PRODUCT UPDATE

# Q4 2026 SMARTWATCH AND CYCLING COMPUTER FEATURE UPDATE



In an ongoing effort to improve our products and provide enhanced features to existing users, we are excited to announce our next feature update for smartwatches and cycling computers. The update provides improved functionality and new features for a variety of our fitness and outdoor products.

The free software updates have begun rolling out and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. Customers can update their smartwatch or cycling computer by enabling automatic updates from their devices.

Please see the below for a few featured highlights found in this update as well as a detailed reference table at the end of the document.

## NEW FEATURES

Notable features in this software release include:

### DOG PROFILES AND ACTIVITY TYPES

Track your dog's activity by adding their profile in the Garmin Connect™ app and tagging them to your activities. Dog-specific activity types available on compatible devices, such as Dog Walk, can automatically tag your dog for easy tracking.



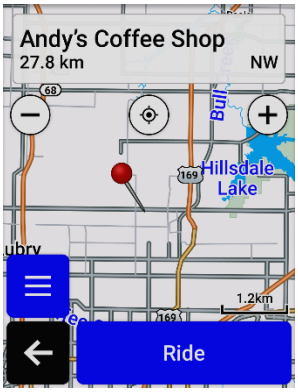

### REDESIGNED WALK AND RUN MAPS

The map for walk and run activities now emphasises trails and paths with a cleaner, more readable design.



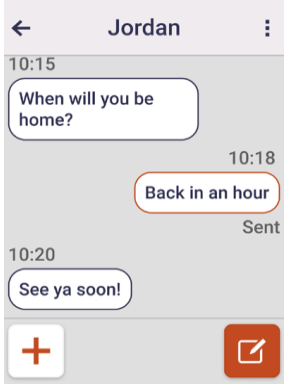

### PIN DROP NAVIGATION

Send a pin or POI from Google Maps™ on your Android™ smartphone to your device and receive a bike-specific route. This feature is currently offered for Apple® Maps on iOS smartphones as well.




### GARMIN MESSENGER™ APP

With your connected smartphone, send text messages from the Garmin Messenger app on your device to other compatible Garmin devices — or to friends and family using the Garmin Messenger app on their smartphones.





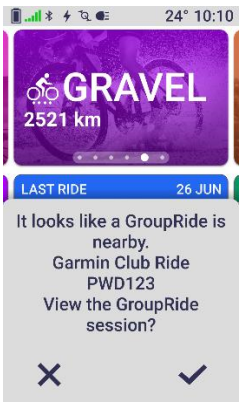

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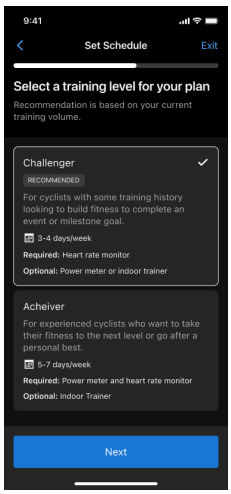
## GROUPRIDE ENHANCEMENTS

Join a nearby GroupRide session for live location sharing, in-ride group messaging, climb competitions and more[1]. See new postride awards[1], including “super sprinter,” “rough rider” and other titles (Edge 1060 only).




## NEW GARMIN CYCLING COACH OPTIONS

For entry-level and recreational cyclists, the challenger plan adds new beginner-friendly, heart rate-based workouts to existing Garmin Cycling Coach options.




## COMPARISON

| | GARMIN CONNECT DOG PROFILES AND ACTIVITY TYPES | NEW MAP DESIGN FOR WALK AND RUN | RECOVERY MODE | GARMIN MESSENGER APP | GROUPRIDE ENHANCEMENTS | PIN DROP NAVIGATION - GOOGLE MAPS | NEW GARMIN CYCLING COACH OPTIONS | DATA FIELD ALTERNATES | GARMIN LOCATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Venu® X1 | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | | ● |
| Venu 4 | ● | | ● | ● | | | ● | | ● |
| D2™ AIR X15 | ● | | ● | ● | | | ● | | ● |
| vivoactive® 6 | ● | | ● | ● | | | | | ● |
| Forerunner® 70 | ● | | ● | ● | | | | | ● |
| Forerunner 170/570 | ● | | ● | ● | | | ● | | ● |
| Forerunner 970 | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | ● |
| fēnix® E/8/9/Pro, Enduro™ 3/4, tactix® 8, quatix® 8/Pro, D2™ Mach 2/Pro, MARQ Gen 3 | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | | ● |
| Instinct® 3/Crossover AMOLED/E | ● | | ● | ● | | | | | |
| Edge® 540/840/1040 | | | | | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Edge MTB/550/850/1050 | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| Edge® 1060 | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |

### KEY

- ● New feature with the November 2026 software release
- ● Product already has this feature

[1]When used with your compatible smartphone and the Garmin Connect™ app

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