

Navigation

Screen gestures are a primary means of navigation in Wear OS apps. Users navigate by scrolling, swiping, and tapping the screen.

Swipe to close

Instead of back buttons, Wear OS devices use left-to-right swipe gestures to close the current view and go back to the previous view.

The left-to-right swipe is the primary way to close an app. Keep all navigation not intended to close the app to a vertical axis and avoid horizontal carousels when designing for Wear OS.

If your app requires a pannable view, like Google Maps, use an edge-drag threshold on the left screen edge to limit the gesture to swipes that start within the edge threshold.

Use [SwipeDismissFrameLayout](#) (/reference/androidx/wear/widget/SwipeDismissFrameLayout) to implement the swipe to close behavior.

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