iPadOS Touch Shortcuts for Keyboard-Free Users

Control Center & Settings

Quick Settings Access

- · Swipe down from the top-right corner to open Control Center
- Long press on Control Center modules for additional options
- Swipe up from the bottom edge to go home (or press home button on older models)
- · Swipe up and hold to access App Switcher

Notifications & Search

- Swipe down from the top-left corner or middle of screen to open Notification Center
- · Swipe down on the Home Screen to access Spotlight Search
- · Long press on notifications for quick actions

App Navigation & Multitasking

App Switching

- Swipe up from the bottom and pause to see all open apps
- Swipe left or right along the bottom edge to switch between recent apps
- Four-finger swipe left or right to switch between apps
- · Four-finger pinch to go to Home Screen

Split View & Slide Over

- Drag an app from the Dock to the left or right edge for Split View
- Drag an app from the Dock to the center for Slide Over
- Swipe left or right on the Slide Over handle to switch between Slide Over apps
- Pull down on the top of a Split View app to access more multitasking options

Text & Editing

Text Selection & Editing

- Double-tap a word to select it
- Triple-tap to select a paragraph
- · Long press and drag to select custom text ranges
- · Three-finger pinch to copy selected text
- Three-finger spread to paste
- Three-finger swipe left to undo
- · Three-finger swipe right to redo

Double-tap with three fingers to show undo/redo menu

Cursor Control

- · Long press on text to place cursor precisely
- Use the trackpad mode by pressing and holding on the keyboard (when on-screen keyboard is visible)

Screenshots & Recording

Capturing Content

- Press volume up + top button simultaneously for screenshot
- Use AssistiveTouch screenshot option from Accessibility settings
- · Long press screenshot thumbnail for markup options
- Access Screen Recording from Control Center

Safari & Web Browsing

Web Navigation

- Long press the back button to see page history
- · Pull down on a webpage to refresh
- Long press on links for preview and options
- Pinch to zoom in/out on web pages
- · Two-finger tap to zoom fit to screen
- Long press on images to save or share

Files & Documents

File Management

- · Long press on files or folders for context menu
- Two-finger tap for right-click context menu in supported apps
- · Drag and drop files between apps in Split View
- · Long press app icons in Dock while dragging files to open apps

Camera & Photos

Photo & Video Shortcuts

- Swipe left on lock screen to quickly access camera
- Long press camera app icon for quick camera modes
- · Volume buttons can be used as shutter release
- · Swipe up or down while in camera to change camera modes
- Pinch to zoom while recording video or taking photos

Long press on photos in the Photos app for quick actions

Additional Productivity Shortcuts

Quick Actions

- Long press app icons on Home Screen for quick actions menu
- Force touch (3D Touch) on supported models for app shortcuts
- Swipe down on any Home Screen page to search for apps and content
- Use Siri by long pressing the side button or saying "Hey Siri"

Apple Pencil Integration (if available)

- Double-tap Apple Pencil to switch tools in supported apps
- Touch Apple Pencil to screen from lock screen to quick start Notes
- · Use Apple Pencil to write in any text field for Scribble feature

Accessibility Touch Shortcuts

AssistiveTouch Menu

- Enable in Settings > Accessibility > Touch > AssistiveTouch
- · Customize gestures for single, double, and long press actions
- Create custom gesture recordings for complex actions
- Access device controls, gestures, and shortcuts through floating button