

GeoAssist User Manual

April 2025

A guide to using the GeoAssist website for exploring destinations and managing locations.

Contents

1	Introduction	2
2	Creating an Account	2
3	Exploring Destinations	2
4	Admin Panel - Managing Locations	3
5	Logging Out	3

1 Introduction

GeoAssist is a travel and location discovery platform that helps users explore destinations around the world. This user manual provides step-by-step instructions for creating an account, exploring destinations, managing locations via the admin panel, and logging out.

2 Creating an Account

This section guides you through the process of registering a new account on GeoAssist.

1. On the "Create an Account" page, enter your email address in the "Email" field.
2. Create a password and enter it in the "Password" field.
3. Re-enter the same password in the "Confirm Password" field to verify.
4. Click the blue "Create an Account" button to register.
5. Alternatively, use the "Sign in with Google" option by clicking the "G" button.
6. If you already have an account, click the "Sign In" link to log in.
7. You can just log in as a guest if you do not want an account

3 Exploring Destinations

Learn how to search and browse locations in a specific city (e.g., Toronto).

1. On the main page, enter a city name (e.g., "Toronto") in the search bar at the top.
2. Press Enter or click the search icon to view results.
3. Use the tabs ("Popular", "Trending", "All") to filter the results:
 - **Popular:** Shows highly-rated or frequently visited locations.
 - **Trending:** Displays locations gaining recent attention.
 - **All:** Shows all available locations in the searched city.
4. Use the "Filter by Type" dropdown to narrow down results by category (e.g., Amusement Center, Event Venue, Landmark, etc.).
 - Check the boxes for the types you're interested in and click "Apply Filters".
 - To clear filters, click "Clear All Filters".
5. Browse the list of locations, which include a thumbnail image, the location name (e.g., "Shams' Swimming Pool"), the address (e.g., "123 shams st"), and a star rating (e.g., 5 stars).
6. Click the blue arrow button next to a location to view more details.

4 Admin Panel - Managing Locations

Administrators can use the Admin Panel to manage locations in the GeoAssist database.

1. Log in as an admin to access the "Admin Panel".
2. View the list of existing locations under the "Locations" section, which includes: Name, Address, City, Province, Country, Website URL, Google Maps URL, Image URL, Details, and Rating.
3. **Edit a Location:**
 - Click the blue "Edit" button (pencil icon) next to a location to modify its details.
4. **Delete a Location:**
 - Click the red "Delete" button (trash icon) to remove a location.
5. **View Comments:**
 - Click the purple "Comments" button (speech bubble icon) to see user comments for a location.
6. **Add a New Location:**
 - Scroll to the "Add New Location" section.
 - Fill in the required fields: Name, Address, City, Province, Country, Website URL, Google Maps URL, Image URL, Details, and Opening Hours.
 - Submit the form to add the new location to the database.

5 Logging Out

Follow these steps to log out of your GeoAssist account.

1. Click the "Log Out" button at the top-right corner of the page (visible when logged in as a guest or user).