

Support documentation for Google Earth

Google Earth is a free piece of software designed to help view a photo-map of the world. This map has been enhanced with placemarks, showing all of the University of Manchester's Campus Map and Accommodation Map, as well as many other places of interest around the city.

Basic functions

Having installed Google Earth, download and open the .kmz file from the university website. Google Earth will automatically open and display a number of places on the University Campus. To display more detail, simply click on any placemark.

Only a limited number of placemarks are shown when the University map is loaded; this is to ensure information is clear and uncluttered. To show more placemarks, select them in the box on the bottom-left (this should be listed under 'Temporary Places'). To filter results out again, simply uncheck the corresponding box.

Most placemarks hold some information about the place they mark – this can be accessed by clicking on any placemark, and the information pops up in a box. Some placemarks contain web-links.

Creating Directions

To draw directions from one point to another, click on the placemark you are travelling from. The box containing information about this place will appear. To the bottom of the box, click the 'From here' button. Similarly, click on the place you are going to and select 'To here.' A line will be drawn between the two places, and the top-left box will display text directions (as well as those on the map).

It is also possible to put other data into Google Earth; the 'Search' box will accept anything from street names, postcodes and co-ordinates to names of businesses and roads.