

Can You See Mutual Friends on Snapchat? Here's How to Check

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In brief

Snapchat does not show you a list of mutual friends anywhere in the app. What it does show, in one specific spot, is a number of mutual friends - not their names. That spot is the Quick Add section. Everything else people mention (friendship pages, mutual friend tabs, hidden settings) either doesn't exist or doesn't do what they claim.

If you've come from Instagram or Facebook, it's natural to expect a "mutual friends" list on every profile. Snapchat doesn't work that way, and a lot of guides online either get this wrong or invent features that don't actually exist. Here's what's really going on, based on how the app is actually built.

Why Snapchat handles this differently

Facebook and Instagram were built around public-ish social graphs, where seeing who knows whom is part of the point. Snapchat was built the opposite way: fewer public lists, more private, one-to-one interaction. Snap has said its friend suggestions are based on who you're already connected to, but the company deliberately stops short of showing that connection data to users directly. It's a privacy decision, not a technical limitation.

Where mutual friends actually show up: Quick Add

This is the one legitimate place you'll see anything mutual-friends related.

1. Open Snapchat and tap your Bitmoji or profile icon in the top-left corner.
2. Go to the Friends section and tap Add Friends.
3. Look under the Quick Add list.

Next to some names, you'll see a tag like "3 Mutual Friends" or "10+ Mutual Friends." That's it, a number, not a list of who those people actually are. Tapping the person's name or Bitmoji won't reveal it either. A few conditions have to be met for this to work at all:

- The other person needs to have "Show Me in Quick Add" turned on in their settings.
- You need to already share enough of a connection (contacts, mutual friends, or subscriptions) for Snapchat's algorithm to suggest them.
- If you've already added someone directly, they won't appear in Quick Add at all, since the suggestion is only for people you haven't added yet.

Two friend emojis people mistake for a "mutual friends" feature

Snapchat assigns emojis next to friends' names based on snap activity, and two of them involve a shared connection. According to Snapchat's own support page:

- ? Sunglasses face, one of your best friends is also one of this person's best friends.
- ? Grimacing face, your #1 best friend and their #1 best friend are the same person.

These are useful hints, but they're narrow. They only tell you about your top best friends, not your whole friend list, and they only appear if the snap activity lines up in a specific way. Don't mistake this for a general mutual-friends feature , it isn't one.

Things that don't actually show mutual friends

A few claims show up repeatedly across Snapchat guides, and it's worth being clear that none of them are accurate:

- The "View Friendship" page , this shows your Snap score, streak length, friendship emoji, and how long you've been friends. It does not list shared friends.
- A dedicated "Mutual Friends" tab under Friends or Discover , this doesn't exist in the app.
- The "Added by" tag you sometimes see under a name (Quick Add, Contacts, Username Search) , this tells you how someone found you, not who your mutual friends are.

If you're not seeing any mutual friend count

There's usually a simple explanation:

- The other person has Quick Add visibility turned off, so they won't appear as a suggestion at all.
- You've already added each other, so there's no suggestion to show a count on.
- You genuinely don't share any friends on the platform yet.

Manual ways to spot shared connections

If you want more than a number, there's no shortcut , but a few honest methods work reasonably well:

- Group chats often reveal who knows whom without anyone having to ask directly.
- Story viewers , if the same people consistently show up watching both your story and someone else's, that's a decent hint of overlap.
- Just ask. A simple "do we have any mutual friends on here?" works better than any workaround.
- Cross-check other platforms if you're both on Instagram or Facebook too, since those do show full mutual friend lists.

Be cautious with "mutual friend finder" apps

Search around and you'll find third-party apps and browser tools claiming to reveal Snapchat's hidden mutual friends. Treat these skeptically. Snapchat doesn't offer an API for this kind of data to outside apps, which means any tool making that claim is either not doing what it says, violating Snapchat's terms of service, or angling for your login credentials. None of that is worth the risk for a feature this minor.

If you'd rather not appear in other people's Quick Add

This works both ways. If you don't want your account showing up as a mutual-friend suggestion to strangers, go to Settings and turn off "Show Me in Quick Add." You'll still be able to add friends manually by username or Snapcode , you just won't be surfaced as a suggestion based on shared connections.

The bottom line

Snapchat isn't hiding a mutual friends feature behind a confusing menu , it simply doesn't have one in the way Facebook or Instagram do. The closest you'll get is a mutual friend count under Quick Add, plus two friend emojis that hint at shared best friends. Everything beyond that is either a misconception or a third-party risk not worth taking.