

Getting Started

This is where you can find structured guides on how to start on Meshcore

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Welcome

to the Meshcore Ottawa Wiki

This Bookstack wiki is a more accessible way to contribute to the official wiki

The Ottawa Mesh already has websites curated for you to get quick help with your Meshcore project in Ottawa, and they are made to be editable in , but we ended up having **very few editors** .

The Bookstack is a minimalist approach, easy to register, and easy to edit. The hope is that you will add your repeater setup and create useful tutorials here.

As a starting point, click on [Shelves](#) to explore the Bookstack wiki

If you are new in Meshcore Ottawa,

Start with our main sites

- <https://ottawamesh.ca/>
- <https://meshcore.ca/>
- <https://yow.meshmapper.net>
- <https://discord.gg/WSyNd8SfNr>

You are wondering if Meshcore or Meshtastic is better in Ottawa?

Meshtastic was here first, but Meshcore replaced it progressively in Ottawa. The Meshcore infrastructure is now so widespread, that Meshtastic feels quite dead here now. You can try both, but the result should speak for itself, Meshcore is very active and now reaching Montréal from Ottawa.

You want to try Meshcore but don't know where to start?

Start with a companion

<https://meshcore.ca/start/companion/>

Companion choice

We also have recommended companions:

<https://meshcore.ca/hardware/recommended-companions/>

Companion configuration

Here is a link to the guide

<https://meshcore.ca/meshcore/flash-companion/>

Make sure your companion is set to Canada preset and 3 Byte path.

Antenna choice

Your companion probably comes with a small stubby antenna, if you want an upgrade you may be tempted to buy one on Amazon without testing it, and it may give you a worse result. We have tested a few antennas for you that will actually do what they claim to do and give you better signal

<https://meshcore.ca/hardware/recommended-antenna/>

Testing your companion

Here is a checklist to help you test it

<https://meshcore.ca/start/verify/#companion>

If you want to see a live map of our mesh in Ottawa:

<https://yow.meshmapper.net>

If you want to watch the messages spread through the mesh, and troubleshoot your connection:

<https://analyzer.meshmapper.net/?iata=YOW>

Get some assistance and chat with us

If you need assistance or you want to see what projects we are working on, join our Discord server:

<https://discord.gg/WSyNd8SfNr>