



## User Manual

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## Installation – iOS

Search, download, and install Lost Laowai directly from the Apple app store.

## Installation - Android

1. In WeChat, scan the download link QR code in the Lost Laowai introduction article for Android:

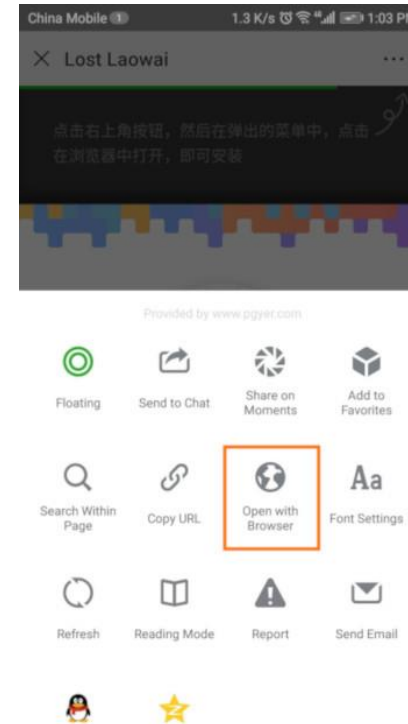


[pgyer.com/Un05](http://pgyer.com/Un05)

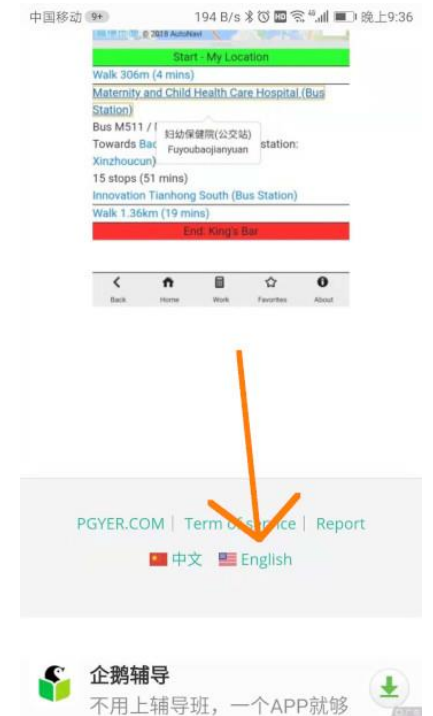
2. Click on the top right 3 dots icon.



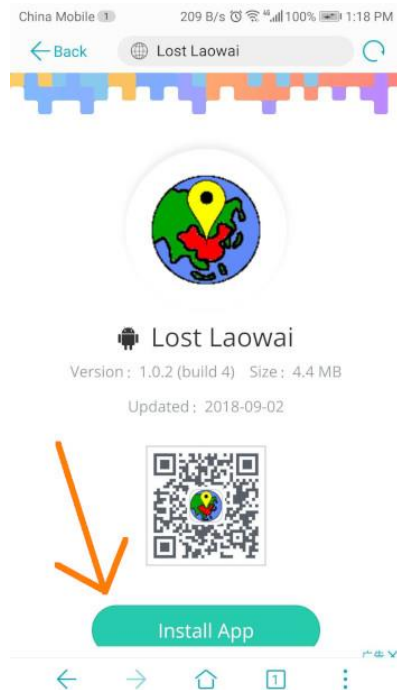
3. Click on Open with Browser.



4. Scroll down to the bottom and switch the language to English:

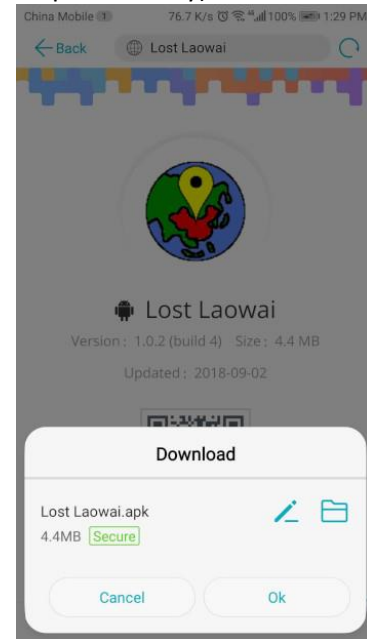


5. Click on the big green button (Install App).



6. Download the app.

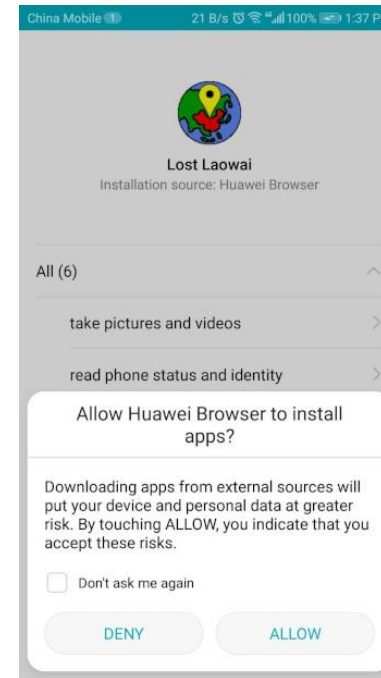
Example using a Huawei phone:  
(different phones will show this step differently)



\*Please note that **VIVO** phone web browsers intercept Android .apk app installation file downloads and instead asks you to download and install the Vivo app store (all in Chinese even if your phone is set to be in English – it's confusing). In this case, you must open the link in another web browser. You can try downloading Firefox for Android or, if in China, asking your Chinese friends to help you download another mainstream Chinese web browser.

7. Follow your phone's installation wizard to complete installation.

Example using a Huawei phone:



8. When done, you can return to your phone's home screen to find the Lost Laowai app ready to be opened and run.

\*Please note that the app is only optimized for phones. Installing the app on Android devices with larger screens (such as tablets) is not recommended as app behavior and appearance is not configured to run on these devices at this time.

## Running Lost Laowai

If you are in China, make sure your VPN is turned **OFF** as Lost Laowai's servers are in Mainland China.

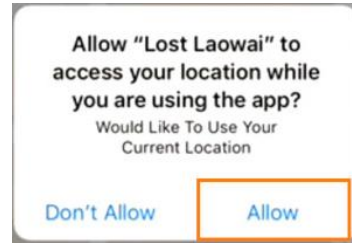
When you run the app for the first time, you must allow it to access your location or else many functions will not work.

On **iOS** it will ask you twice in a row, the first time in your configured phone language and the second time in Chinese.

On **Android** it generally only shows the Chinese prompt.

We are working on a way to either remove the Chinese prompt or translate it for future versions.

On iOS:



### On both Android and iOS:

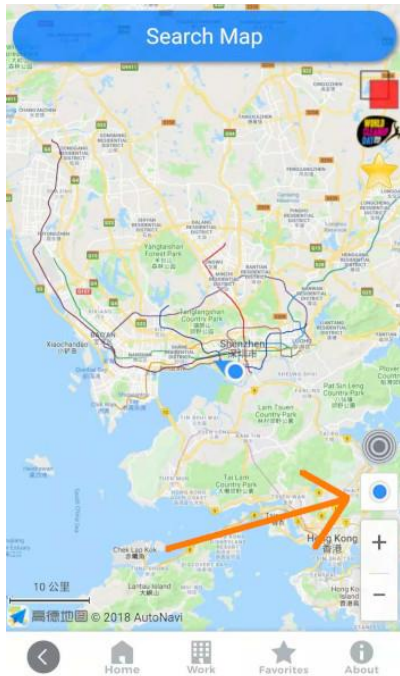
Make sure you choose the **RIGHT side** option, which means to allow sharing your location.



You may see this prompt appear later in the future. **Always select the right-side option.**

## Centering on Your Position

The app should automatically detect and position the map over your current location. If it does not, click on the Center on Your Position button above the + - zoom controls:



You must allow the app to access your location for this function to work. This includes making sure your phone's system settings allow sharing your location with apps as well as making sure your WiFi, data connection, and GPS are turned on. Make sure you

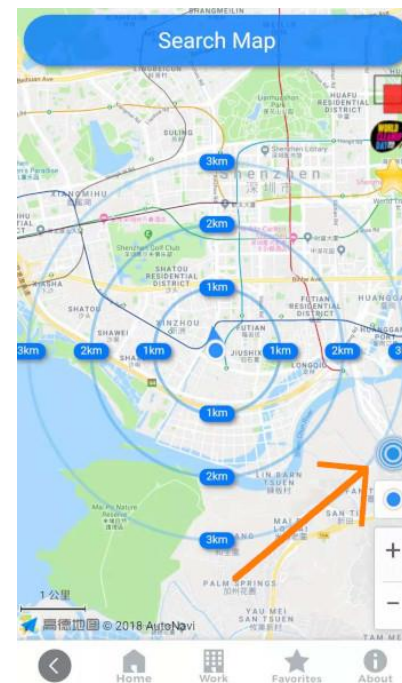
also select the right-side option on the Chinese language prompt that appears when you first run the app (see **Running Lost Laowai** on page 4).

Note that when only on WiFi, sometimes your location will be inaccurate. WiFi can only provide an approximate location based on how your Internet Service Provider (ISP) connection is set up in your city. In this case, try disabling WiFi and using your 3/4g/LTE data connection instead.

Also, this function will not work when your device has no signal or a very poor signal, such as when underground in tunnels or when riding the subway. In this case, the blue circle icon indicating your position on the map will temporarily disappear until the signal becomes strong enough again to determine your new location.

## Displaying Distance Rings

Click on the gray circle icon immediately above the **Centering on Your Position** icon (see the previous section) to display or hide distance rings up to 3 kilometers away from your current location. You may have to zoom in or out in order to see these rings. This helps to get a general idea of how far away places are on the map nearby your position.



This button works similarly to the Center on Your Position button and requires a strong signal.

## Using the Compass

Currently the compass only works on Android devices.

If your Android device has a compass, the app should be able to show your direction heading in the form of an arrow that rotates around the blue circle Center on Your Position icon (see the **Centering on Your Position** section on page 5). This will only appear when your device's signal is strong enough to show your location on the map.



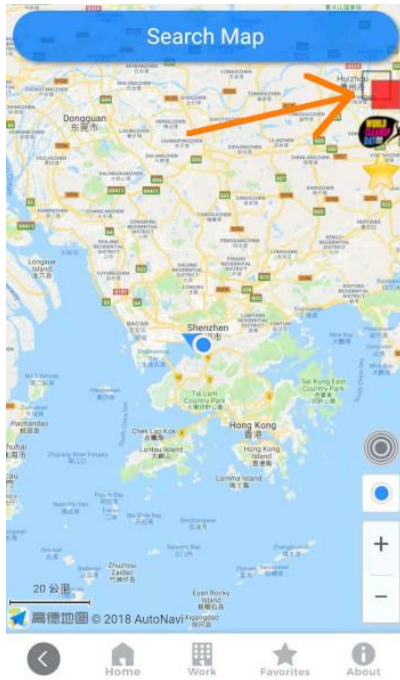
**NORTH** is the direction towards the top of the map.

This function is still being improved. Make sure you tilt the TOP of your phone upwards a little bit. If you tilt the top of your device to be below the bottom, the compass will display incorrectly. Hold your phone like this in a regular upright sitting or standing position:



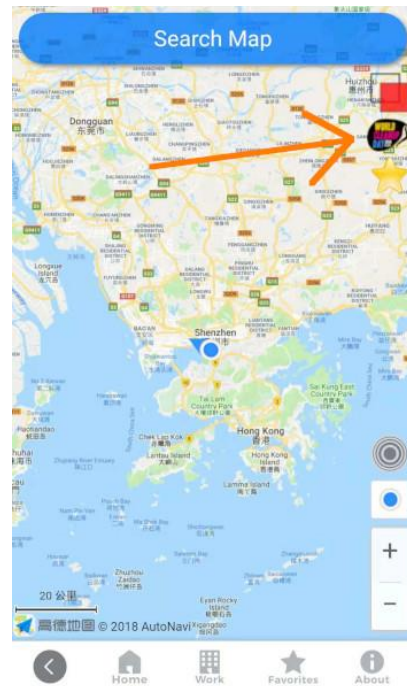
## Switching to Satellite Imagery

Click on the red and transparent boxes icon at the top right to toggle satellite/normal map imagery:

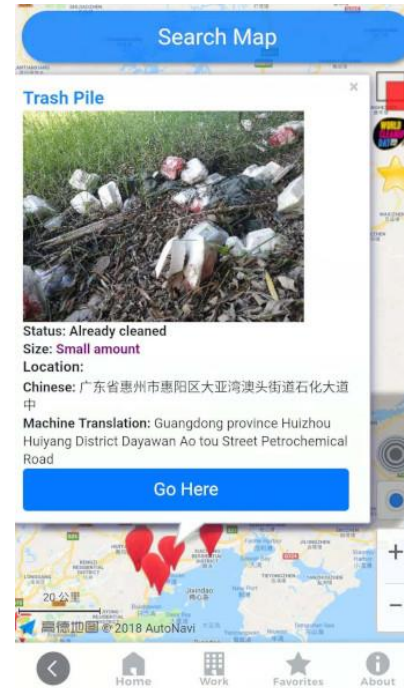


## Viewing World Cleanup Day Trash Piles

World Cleanup Day was an international event held in 156 countries around the world on September 15, 2018 to not only cleanup trash outdoors but also raise awareness about the issue of pollution. The Chinese WeChat mini program 捡星地图 is sharing with us all the trash piles reported and cleaned up by Chinese people across China. You can toggle viewing the trash pile markers by clicking on this icon:

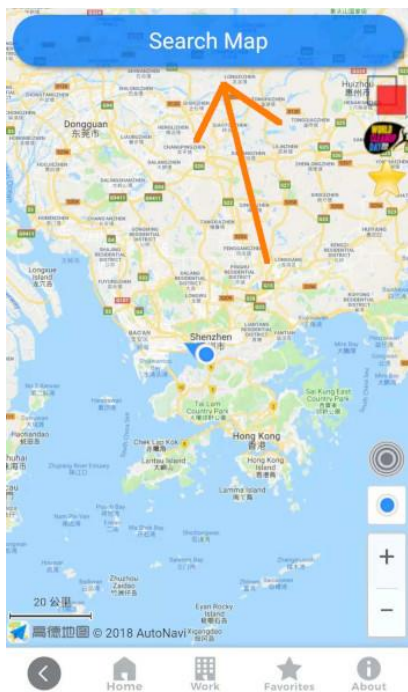


And then click on any marker on the map to see information associated with its trash pile:



## Searching for Places and Directions

1. Click on the top blue button that says **Search Map**.



The **Destination** search box is automatically selected so you can immediately enter a search query.

After entering a query for the Destination, either press enter/return on your keyboard or click on a relevant search term that appears below to search.

Search: Starting Point [Default: My Location]

Search: Destination

Search Nearby

Search Area on Visible Map

Search English/Pinyin Address

Categories:

Restaurants

Coffee Shops

Nightlife Venues

Entertainment Venues

Hotels/Accommodations

Banks/ATMs

You can also search for a Destination by clicking on a **Category** instead of entering a search query.

**Tip:** The search function prioritizes locations within your current city (if you are in China). So for example, if you are in Shenzhen, which has a Window of the World theme park, and you want to search for the Window of the World in Changsha, Hunan Province (China has two Window of the World parks), search for “Changsha Window of the World”.

Note that the bottom toolbar is hidden whenever your phone’s keyboard comes up so as to not hide the Categories. Click anywhere outside of the text boxes to hide the keyboard and display the bottom toolbar again.

By default, the **Starting Point** is set as your current location. You can change this by entering a search query in the Starting Point search box. If your desired search location does not appear in the list below, press enter on your keyboard to do a deeper search. Then click on a location to set it as your Starting Point.

Window of the world |

Nothing relevant listed below? Press enter to perform a deeper search.

Search English/Pinyin Address

Window of the World (世界之窗)

No.9037, Shennan Avenue (深南大道9037号)

Nanshan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Window of the World Parking Lot (Shennan Avenue) (世界之窗停车场(深南大道))

Window of the World, No.9037, Shennan Avenue (深南大道9037号世界之窗)

Nanshan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Window of the World (North Gate) (世界之窗(北门))

Window of the World, No.9037, Shennan Avenue (深南大道9037号世界之窗)

Nanshan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

If you need to search for an address that you only have in English or Pinyin, you can do so by clicking on the **Search English/Pinyin Address** button.

Note that this button sets the address as the Destination when the Destination text box is cleared and as the Starting Point when text is entered in the Starting Point search box.

Then fill out your address information using the form. Once finished, click on Confirm Address to set it as either the Destination or Starting Point.

search street names.

You must select a street name search result from the list that appears below to continue.

Fumin Road (富民路)

Street number:

1

Building number (optional):

Example: 2

Entered address (EN):

#1 Fumin Road

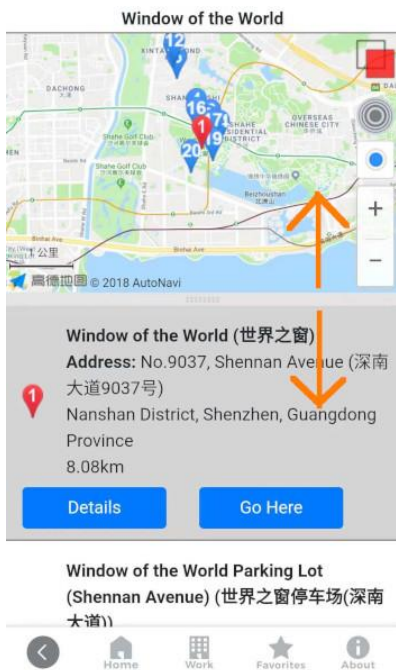
Futian District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Entered address (ZH):

广东省深圳市福田区富民路1号

Confirm Address

2. After entering a search query, press enter/return on your keyboard or select a relevant search term in the list that appears below to search.



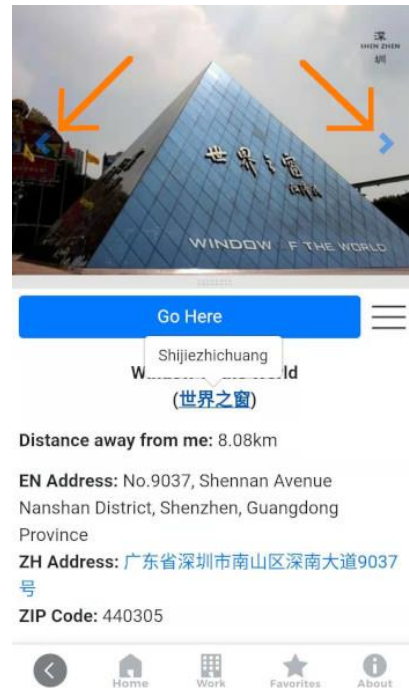
Click on a result marker on the map or a result in the list to select it.

Click on Details to see more information as well as pictures associated with the location.

Click on Go Here to get directions to that location.

You can drag the slider bar as indicated by the orange arrows to show more of the map or more of the list.

3. Assuming you first click on Details, the following screen will appear:



Click on the left or right side blue arrows of the image (if an image is shown) to view additional images associated with the location.

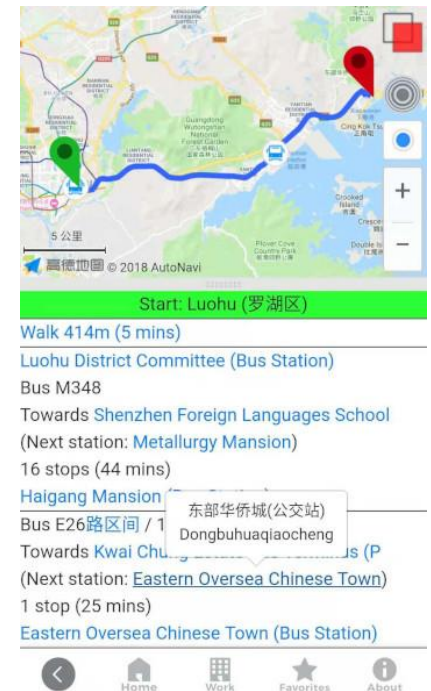
Click on Chinese text in blue to see its pinyin.

4. After clicking Go Here, choose a transportation option. If the location is too close to the Starting Point or your current location, walking directions to the location will be shown instead.



Click on one of the public transportation results to continue.

5. This screen will appear with either walking directions or a combination of walking and public transportation directions to the Destination.



The green marker represents the Starting Point and the red marker represents the Destination on the map.

Click on any name in blue to see its Chinese characters and pinyin.

Click on walking steps to show that step's walking directions.

The Bottom Toolbar



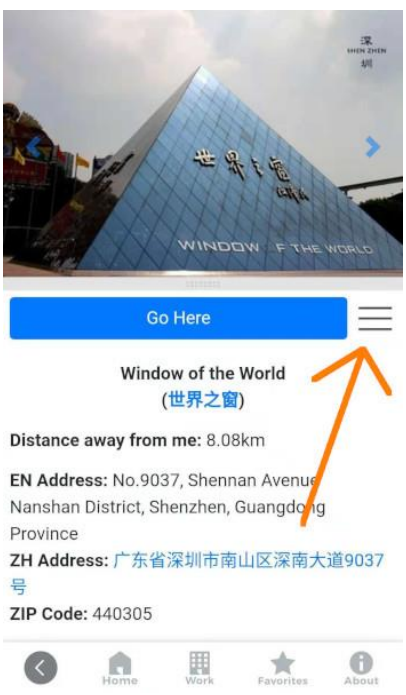
The bottom toolbar has the following controls:

Tool	Description
Back	Return to the previous page. Does not do anything on the home page.
Home	Shortcut key to get directions to your configured home location from your current location.
Work	Shortcut key to get directions to your configured work location from your current location.
Favorites	Show a list of your favorite locations.
About	See information about Lost Laowai.

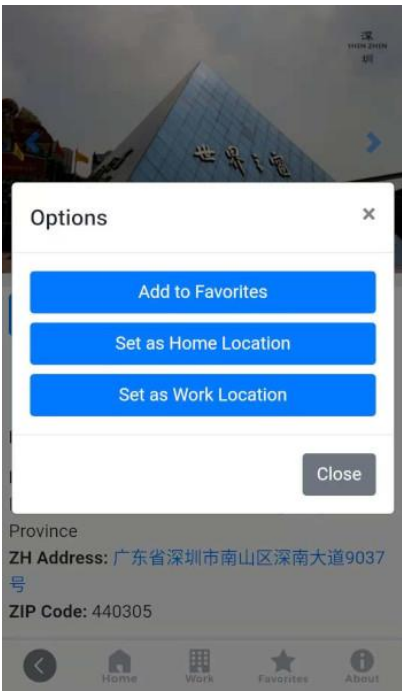
Setting Home, Work, and Favorite Locations

The first time you run the app, no home or work locations will have been set and your Favorite Locations list will be empty.

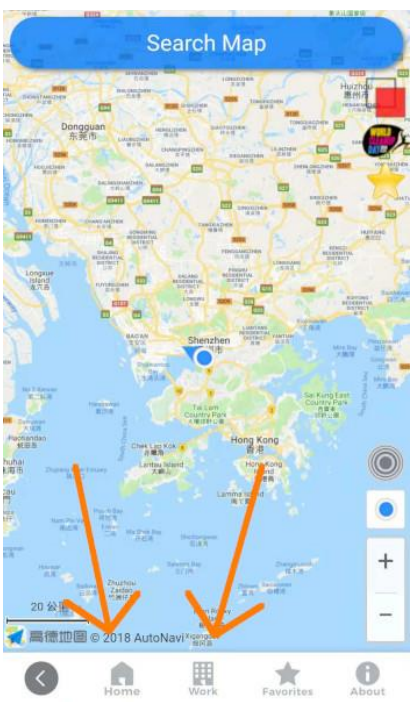
- 1. To set/add locations to these shortcut keys/list, follow the steps described in **Searching for Places and Directions** on page 7 and click on the location’s Details button.
- 2. Click on the options button to the right of Go Here.



- 3. Select the action you wish to take from the menu that appears.

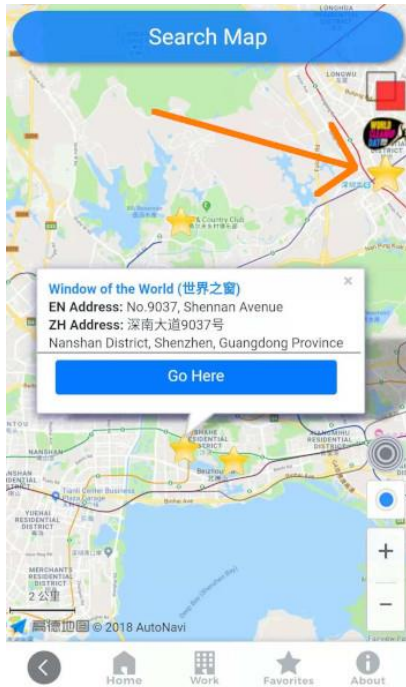


- 4. After setting your home or work location, you can then click on that toolbar’s icon to conveniently get directions there from your current location. Note that this can only work if you are physically located within China.



## Handling Favorited Locations

After adding locations as favorites (see the previous section), you can then click on the star icon on the main map screen to toggle showing/hiding your favorited locations on the map.



Click on a favorited location star icon on the map to see its information and get directions from your current location to it. Note that getting directions to a favorited location can only work if you are physically located within China.

To view a list of your favorited locations, click on Favorites on the bottom toolbar.

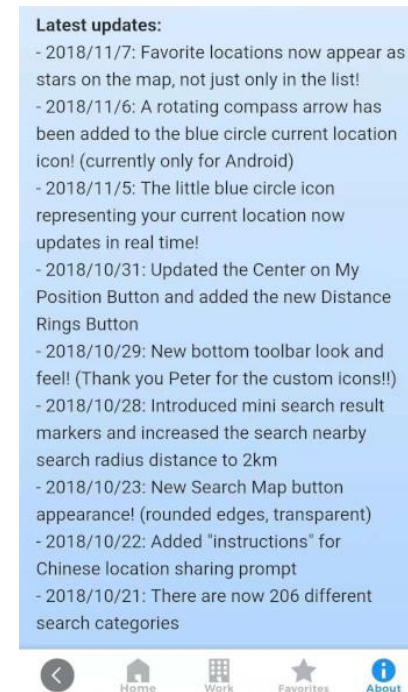


Click on a location in the list to get directions to that location.

Click on the X to the right side of each location to remove that location from the list and its star on the map.

## About the App and Checking the Latest Updates

Click on the About icon on the bottom toolbar to view information about the app as well as see a history of the latest updates.



We are looking for investment to turn this app into a business! Please get in contact with Jason to discuss collaborating!

Jason is also **accepting donations** as he is currently developing the app for free use and paying for its server hosting costs himself. Please consider helping out with a small donation – all payments paid through the QR code on the About page of the app are anonymous, so if you wish to make your donation known, send him a message!



You can take a screenshot of the payment QR code and send it to yourself in WeChat (use the File Upload tool) in order to scan it and make a payment. Thank you so much for your support!