Shared Photo Streams HOWTO

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With Apple's free iCloud service, you can easily choose which of your photos and videos you want to share and who you want to share them with, using Shared Photo Streams.

Friends and family can subscribe to your shared streams to view them on all of their devices, leave comments, and get notified automatically when you add new photos or videos. You can even post photo album pages on the Internet for everyone to see. Best of all, there are essentially no limits to how many photos you can share, and Apple pays for all of it.

Here are a few additional bits of info about Shared Photo Streams:

- Photos and videos you store in Shared Photo Streams *do not* count against your iCloud storage limits.

- You can upload a maximum of 1,000 photos or videos *per hour* in Shared Photo Streams.

- You can share a maximum of 10,000 photos or videos *per day* in Shared Photo Streams.

- You can share a maximum of 100 Photo Streams.

- See full details on other restrictions and limits for Photo Streams at: **support.apple.com/kb/HT4858**

What you need:

To use iCloud Photo Sharing, you need an iCloud account (available free from Apple), compatible devices, and up-to-date software:

- iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch using iOS 7

- Mac using OS X v10.9 or later and either iPhoto 9.5 or Aperture 3.5

- Apple TV with Apple TV software 6.0

- PC using Windows 7 or later and the iCloud Control Panel 3.0 or later

- If you have selected the Public Website option when setting up your shared stream, your friends and family can view your photos and videos from any current web browser using a link that you provide.

- To set up a free iCloud account, see **http://www.apple.com/support/icloud/getstarted**

Getting started: On your Mac with iPhoto

1. Open System Preferences

2. Click iCloud

3. Select the checkbox for Photos, then click Options.

4. Select the checkbox for Photo Sharing

5. Next, open the Mac app you will use for Photo Sharing (either iPhoto or Aperture). Confirm that Shared Photo Streams is turned on in that application.

6. Check the iCloud tab in Preferences for your app to enable Shared Photo Streams.

Creating a Shared Photo Stream in iPhoto (similar steps also work for Aperture):

1. Select the photos or videos you want to share in iPhoto

2. Click the share button in the toolbar

3. Click iCloud in the Sharing selection pane

4. Click "New Photo Stream" to create a new Photo Stream for the selected photos, or click one of your existing Photo Streams to add the selected photos to that stream.

5. Invite people to subscribe by entering their email addresses, then name your new shared stream.

6. To let invitees add their own photos and videos to your shared stream, select Subscribers Can Post.

7. To let people view your shared stream on the web, select Public Website.

8. Click Share.

Getting started: On your iPad or iPhone with iOS 7

1. Tap Settings

2. Tap iCloud

3. Tap Photos, then turn on Photo Sharing

Creating a Shared Photo Stream in the Photos app with iOS 7

1. Tap Photos

2. Tap Shared at the bottom of the screen, tap Streams at the top of the screen, then tap New Shared Stream.

3. If you don't have any shared streams yet, tap Shared at the bottom of the screen, then tap Create New Stream.

4. Invite people to subscribe by entering their email addresses or clicking Add (+) to select from your contacts, then tap Create.

5. To let people view your shared stream on the web, tap the stream in the Shared Streams list, tap People, then turn on Public Website. You can share the link for the public website by tapping "Share Link" and then choosing how you want to send your link.

For more information:

Shared Photo Streams: **http://help.apple.com/icloud** — Then choose Photos ➜ iCloud Photo Sharing

Download iPhoto '11 for OS X: Open the Mac App Store or visit **apple.com/mac/iphoto**

Download iPhoto for iOS 7: Tap App Store, then use Search to download and install iPhoto

To set up iCloud on Mac, iOS or a Windows PC: **apple.com/icloud/setup/ios.html**

All about Shared Photo Streams: **support.apple.com/kb/HT4858**

Shared Photo Streams FAQ: **support.apple.com/kb/HT5903**