How to Hide or Show the Back Button by Page or URL

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To control where the back button appears, use the conditional options in Back Button Anywhere Widget for WordPress. These are Pro features: you can keep the button off your homepage, hide it when a specific URL parameter is present, or show it only when a parameter is present.

Before you start

- Back Button Anywhere Widget for WordPress Pro, activated. On the free version these fields are visible but disabled, and the rules do not run.

Hide on the front page

In the **Back Button** widget (Appearance > Widgets), set **Hide on front page** to **Yes**. The button then renders on every page except your site's front page.

Hide when a URL parameter is present

Use **Hide on URL param** and its value field to hide the button on URLs that carry a specific query parameter. For example, to hide the button whenever the URL contains `?noback=1`:

- **Hide on URL param:** `noback`
- **Param value:** `1`

Any page requested with `?noback=1` then hides the button.

Show only when a URL parameter is present

The shortcode also supports the reverse: `show_on_url_param` and `show_on_url_param_value`. With these set, the button is hidden everywhere *except* URLs that carry the matching parameter and value. This is useful when you only want a back button on pages reached from a particular flow.

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[alg_back_button show_on_url_param="from" show_on_url_param_value="results"]
```

Here the button appears only when the URL includes `?from=results`.

Options and attributes reference

Widget field / attribute	Key	Effect
Hide on front page	`hide_on_front_page`	Hides the button on the site front page.
Hide on URL param	`hide_on_url_param`	Query parameter name that triggers hiding.
Param value	`hide_on_url_param_value`	Value the parameter must equal to hide.
Show on URL param (shortcode)	`show_on_url_param`	Show the button only when this parameter is present.
Show on URL param value (shortcode)	`show_on_url_param_value`	Value that parameter must equal to show.

> **Note:** Hide on front page and Hide on URL param are available as widget fields. Show on URL param is available as a shortcode attribute. All of them only take effect on the Pro version.

Troubleshooting

- **Rules have no effect:** confirm you are on the Pro version. The fields are disabled on free.
- **Button never shows with show_on_url_param:** that is expected until the matching parameter and value are in the URL.



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