How to explore Historypin
Getting started

Go to the map and explore by place. For more info see Exploring the map.

Choose to view a Collection of photos on a particular subject. For more info see Exploring Collections.

Choose to do a Tour which will guide you step-by-step through photos, videos and audio on a particular topic. For more info see Exploring Tours.

1. Watch a short film explaining Historypin. Click on the play arrow on bottom left to start. Click on icon bottom right to maximise.

To see some of the best photos, click on one of these photos to zoom in and get more info. For more info on what do you next, see Zoom and see more.

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Exploring the map

1. Enter a location to search by place (e.g., a street, village, city or country).
2. Enter a keyword to search by theme, e.g., floods, cars, horses.
3. Show photos just from a particular period by grabbing and dragging the pink buttons to your chosen dates.
4. Change from Map View to Satellite View of the landscape.
5. Explore Historypin in full screen.

Click on the arrows to move the map. Or click, grab and drag the map to move to a new area.

Click on the + and – to zoom in and out.

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Clicking on pins

On the map there are some individual pins. Click on a pin to see it bigger and get info.

There are also clusters of pins with numbers next to them. This means there are several photos in that area. Click on the cluster to see the individual photos.

Then click on one of the individual photos to see it bigger and get info.
Looking at photos

Click on the user’s name to see their profile and other photos they have shared.

Click this icon to see the photo overlaid on Street View to compare with the modern day.

Click this icon to read stories about the photo.

Click X to close photo and return to the map.

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Click on the photo to zoom and see more. See Zoom and see more.
Viewing video files

1. If you see a newsreel on a photo, it means it’s a video. Click it to see it bigger and get info.

2. Then click on the image to zoom, get more info, and play the video.

3. Click ‘Play’ to start the video. Some videos can be overlaid onto Street View so you can compare them with today. Click ‘See in Street View’.
Hearing audio files

If you see a megaphone on a photo, it means it’s an audio file. Click it to see it bigger and get info.

Then click on the icon to zoom get more info and play the audio file.
Seeing the best content

1. Click on the slider to see a selection of our favourite photos, Tours and Collections. For info on Tours see Exploring Tours, for info on Collections, see Exploring Collections.

2. When the slider extends out, click on an image to see it enlarged and get more info.

Click ‘Close Panel’ to return to the map.
Exploring in Street View

- Click, grab and drag the background to look around.
- Click on the white arrows to move along the street.
- Click on another photo to jump to see it Street View. The bigger the photo, the closer it is.
- Click here to return to the Map View.
- In the side bar, click on a photo to see a nearby image on Street View.
- Click the pink arrows to scroll through nearby photos.
- Click ‘See more about this’ to zoom and get more info. See Zoom and see more.
- You can still search by place, date and keyword. NB this only shows up when you hover over the area with your cursor.
- You can fade the photo or video in and out to compare with the modern view, using this slider. NB this only shows up when you hover over it with your cursor.