



## **1** Mark a track on Google Earth and transfer it into OziExplorer

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Open Google Earth (GE) and go to where you want to make your track.

Check that you have the left hand sidebar open (showing "Places"). (To open it, click the icon in the top bar next to the [search](#) button.)

Also in that row of icons is a drawing pin which will allow you to put "placemarks" on GE.

These are what Ozi calls waypoints.

But, better than this is the "Add Path" button (3 little squares with a dotted path between them). Click this and a screen appears for you to give the trackfile a name and set a place for it to be stored. Give it a name and destination, but **DO NOT CLOSE** that window.

Your cursor will now be a little square with tick marks on the side. Go to the start of you track, click and hold down the left mouse button and draw the track. (You can also just move along the track clicking as you go to set down placemarks.)

When you've finished, close that name-and-address window, which will create the file.

There will be a new entry with that name in the "places" sidebar.

RIGHT click and select "Save Place As", give it a sensible name and place to save it, select KML, not kmz, as the file type and click "save".

Open Ozi and load a suitable map.

Click "File", "Load from File", and "Import Google Earth (kml) File". (If that option is not there in the list, your version of Ozi is too old - download and instal the latest version. In fact, before you start, check the version number by clicking "Help" "About")

You should now have your track in Ozi.

You can also set waypoints (placepoints as GE calls them) in the same way (very tedious) and save them as kml files. It's worth creating a folder in GE to hold these, then save the folder as a kml file - that way you import all of them into Ozi in a single operation

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## **2** Have Google Earth create directions from where you are to where you are going to and get the resultant track and waypoint data quickly into OziExplorer. Ideal for a long trip on the blacktop.

- 1 Create directions in Google Earth
- 2 Save > Save Places </Places/Default.aspx> as > Filename.kml
- 3 Open OziExplorer
- 4 Load > Import Google Earth (kml) file > Filename.kml

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