

FamilyTreeDNA Tree Integration with MyHeritage

Syllabus

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FamilyTreeDNA customers need to consider several factors when deciding whether to transfer their tree from FamilyTreeDNA or link to an existing MyHeritage tree. I've created a decision-making aid in the form of a chart.

Action	New MyHeritage Account Created Through FTDNA	Existing MH Account with or without tree – no subscription	Existing MH Account – with subscription	Retains Linked Matches	Data to FTDNA
Transfer tree of less than 250 people to...	No cost ever if remains under 250	No cost ever if remains under 250	Tree of any size and additions covered under subscription	Yes	Yes, if link to this tree
Transfer tree of greater than 250 to...	Can transfer regardless of size, 90-day gift of adding unlimited people	Can transfer regardless of size, 90-day gift of adding new people	Tree of any size and additions covered under subscription	Yes	Yes, if link to this tree
Link to existing MyHeritage tree	N/A	No 90-day gift of adding new people	Tree of any size and additions covered under subscription	No, must relink	No
Start New Tree	New account must be through FamilyTreeDNA, 90-day gift of adding unlimited people	N/A	N/A	No, must relink	Yes, link to tree, and select consent
MH Tree Expansion Capability	After 90 days will need subscription to add more than 250 people	After 90 days will need subscription to add more than 250 people	Subscription covers unlimited expansion	N/A	N/A

In bulleted form:

If you transfer an existing tree and link to that tree at MyHeritage:

- Your linked matches at FamilyTreeDNA remain linked. You need to confirm each one, but you're prompted and it's easy.
- To link new matches at FamilyTreeDNA, you'll need to add them to your transferred tree at MyHeritage if they don't already exist.
- Unlimited expansion of tree for 90 days if you don't have a MyHeritage subscription. If you have a subscription already, there are no tree size restrictions.
- Tree data is sent periodically to FamilyTreeDNA for research purposes to improve their features such as MyOrigins and relationship calculations. You can opt-out if you wish.

If you link to an existing MyHeritage tree:

- You need to select home person.
- You need to relink your matches at FamilyTreeDNA.
- To link new matches at FamilyTreeDNA, you'll need to add them to the MyHeritage tree if they don't already exist.
- You need a subscription if your tree is more than 250 people. If you have a subscription, there are no tree size restrictions.
- No tree data is sent to FamilyTreeDNA and, unfortunately, you cannot opt-in.

If you don't have a tree at either vendor and create a new tree at MyHeritage:

- You need to create a free account and tree through FamilyTreeDNA to receive the free 90-day ability to build a tree of unlimited size.
- Unlimited expansion of tree for 90 days. After that time, you will need a subscription to continue to add to your tree. There is no tree size restriction with a MyHeritage subscription.
- You need to link yourself to the home person in this tree.
- You can and should link your matches to their profile card in this tree.
- To link matches at FamilyTreeDNA, you'll need to add that person to your tree at MyHeritage.
- If you opt-in, tree data is sent periodically to FamilyTreeDNA for research purposes to improve their features such as MyOrigins and relationship calculations.

Additional Resources

1. My blog article, [FamilyTreeDNA Tree Integration with MyHeritage – Step by Step Instructions](#).
2. FamilyTreeDNA wrote an [article about the new features, here](#).
3. FamilyTreeDNA [provides a FAQ here](#), including information for Group Projects and Group Administrators.
4. MyHeritage wrote an [article, here](#).