How to Add the Back Button to a WordPress Menu

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To place a back button inside your navigation menu, use the Menu Options section in Back Button Anywhere Widget for WordPress. This is a Pro feature: it appends the button as the last item of any menu location or menu you choose, so visitors get a "Back" control right in the navigation.



Before you start

- Back Button Anywhere Widget for WordPress Pro, activated.
- At least one menu created at **Appearance > Menus**, or a theme that registers menu locations.

Step-by-step setup

1. Go to **WPFactory > Back Button** and find the **Menu Options** section.
2. Set **Enable section** to **Yes**.

3. Choose where the button goes, using either field (or both):
    - **Menu location(s):** theme-registered locations such as Primary or Footer.
    - **Menu(s):** specific menus you built. Hold `Ctrl` to select more than one.
4. Optionally set the **Button** markup and the **Item template** (see below).
5. Save changes and view your site. The button appears as the last item in each selected menu.

Options reference

Label	Option ID	Default	Free/Pro
Enable section	`menu_enabled`	No	Pro
Menu location(s)	`menu_theme_locations`	None	Pro
Menu(s)	`menu_ids`	None	Pro
Button	`menu_button`	`[alg_back_button label="Back" type="simple"]`	Pro
Item template	`menu_item_template`	`<li>%button%</li>`	Pro
Replace URL	`menu_replace_url_enabled`	No	Pro

Button and item template

The **Button** field holds the shortcode that produces the menu button. Leave it empty to use the default, `[alg_back_button label="Back" type="simple"]`, or change the label, add an icon, or swap the type. The **Item template** wraps that button in the list markup: `%button%` is replaced by the rendered button. The default wraps it in an `<li>` so it sits correctly among your menu items.

Second method: the Replace URL token

If you would rather add the button by hand as a menu item, use the **Replace URL** method:

1. In Menu Options, set **Enable section** to **Yes** and **Replace URL** to **Yes**.
2. Go to **Appearance > Menus** and add a **Custom Link**.

3. Set its URL to `[ALG_BACK_BUTTON]` and give it any link text.
4. Save. The plugin replaces that token with `javascript:history.back()` so the item acts as a back button.

> **Note:** Replace URL only runs when **Enable section** is set to **Yes**. If you use the Custom Link token, keep the section enabled even though you are not selecting a menu location.

Troubleshooting

- **No button in the menu:** confirm Enable section is Yes and that you selected the correct menu location or menu.
- **Custom Link shows literal text:** Replace URL must be Yes and the section enabled; the URL must be exactly `[ALG_BACK_BUTTON]`.
- **Button in the wrong spot:** it is always added as the last item; reorder your other menu items around it.



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