



Apps For Wheelchair Accessibility

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With advancements in technology on the move and greater demand for disability-friendly mobile apps, developers are answering the call. Developers like Jason DaSilva and Matt McCann. DaSilva, developer of AXS Maps and McCann, developer of Access Earth both have disabilities that affect them physically. They both were extremely frustrated with the lack of wheelchair accessibility in their countries and decided to take action.

AXS Maps and Access Earth are mobile apps that allow the community to rate business establishments and public places based on how wheelchair friendly they are. It encompasses many areas including the parking area, front entrance, restroom, lighting, service animal friendliness, and others.

As a wheelchair user, myself, I find it frustrating when I go to a place for the first time and realize that it's not wheelchair accessible. I've tried both apps and they work pretty well with a simple user interface. AXS Maps has been around for a while now, so I give the slight edge over Access Earth. AXS Maps has an app that you can download from the Google Play (Android) store and iTunes (Apple) store. Access Earth is still in Beta



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(Testing) and is only accessible through their website at the moment. I saved the link to my home screen for easy access.

I hope these apps catch on and raise awareness about accessibility issues for everyone!

Access Earth: <http://access.earth/>

AXS Maps: <http://www.axsmap.com/>

AXS Maps [Android]: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.axslab.axsmap&hl=en>

AXS Maps [Apple]: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/axs-map-v2/id554015666?mt=8>



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