Google Maps Team Trekking the Rugged Grand Canyon for Pictures

Google [1] is currently taking pictures for Google Maps [2] where no car or snowmobile has gone before — the rocky, rugged trekking paths of the Grand Canyon.

A Google team is on foot in to capture the landscape's panoramic views and eventually add them to Google Maps. The move is a part of a greater effort to capture images beyond the streets. Google recently added images of landscapes from the Amazon and Antarctica [3] to university campuses and ancient ruins.

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To capture the area, the team is using wearable backpacks with a camera system on top.

“The narrow ridges and steep, exposed trails of the Grand Canyon provide the perfect terrain for our newest camera system,” Google said on its official blog [5]. “The Trekker—which its operator controls via an Android phone and automatically gathers photos as he walks—enables the collection of high-quality imagery from places that are only accessible on foot.”

Photos are currently being captured from parts of the South Rim at Grand Canyon National Park, including the ridge, the famous Bright Angel Trail and South Kaibab Trail.

“These panoramic views will soon be live on Google Maps, giving everyone from real-life visitors to armchair travelers the opportunity to marvel at this beautiful, majestic site from the comfort of their computers or mobile devices,” Google added.

What hard-to-get-to region would you like to see pop up on Google Maps next?

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