

Getting the Most Out of Your AncestryDNA Results

- Results include:**
1. Ethnicity Map
 2. Matches
 - Notes, Starred Matches, amount of shared DNA, ethnicity
 - Shared Ancestor Hints (even with private trees)
 - Shared Surnames, pedigree (only for public trees)
 - Shared Matches (even with private or no tree)
 - Map and Locations (only for public trees)
 - Surname and location searches (even with private trees)
 3. DNA Circles - act as a net to catch relatives who don't match (your tree must be public to get circles)
 4. New Ancestor Discoveries (NADs) - just clues but often unreliable (even if your tree is private)

You cannot see trees or circles unless you have a subscription (Ancestry Insights)

Tips

- Are you sure they have no tree? Check blue box message on match page
- Look at their profile page for:
 - List of their public trees
 - Other DNA tests your match has
 - Other DNA tests YOU have that match this person
 - Message board posts
 - GEDMATCH kit numbers sometimes!
- Look for shared matches to known relatives
- Google their profile name and "genealogy"
- Surname search works even for locked trees!
- Build out someone's meager tree yourself
- Messaging matches can be spotty - Green SEND MESSAGE on match page versus tan "CONTACT name" on profile page
- Transfers of Raw DNA: FTDNA, GEDMATCH, Promethease.com, DNA.land
- Sharing test results and having them shared with you
- Snavelly Chrome Plug-in
- DNAgedcom client: Ancestry download, Match-O-Matic (shared test results)

Read more on Blaine Bettinger's Blog:

<http://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/03/11/are-you-doing-everything-to-identify-your-matches/>