

Siri Shortcuts

First, there's a difference between Siri Shortcuts and the Shortcuts app. In my opinion the Shortcut app is complex and more than I need in my day to day iOS use. So this will focus on the much simpler Siri Shortcuts.

A Siri shortcut is a voice command that triggers an action. Let me demonstrate a Siri shortcut I made some time ago.

I try to walk every day and like to track it on Map my Walk so I can get miles, pace and time logged somewhere. So I created a Siri shortcut that activates when I say "Begin Walk". When I give this verbal command Siri opens Map my Walk and then I just press 'begin' and my walk is being logged.

This is how it works. Say Begin Walk and then press start workout.

iOS actually keeps a log of Siri Shortcuts that your phone suggests to you. Let me show you, I'll open Pandora and then find a play list, then select it.

Now go to 'Siri & Search' in the Settings app and scroll down to Pandora, now click the Shortcuts tab and it will show you recent shortcuts from actions you've done. You can create a short cut from this list by tapping on it and then speaking a shortcut name that Siri will use to trigger the actions recorded.