

# Transfer of custom subdirectories and external maps

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Previously, Locus Map could work with data (maps, SRTM data, geotagged photos...) placed in subdirectories all over the device storage. This is no longer possible due to the [recent changes in the Android file system](#) - the **custom data have to be transferred to the app private folder**.

## Vector maps and SRTM data

If you had this data stored in custom sub-directories, Locus Map detects them and offers to **merge them into the main app directory** during the app data transfer:



After the app data transfer, you can **place the sub-directories to the private directory on the removable SD card** if you need to save the internal storage space. **Newly you can place there also the /Maps/ and /MapsOnline/ sub-directories:**

- open *Settings > Miscellaneous > Default directories > Set custom sub-directories*
- set the desired subdirectory to the **SD card**: 
- the sub-directory is transferred including its content

### What if I refuse?

You lose access to the data via Locus. The data will remain in the device storage though.

## Backup sub-directory

The only sub-directory that can be placed anywhere relatively without restrictions:



## External maps

Linking of the maps from external directories is also no longer supported. **The external maps can be used only within the default /Locus/Maps/ directory or in /Android/Media/menion.locus.android.pro/Maps/ or /MapsVector/ directories.** Both directories are available in the internal and external storages.

Unfortunately, it is not technically possible to include external maps into the automatic transfer of the app data. **You have to move the maps to the available directories manually via the system**

## file manager.

Then **restart Locus Map** - the maps in the new directories will be automatically added to the map manager.



Surprisingly, some system file managers do not have access to the */Android/data/* directory. In such a case, please move your map files to */Android/Media/menion.locus.android.pro/Maps/* or */MapsVector/* directories. These directories remain accessible also for other apps like c:geo etc.

## Import of maps

This is another way how to get your own raster map files into the default */Locus/Maps/* directory:

- open the **Import** from Locus menu
- find the map file in the device storage and tap it
- the map file is added to the **default /Locus/Maps/ directory**

## Custom folders with geo-tagged photos

Locus Map on Android 11+ can access only the **default system media folder** (usually */storage/emulated/0/DCIM/*)

If you want to display photos from custom directories on the map, you have to **move/copy them to this default media folder** via a system file manager.

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