

How water gets from where you live to the ocean or a lake:

1. open Google Earth



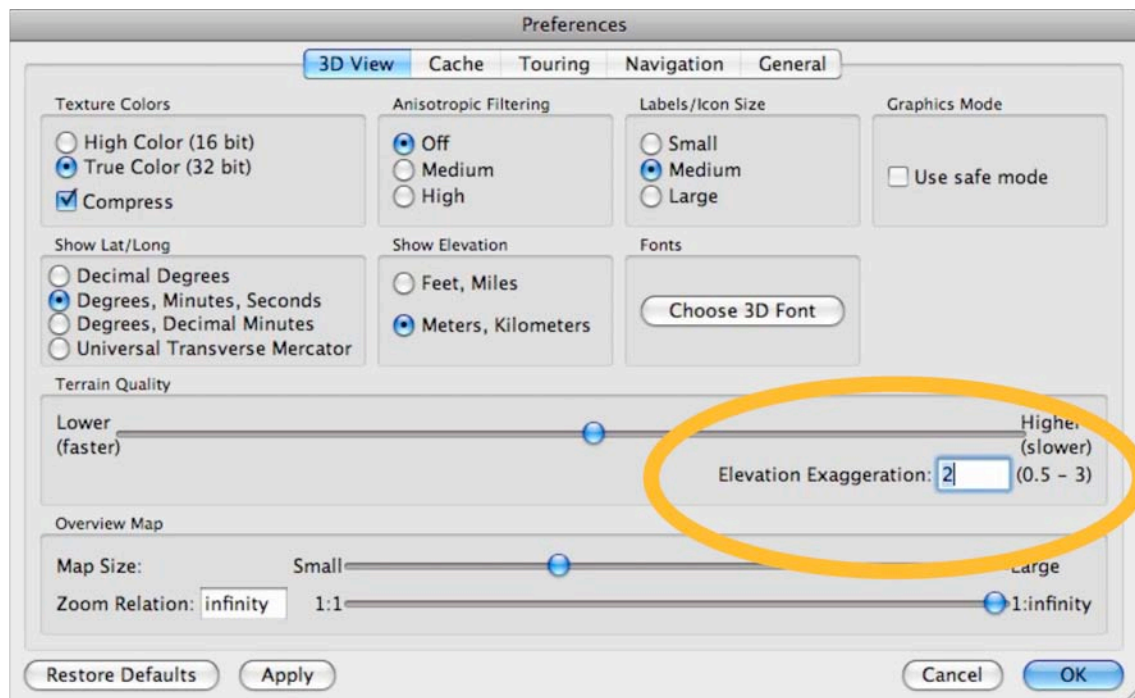
2. open the Preferences,

GOOGLE_EARTH > PREFERENCES (Mac)

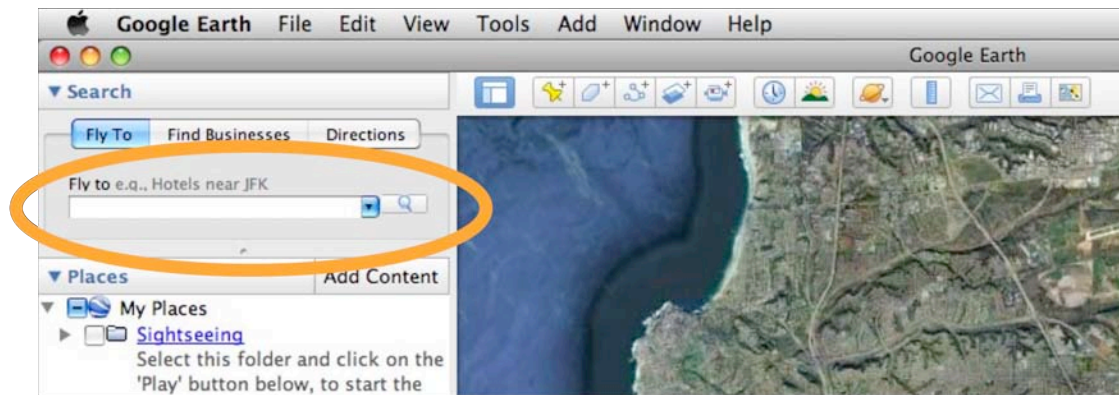


or on a Windows machine you can find the menu in TOOLS > OPTIONS

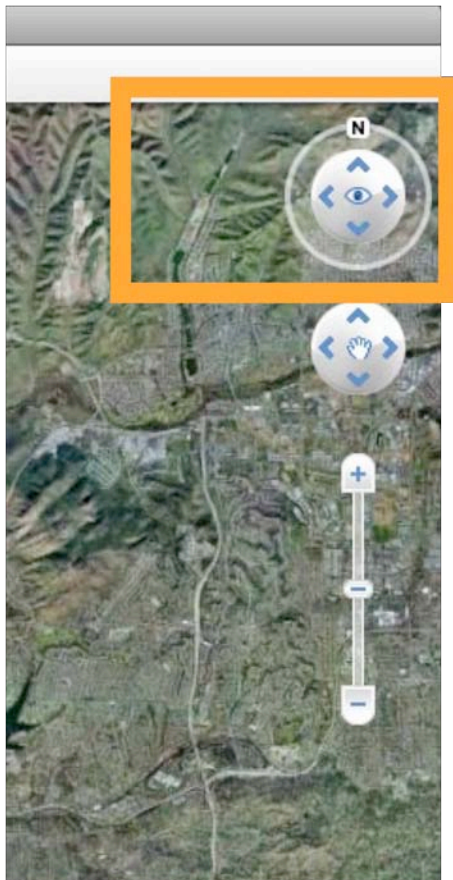
A. In the 3D VIEW page, set the Elevation Exaggeration to 2 or 3



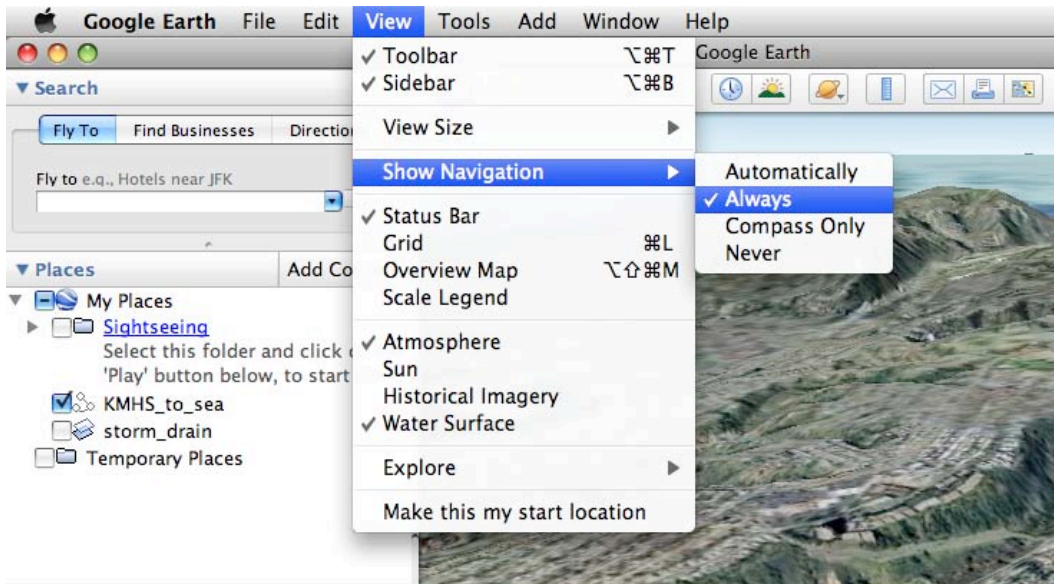
3. Find where you live. You can either look around for your neighborhood, or you can enter you address here:



4. By using the "tilt" function you can see terrain, and high and low spots. Click on the buttons and see what happens.

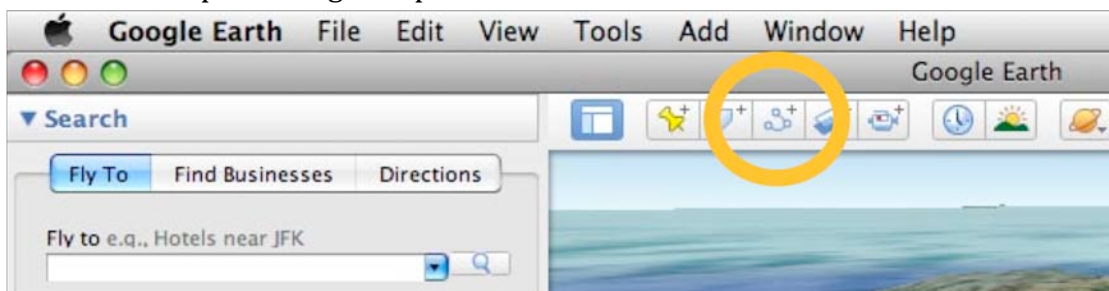


If you don't see the navigation panel, then turn it on with
VIEW > SHOW NAVIGATION > ALWAYS



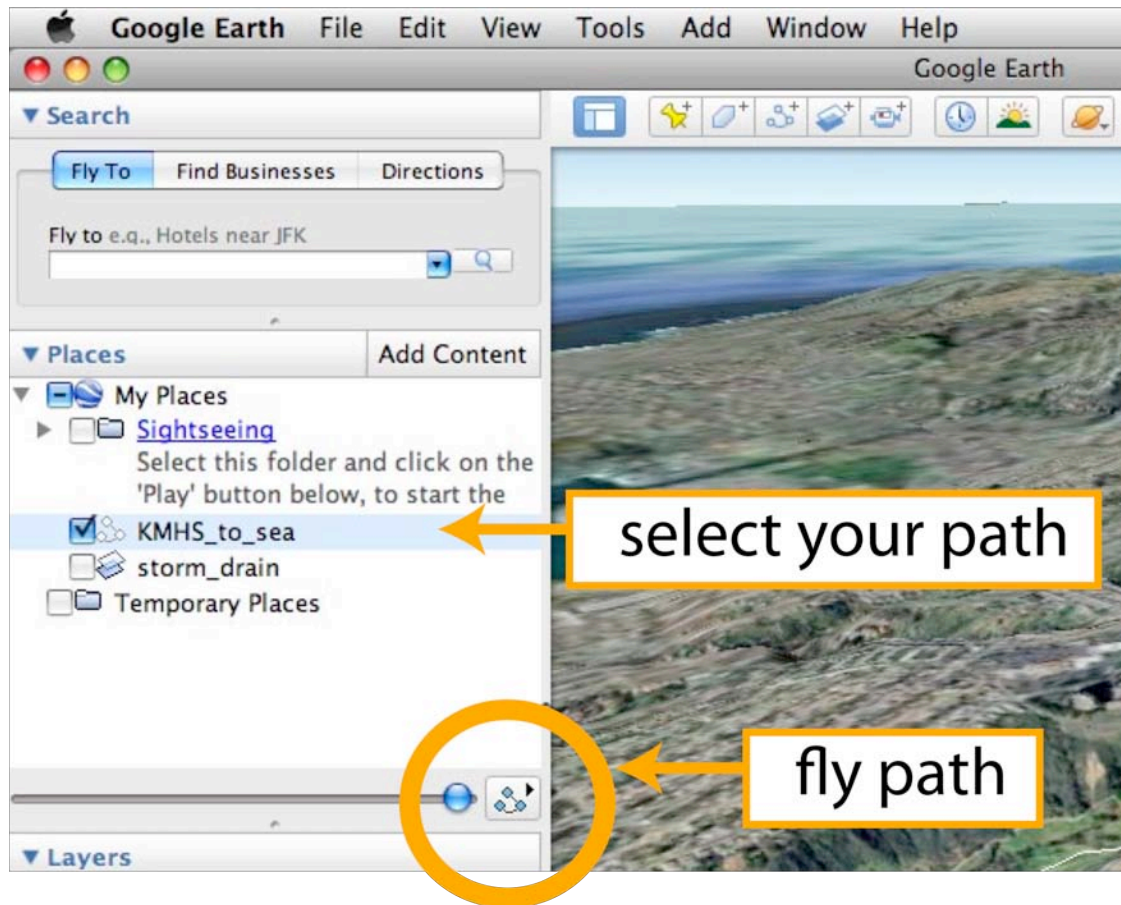
5. Storm water drains downhill. Explore the map, and find where storm water goes from where you live. It generally drains into the nearest canyon, stream, or low spot. You can figure out which direction is downhill by tilting the map and looking around, or by looking at the elevation underneath the cursor (elevation is displayed at the bottom of the window).

Create a path using the "path" tool:

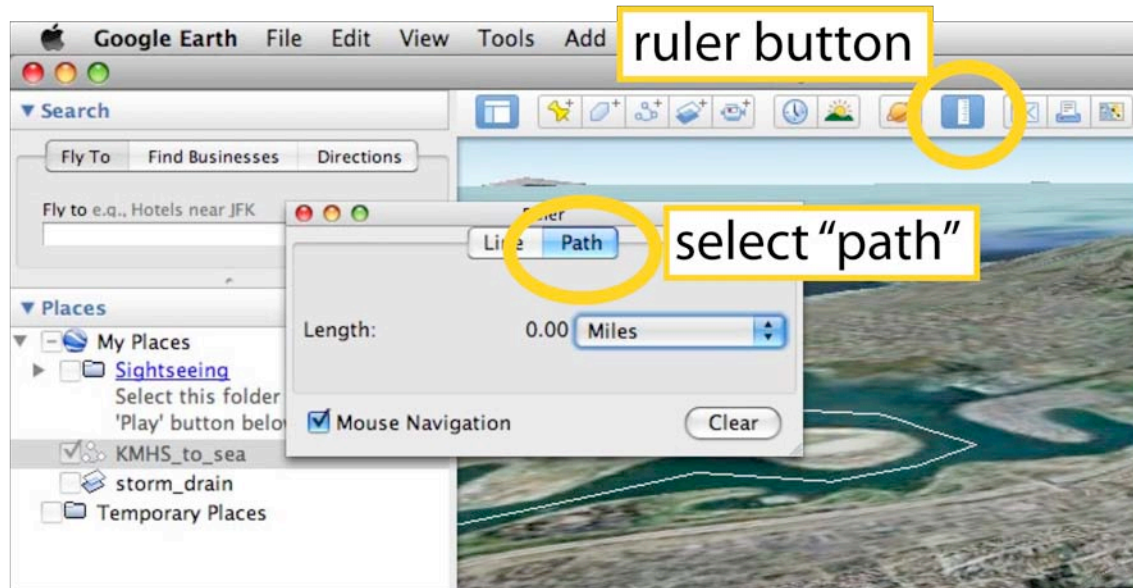


By clicking along the direction that the water flows, you can create a path from where you live to the ocean.

Once you are done creating your path, you can "fly" along the path by clicking the "play" button



6. First, get a good view by double clicking on your path in the "places" box on the left side of the screen (my path is called "KMHS_to_sea" in the picture below). To measure the distance water travels from where you live to the ocean (or a lake), use the "ruler" tool.



By clicking over the path you created with the "ruler" tool, you can measure how far the water travels.

If you have extra time, use Google Earth to explore a part of the world you've never seen, or a place you like to visit.