Wainkum

Push-to-Talk

How to talk to your group - easy steps with pictures

For group members and admins

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Pictures: real Wainkum screens on Android with pretend names. iPhone looks the same. Android system questions are shown in English.

Quick card

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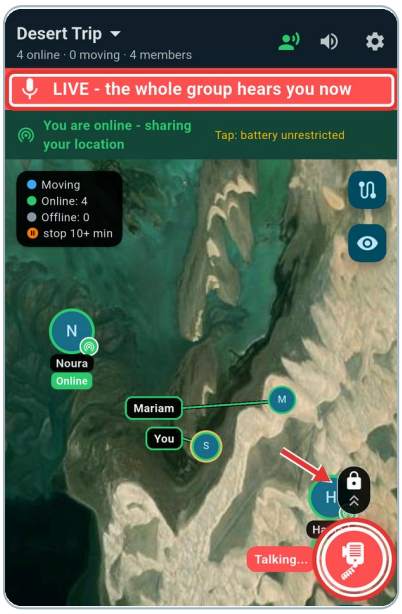

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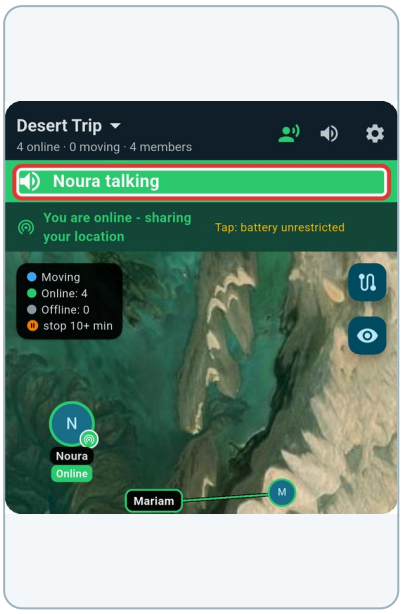

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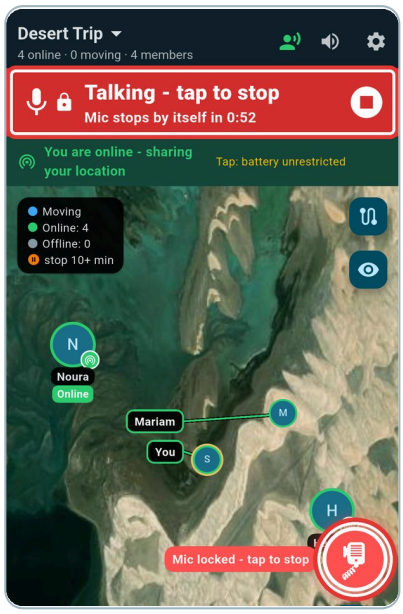
Let go to listen. The top line shows who is talking.



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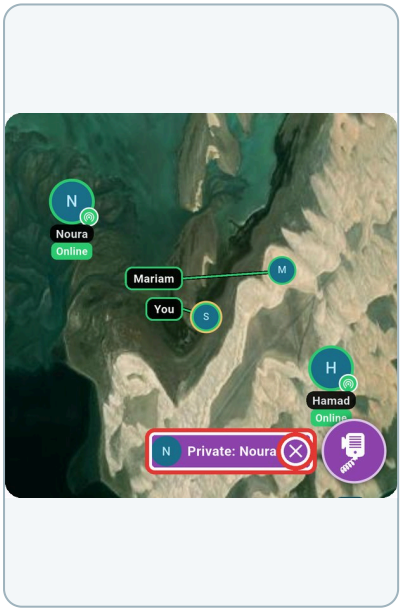
Driving? Double-tap the button: the mic stays on. Tap the red bar to stop.



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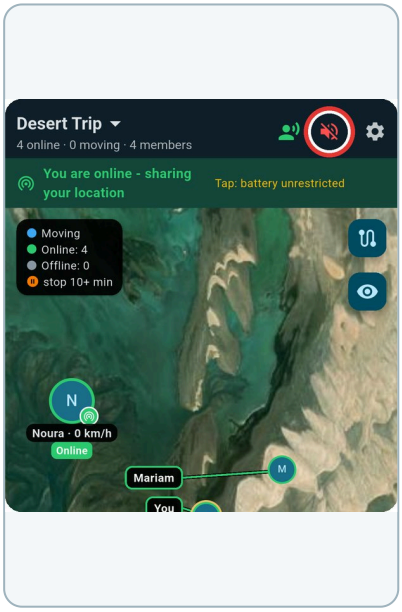
Talk to one person: Members > ⋮ > **“Talk privately”**. X = back to the group.



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The speaker button turns group sound off and on. SOS still rings.

1. What is push-to-talk?

1. Wainkum works like a walkie-talkie for your group.

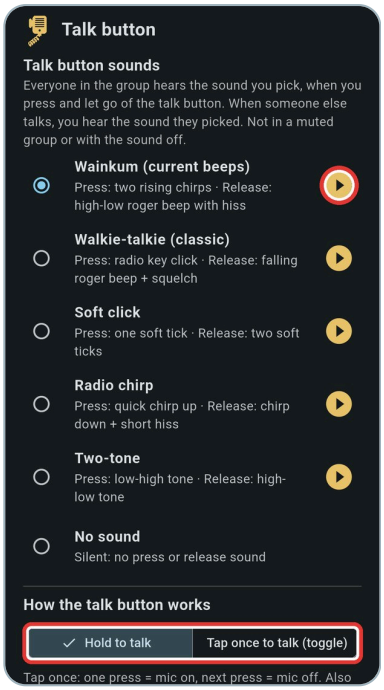
2. **Hold** the talk button and speak. Everyone in the open group hears you live, at once.



3. **Let go** to stop. Now you can hear the others.

4. A short tone plays when someone starts and stops talking, like a radio.

5 Everyone hears the **talker's** tone. You pick yours in Settings > **“Talk button”**.



6 Only one group is open at a time. Talk goes to the open group (its name is at the top).

2. Setting up

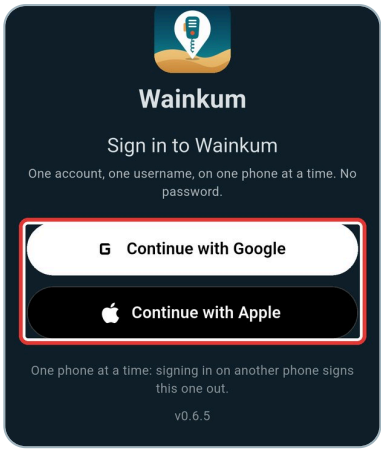
1 **Android:** open the invite link from your group (or jassim75.github.io/inlandsea) and press Download Wainkum for Android. Google Play is still in testing.

2 **iPhone:** App Store - search “Wainkum” (apps.apple.com/app/id6834355382). The newest test version comes first in TestFlight if you were invited.

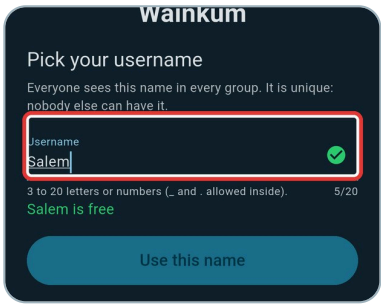
3 **Windows:** unzip “Wainkum for Windows” and double-click Wainkum.exe. If Windows warns you: More info > Run anyway. No QR camera on Windows: paste the invite link.

4 **Mac:** unzip, drag Wainkum into Applications. The first time: right-click > Open > Open.

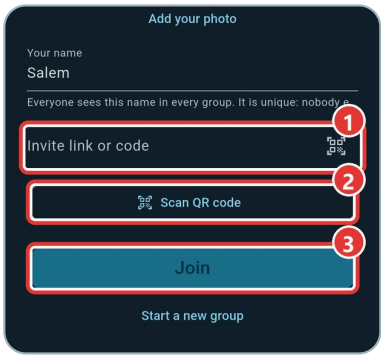
5 **Sign in** with Google or Apple. No password.



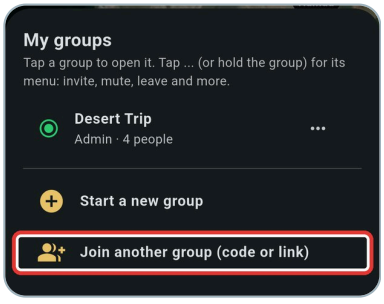
6 Pick a username. Everyone sees this name.



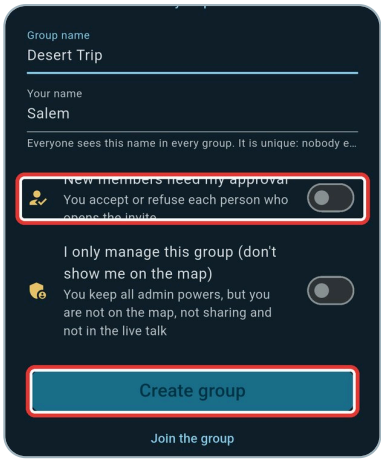
7 **Join a group:** paste the invite link or code (1), or press **“Scan QR code”** (2), then **“Join”** (3).



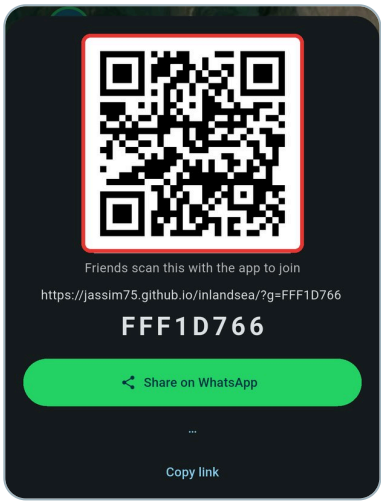
8 Already in a group? Tap the group name at the top > **“Join another group (code or link)”**.



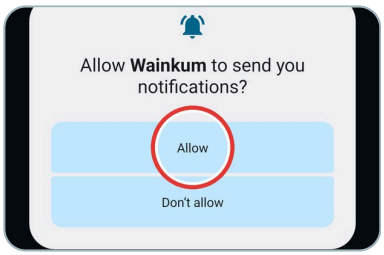
9 **Start your own group:** **“Start a new group”**, type the group name, then **“Create group”**. You become the admin. Switch on **“New members need my approval”** if you want to let each person in yourself.



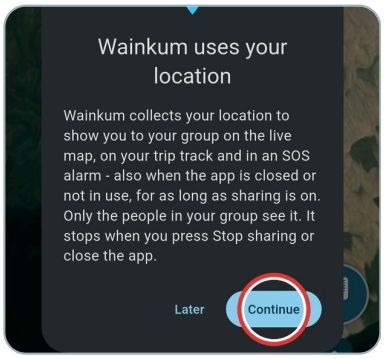
10 **Invite people:** tap the group name at the top > ⋮ > **“Invite people (QR / link)”**. Friends scan the QR or open the link.



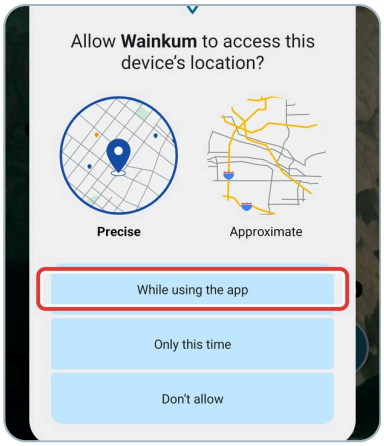
11 **Allow notifications** - for talk alerts and SOS.



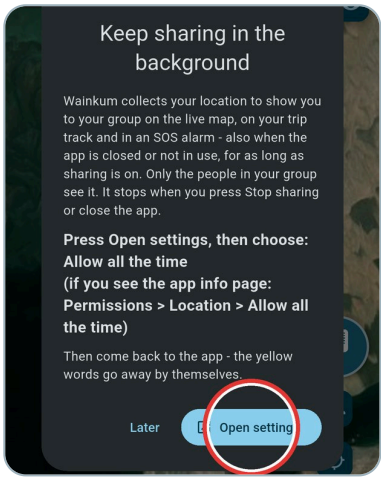
12 **Location:** Wainkum explains first. Press **“Continue”**.



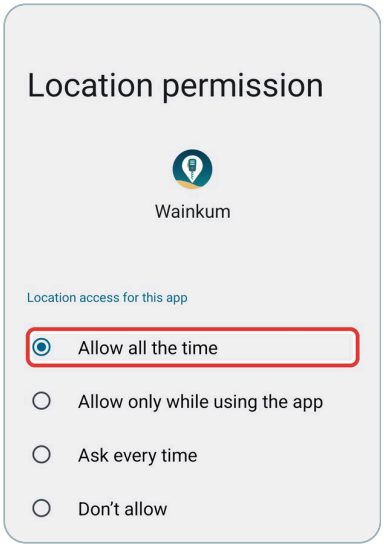
13 Choose **While using the app**.



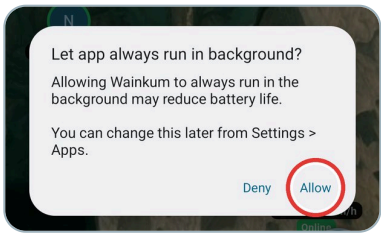
14 **Background:** tap the yellow words on the map, then **"Open settings"**.



15 Choose **Allow all the time**, then come back to the app.



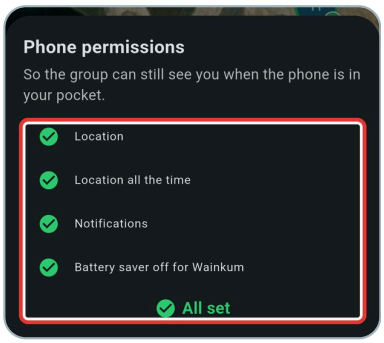
16 Then the battery step: **Allow** Wainkum to run in the background.



17 **Microphone:** the first time you press the talk button, choose **While using the app**.



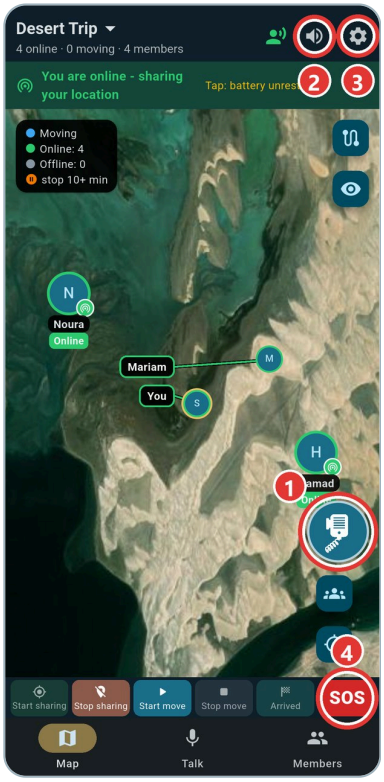
18 Check: Settings > **"Phone permissions"** shows green ticks = all done.



19 **iPhone:** allow Location, Microphone and Notifications when asked. Then iPhone Settings > Wainkum > Location > **Always**, and keep Background App Refresh on.

3. Talking

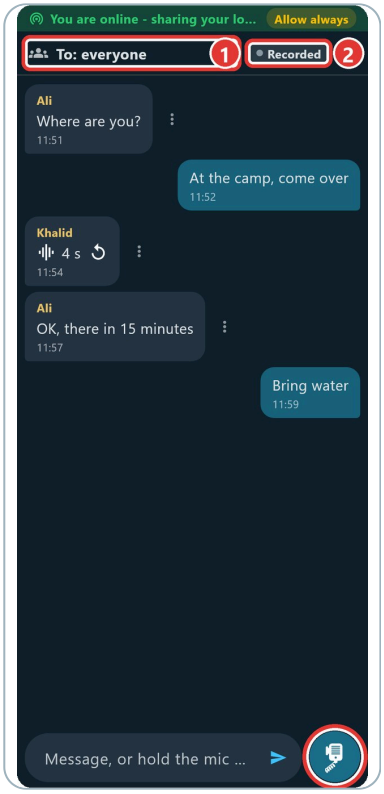
1 **On the Map:** the round police-mic button (1) talks to the whole group. (2) = speaker on/off, (3) = Settings, (4) = SOS.



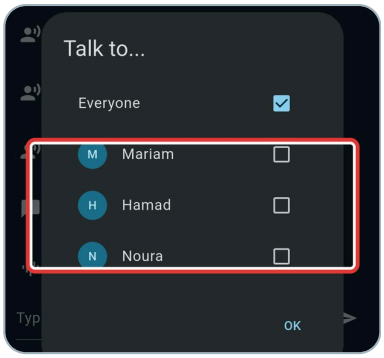
2 While you hold it the button turns red and the top says the whole group hears you.



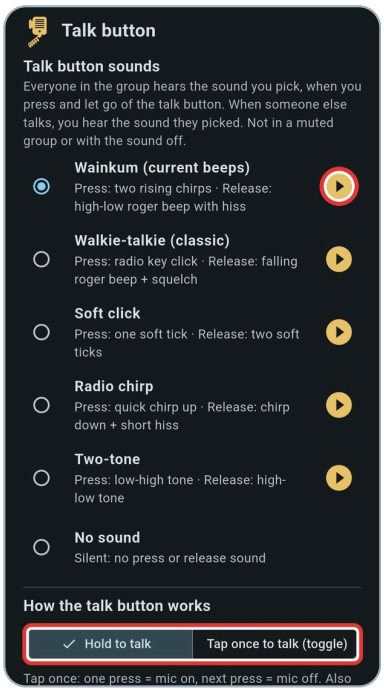
3 **On the Talk tab** (a chat page since 0.6.19): hold the small mic at the bottom, next to the message box. (1) shows who hears you - tap it to pick some people. (2) **Live** = live voice is ready; **Recorded** = it sends a short clip.



4 **“Talk to...”**: tick the people who should hear this talk. Everyone = the whole group.



5 **Hold or tap once:** Settings > **“Talk button”** > **“How the talk button works”**. **“Tap once to talk (toggle)”** = one press on, next press off.



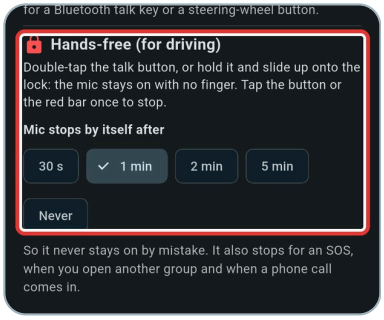
6 **Hands-free (driving):** double-tap the talk button, or hold it and slide up onto the lock.



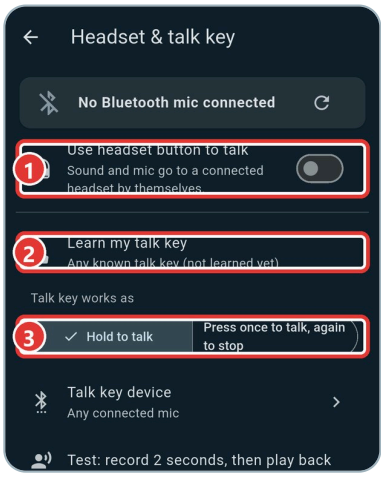
7 A red bar says **“Talking - tap to stop”** and the time left. One tap on the bar or the button stops.



8 The mic stops by itself after 30 s, 1 min (normal), 2 min, 5 min or never. It also stops for an SOS, another group or a phone call.



9 **Talk key on a headset, hand-held mic or car:** Settings > **“Headset & talk key”**. Turn on **“Use headset button to talk”** (1), press **“Learn my talk key”** (2) and press your key, pick how the key works (3). This switch is only for the key: sound and mic go to a connected headset by themselves.



10 Car steering-wheel buttons may work as the talk key in tap-once mode - it depends on the car. iPhone: the key works only as press once / press again.

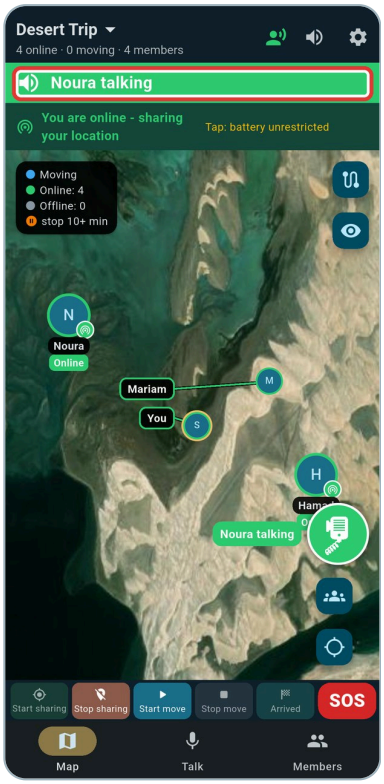
11 **Where the voice comes out:** the loudspeaker, or a connected Bluetooth headset / earbuds / car by itself (nothing to switch on). While a headset is connected, the headset button at the top switches between Headset and Phone. Not from the ear speaker.

12 **Speaker button** (top): red = group talk and voice clips are silent. SOS still rings. Tap again to hear.



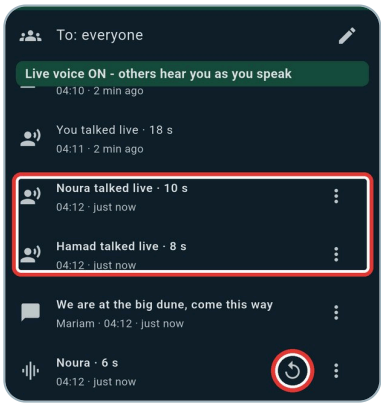
4. Listening

1. **Live:** when someone talks you hear them at once, with their tone. The top line shows the name.



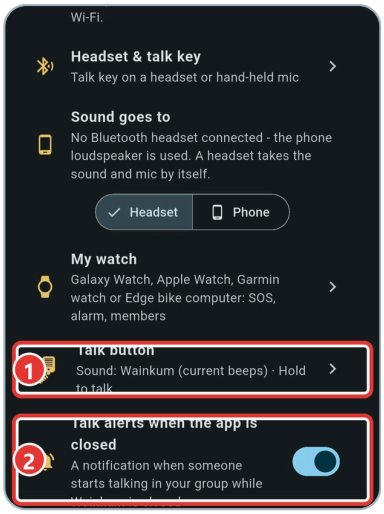
2. Keep the app open or minimised (Home button). Minimised still works: you hear talk and SOS.

3. **The Talk tab list: "Noura talked live · 10 s"** = a live talk. Live talk is **not recorded** - if you were away, you only see who talked and how long.

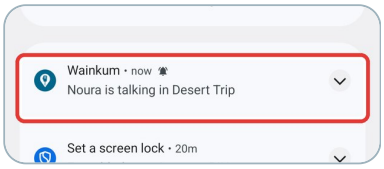


4. **Recorded clips** (wave icon) have a replay button. A talk is sent as a clip when the talker's live voice was not ready (weak signal) or someone listens on an Apple Watch. Clips play one after another; tap replay to hear one again later.

5 **App closed?** Then you hear nothing. With **"Talk alerts when the app is closed"** on (Settings), you get a notification when someone starts talking.

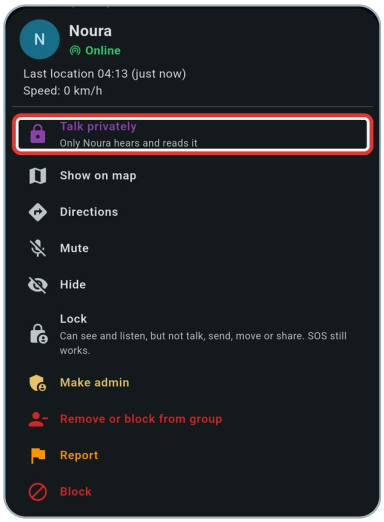


6 Tap the notification to open the group. One alert per group every 3 minutes. iPhone talk alerts are not working yet (coming).

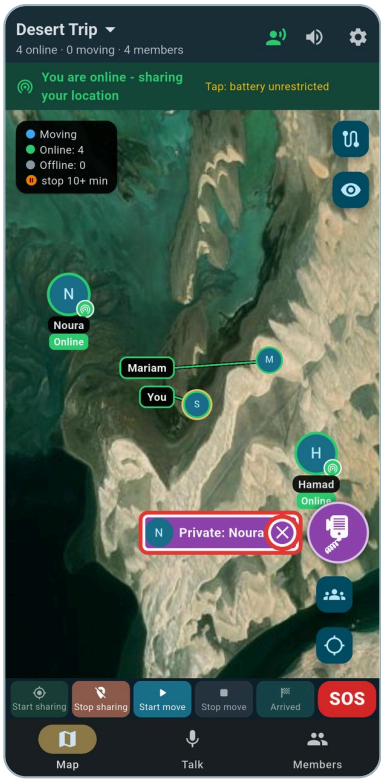


5. Talk privately to one person

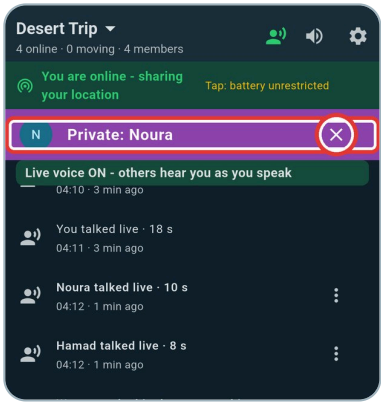
1 Members tab > ⋮ next to the person (or tap their pin on the map) > **"Talk privately"**.



2 The talk button turns purple: **“Private: Noura”**. Only that person hears and reads it.

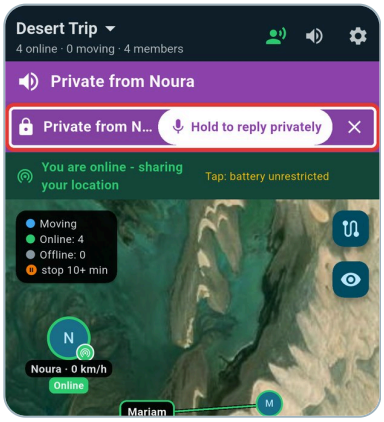


3 Same on the Talk tab. X = back to the whole group.

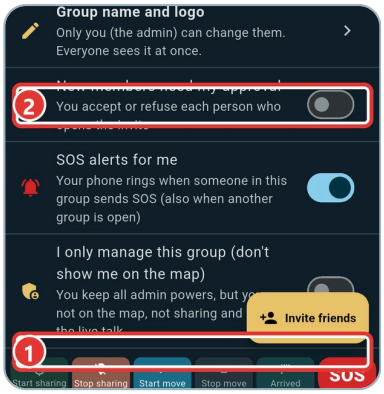


4 It goes back to the group by itself after 60 seconds with no talk, or when you change group, send SOS or leave the app.

5 **When someone talks to you privately** you see **“Private from Noura”**. Hold **“Hold to reply privately”** to answer only them.

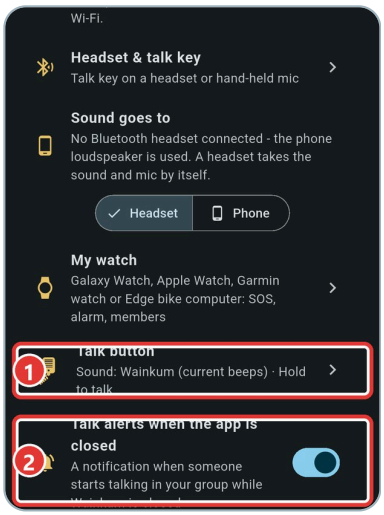


6 **Admin:** Members > **“Allow private talk”** (1). Off = only the admin can talk privately.

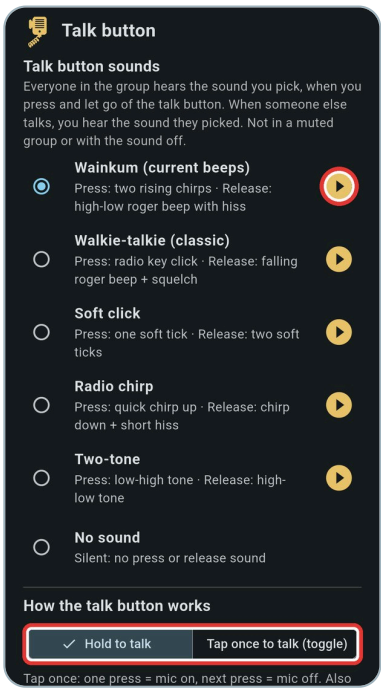


6. Settings for talk

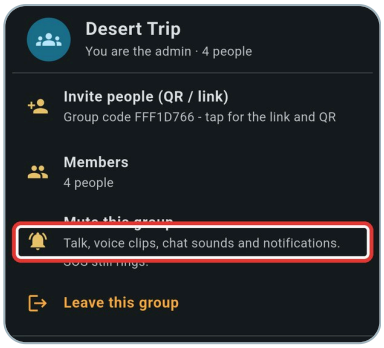
1 Settings (gear) > **“Talk button”** (1) and **“Talk alerts when the app is closed”** (2).



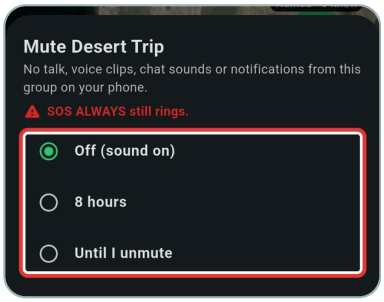
2 **Talk button sounds:** 6 choices. The yellow play button lets you hear each one. Everyone in the group hears the sound you pick.



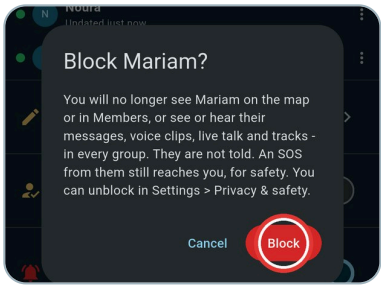
3 **Mute a group:** tap the group name at the top > ⋮ > **“Mute this group”**.



4 Choose **“8 hours”** or **“Until I unmute”**. No talk, clips or notifications from that group. SOS ALWAYS still rings.

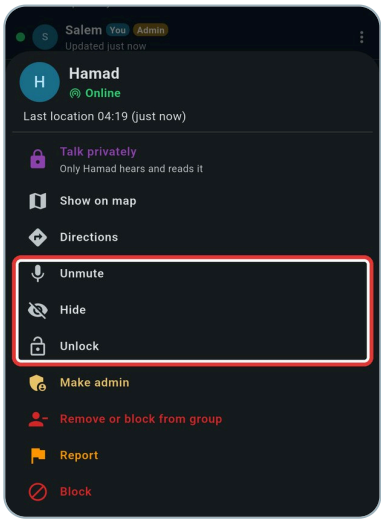


5 **Block a person:** Members > ⋮ > **“Block”**. You no longer see or hear them in any group. They are not told. Unblock in Settings > **“Privacy & safety”**.

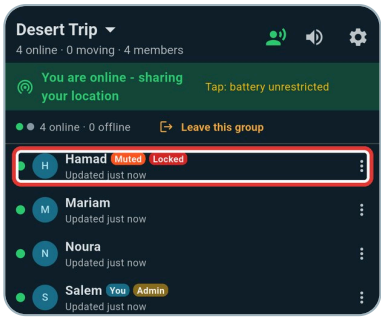


7. Admin tools for talk

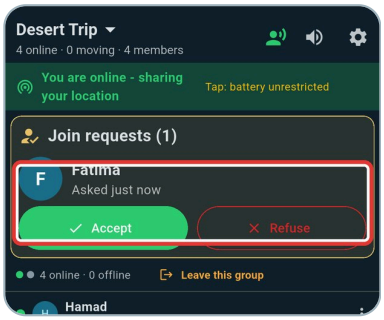
1 Members > ⋮ next to a member: **“Mute”** = they cannot talk or send messages. **“Lock”** = they can see and listen, but not talk, send, move or share. SOS still works.



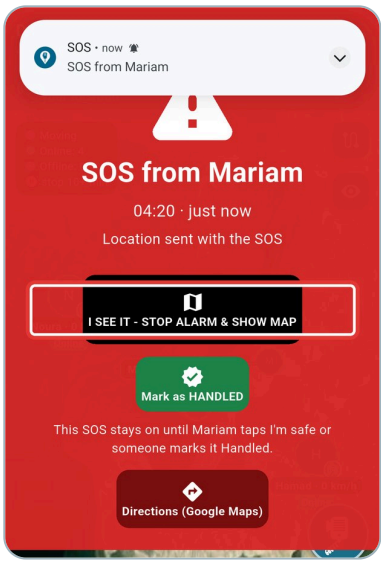
2. Their row shows the tags. Same menu to undo.



3. **Approval to join:** with **"New members need my approval"** on, new people wait at the top of Members. Accept or Refuse.

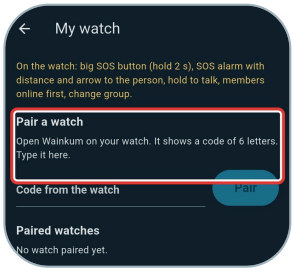


4. **SOS and talk:** an SOS stops a hands-free mic at once. The siren rings even with the sound off, a muted group or a silent phone.



8. Watches

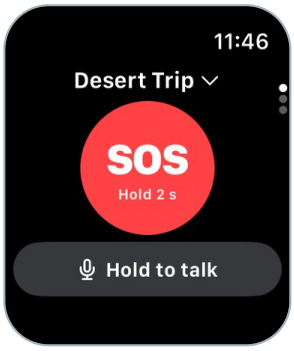
1. Phone: Settings > **"My watch"**. Open Wainkum on the watch, it shows 6 letters - type them on the phone.



2. **Galaxy Watch:** hold **"Hold to talk"** on the watch and speak - live, like the phone. You also see who is talking.



3. **Apple Watch:** hold to talk sends a short recorded clip. While an Apple Watch listens, the phones send clips too. Big SOS button: hold 2 seconds.



4. **Garmin** (fenix, epix, Forerunner, vivoactive, Edge bike computers): copy the Wainkum file for your model to GARMIN\Apps with the USB cable (or the Connect IQ Store later). Hold START to talk - only on models with a microphone and speaker (fenix 8, fenix 9 ...); it sends a short clip. SOS: hold 2 seconds, then 5 seconds to cancel.

9. Problems and tips

1. **Nobody hears me.** Is the green **"Live voice ON - others hear you as you speak"** line there? Is the right group open (name at the top)? Is the button purple (private)? Press X. Did the admin mute or lock you? You will see a message. Did you allow the microphone?

2. **I hear nothing.** Is the speaker button red? Tap it. Is the group muted? Turn the phone's media volume up. Is a Bluetooth device taking the sound? Was the app closed (swiped away)? Open it and keep it minimised instead.

3. **The voice comes from the ear speaker.** Update to the newest Wainkum (0.6.13) and open it again. It should use the loudspeaker or your car / headset.

4. **Camera, WhatsApp or Snap record no sound.** Since 0.6.2 Wainkum holds the mic only while you talk. If the hands-free lock is on, it keeps the mic: tap the red bar to stop.

5 **iPhone in the background:** Location = Always, Background App Refresh on, do not swipe Wainkum away (that closes it). Low Power Mode can slow it down.

6 **Battery: "Stop sharing"** when you do not need the map. **"Close the app"** (Settings) when the trip is over. Android: allow battery unrestricted. Use a car charger on long drives. Keep the hands-free auto-stop on.

