. Click on Maps, then CREATE MAP

7. Click on Untitled map to rename it

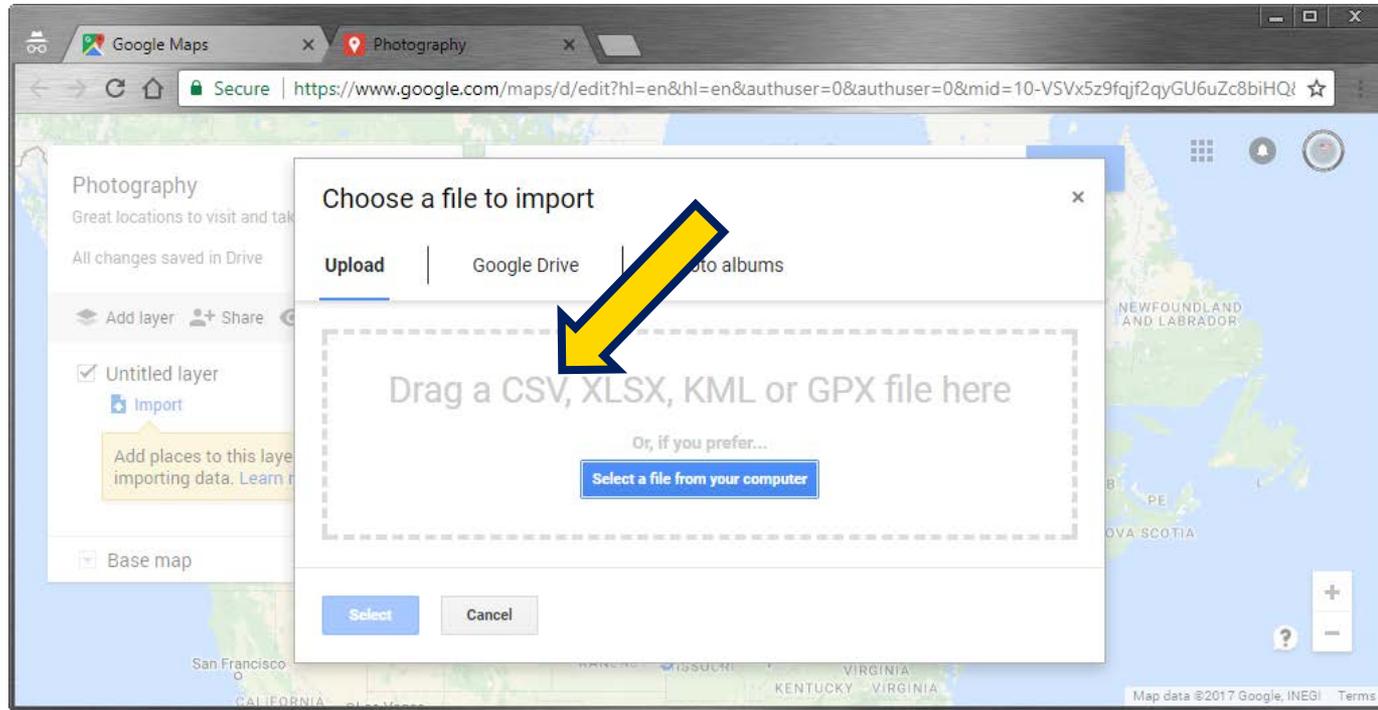# 8. **Import** a Locations file that you downloaded

Download Location .csv files from:
http://www.flagpolephotographers.com/news/lists-of-great-locations-to-photograph/

9. **Drag & Drop a** Locations csv file to start import

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10. Click **Continue** for default Longitude & Latitude

11. Click Title then Finish to name each location

Choose a column to title your markers

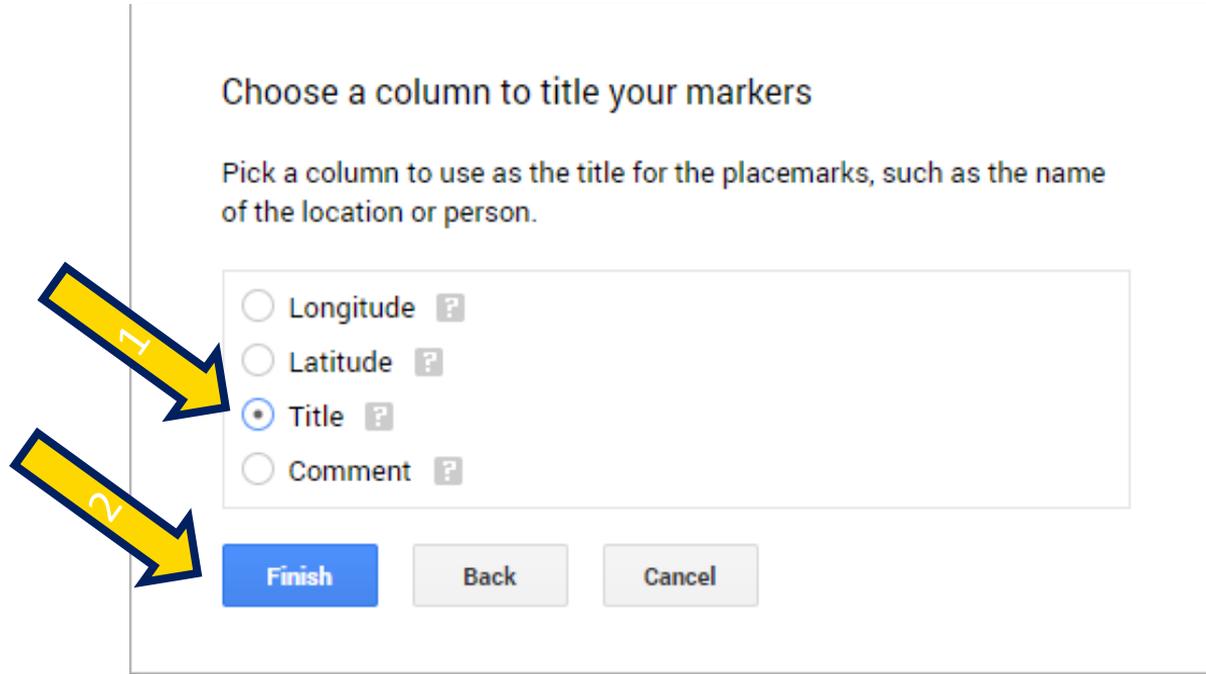Pick a column to use as the title for the placemarks, such as the name of the location or person.

- ○ Longitude ?
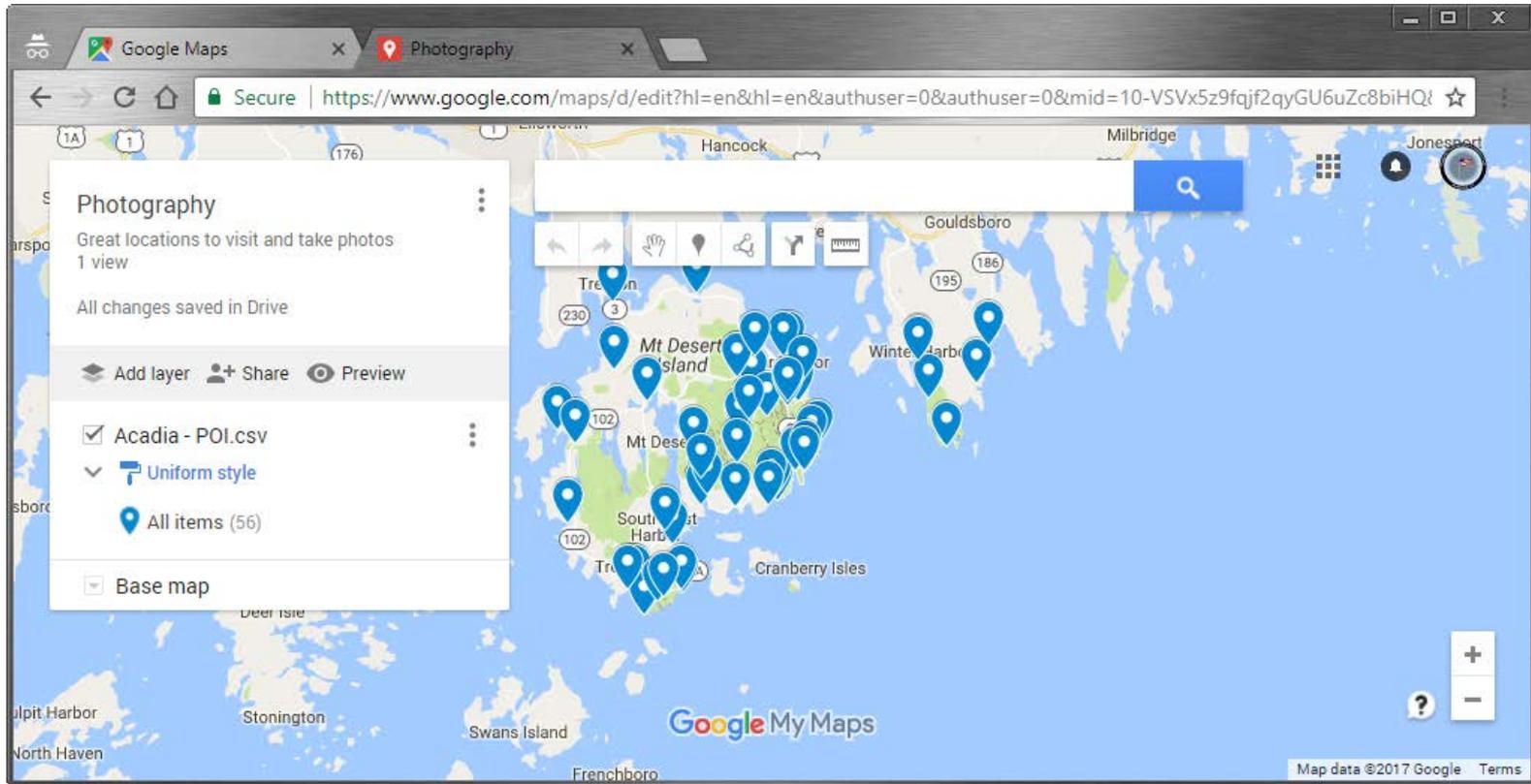- ○ Latitude ?
- ● Title ?
- ○ Comment ?
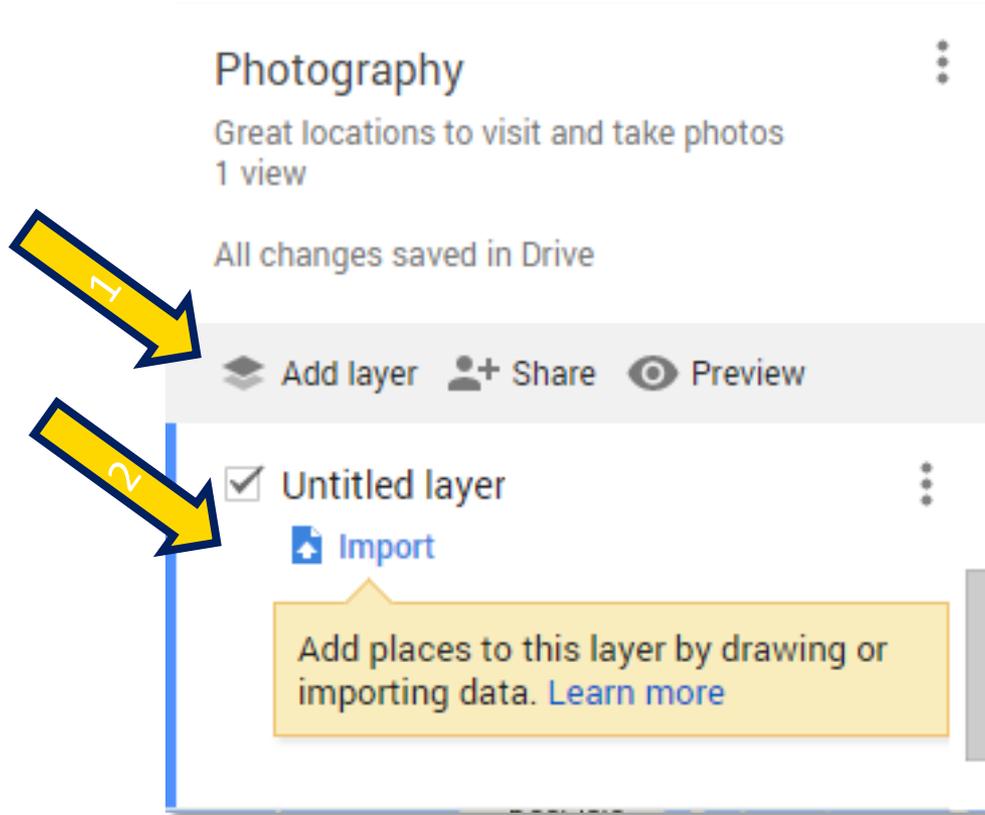
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Finish   Back   Cancel

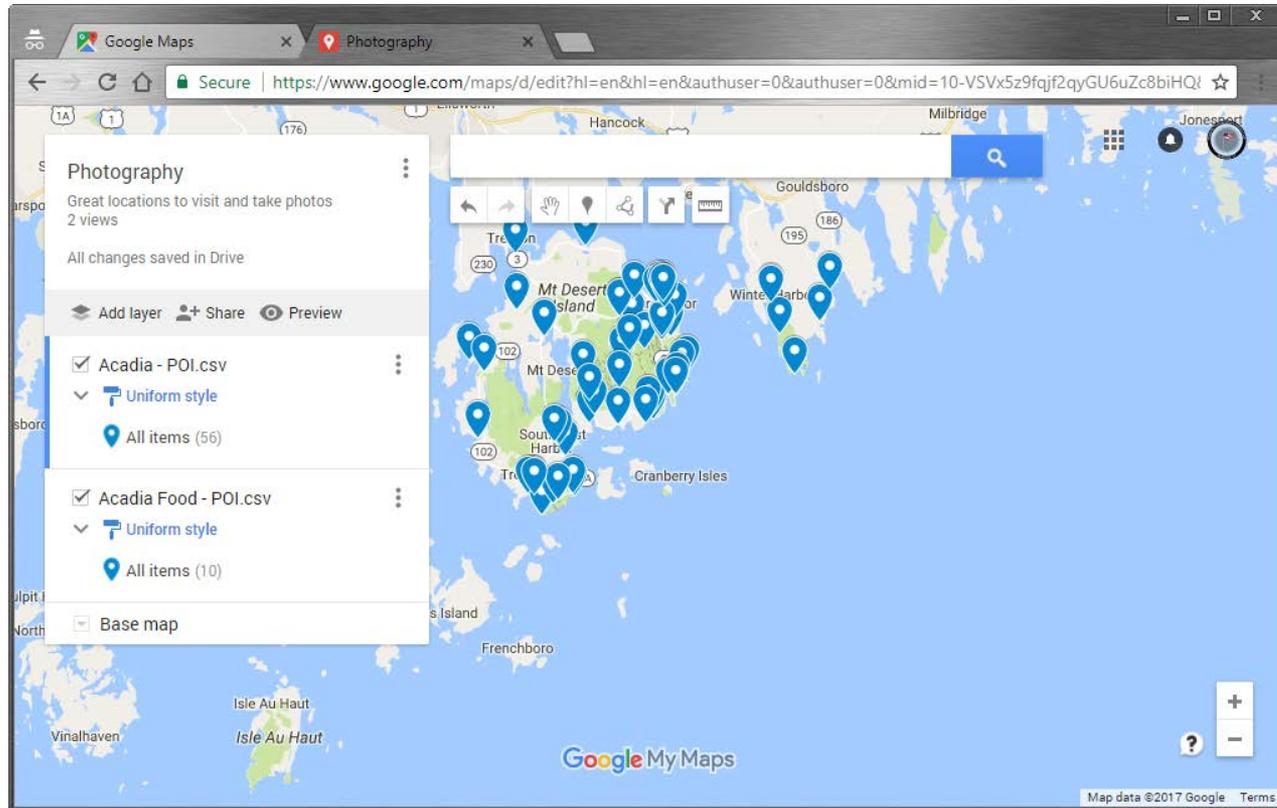# 11. Celebrate, your first Locations are imported!
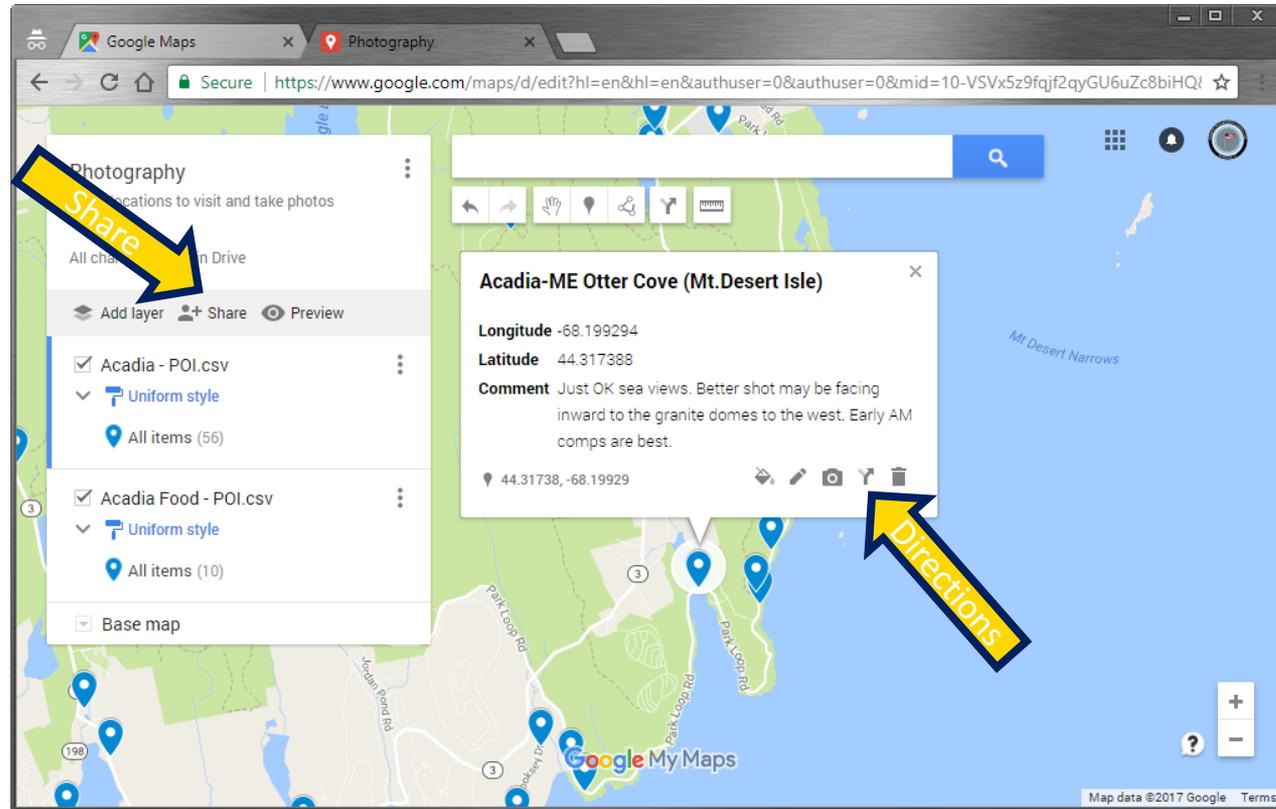
12. Make it better by adding Acadia - Food.csv

Add a layer and repeat the import process with a new Locations CSV

13. Now in Acadia you have location and food ideas

14. **Zoom** and **click** any location to get details!

Browse the locations and learn a lot more about where to take photos.

All of the Google map functionality is available like getting directions. You and also share this map with anybody using their email address
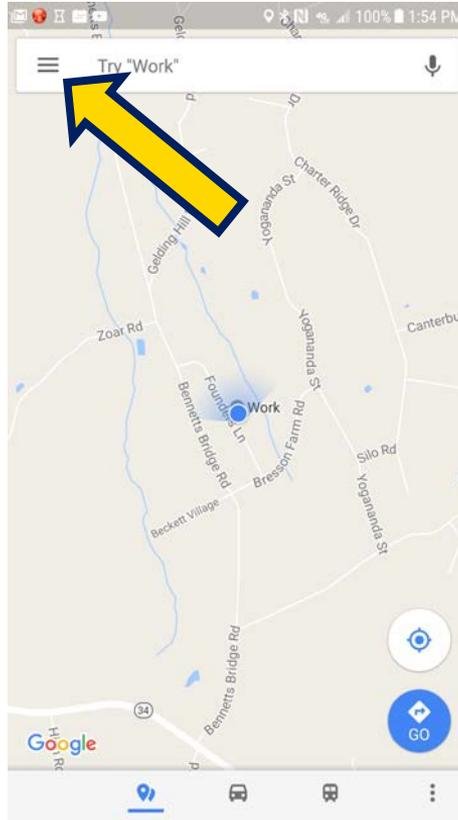
Using Location maps on phone with Google Maps
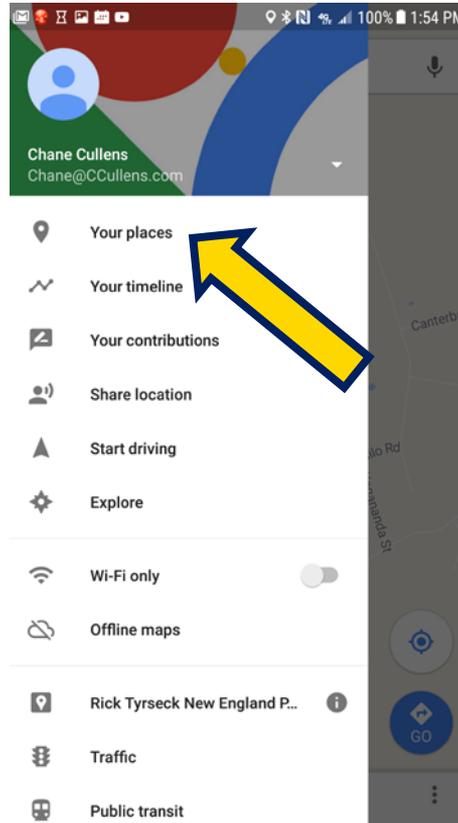
Start Google Maps on your phone.

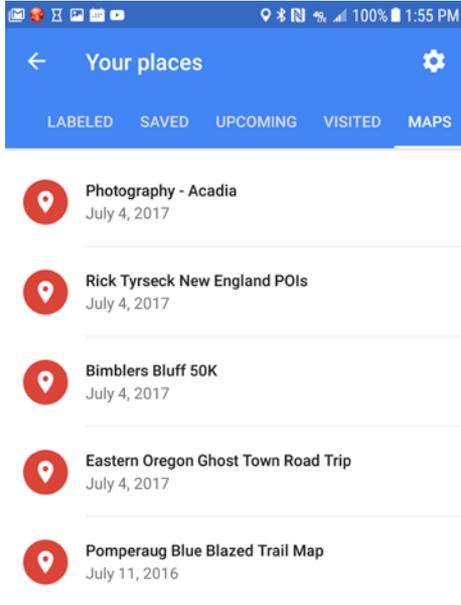It knows where you are.

Now to tell it where you want to go.
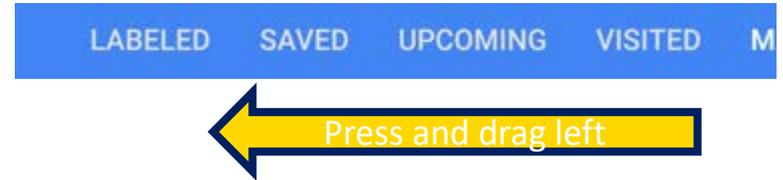
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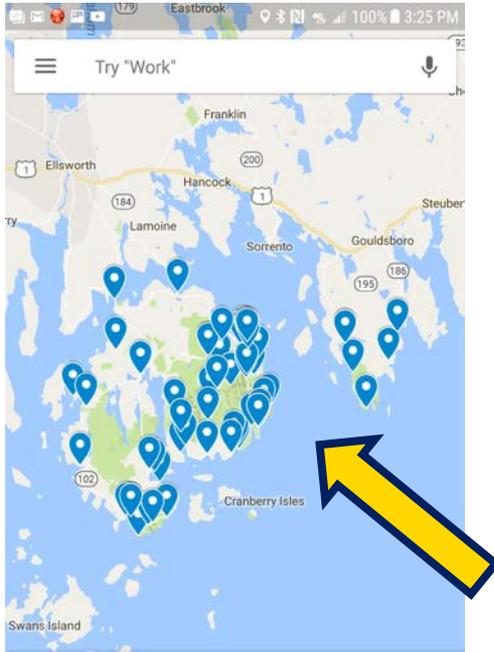
2. Click on Your places

3. Click on MAPS, then the map you create

Note: often, you need to scroll this toolbar to access MAPS

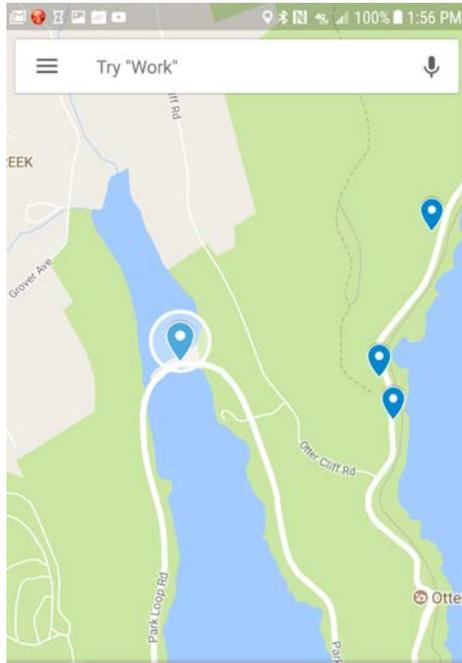Press and drag left

4. All of the locations (POIs) are displayed

Zoom in an choose one to visit.

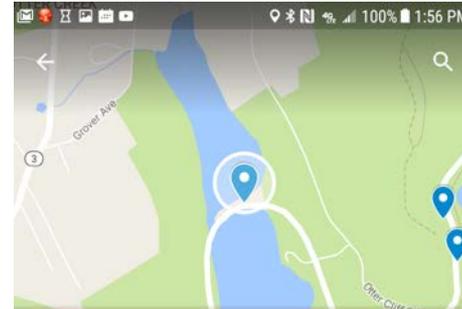# 5. Click a location & MORE INFO to get the details

Acadia-ME Otter Cove (Mt.Desert Isle)

Photography - Acadia • 6 hr 52 min

MORE INFO   DIRECTIONS

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VIEW MAP LEGEND

Acadia - POI.csv

Longitude -68.199294

Latitude 44.317388

Comment Just OK sea views. Better shot may be facing inward to the granite domes to the west. Early AM comps are best.

MORE INFO   DIRECTIONS

Click DIRECTIONS to get you there