Metro Publisher ROUNDUPS

are great



Metro Publisher Roundups are great! That's really the takeaway here, we highly recommend using them more. They're super popular with readers and this type of content has a crack-like aspect for search engines!

Location Roundups are

- easy to create
- crawler crack
- popular topics
- user-friendly
- ☐ incoming organic traffic





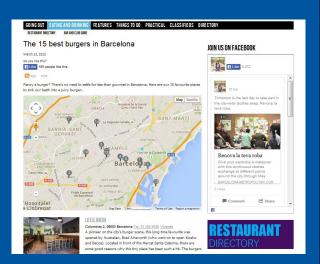
The first reason they're great is that they're easy to make. If you have your locations entered you type your title, description, and text and select your locations, done. We'll give a demo of that in a bit.

Popular Searches?

- places to go with kids san diego
- □ child-friendly restaurants boston
- road trip attractions usa
- best pastry shop vienna
- dog-friendly bed & breakfast
- star ratings for campsites germany
 - used book shops in neighborhood
 - bilingual nurseries in berlin and brandenburg

The second reason is that they cater to what people want to know, and therefore to what they search for. People type in things like best restaurants london, or...



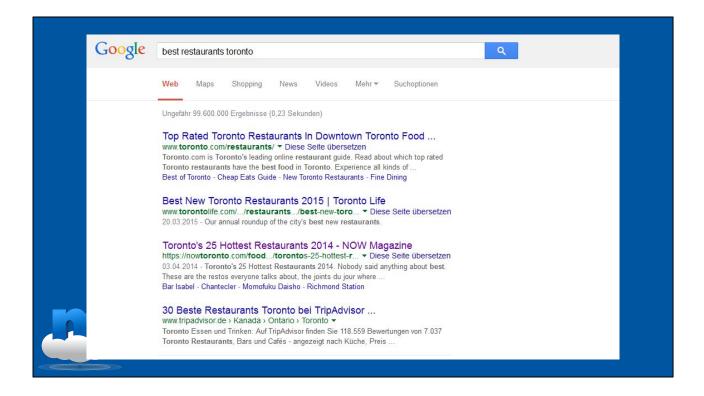


Best Burgers Barcelona

The third reason is that with searches like these, you're getting the desired organic traffic which ups your page ranks. Here are two examples from our clients.

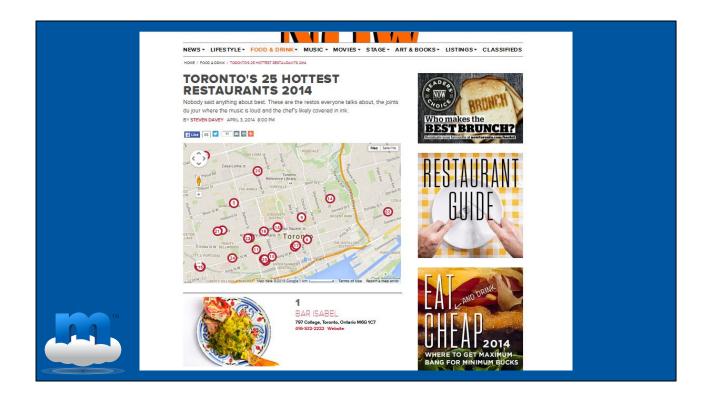
Roundups work so well for traffic because with Metro Publisher the strings and numbers on your location list are clearly marked for the search engines, so they don't have to read out from the content what those letters and numbers are for.

It says phone number next to the phone number and the search engine recognizes that and can crawl the content more efficiently. You get appreciation points so to speak, with this intelligent presentation of content.



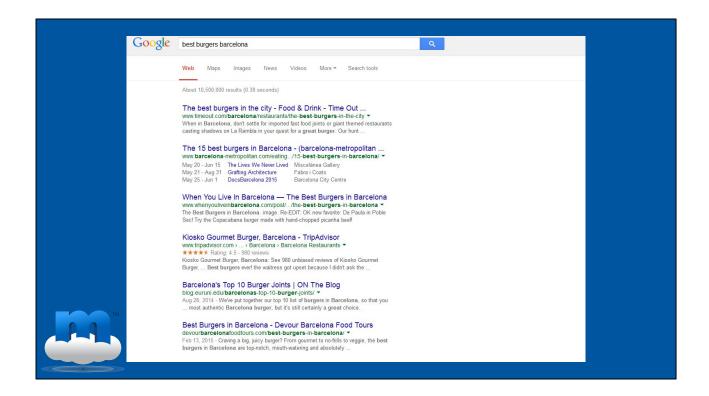
If I search for 'best restaurants toronto', which is what people do, NOW Toronto's 'Hottest Restaurants' roundup is in the top Google results.

What's noteworthy here is that all the other hits are for 'best restaurants' and not 'hottest restaurants'. So even though they are better title matches for my search terms, the Metro Publisher roundup, with attention to the details by NOW editors, is in the top results.



https://nowtoronto.com/food-and-drink/torontos-25-hottest-restaurants-2014/

Here is how this renders in Metro Publisher - you can choose to exclude the map.



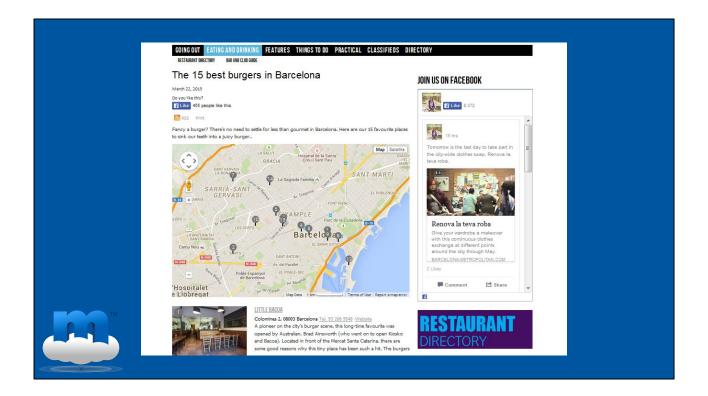
Barcelona Metropolitan Best Burgers

This one is also on the first page of Google search results, the 3rd one when I did my search a few days ago on a different machine, yesterday it was 2cnd.

http://www.barcelona-metropolitan.com/eating-and-drinking/15-best-burgers-in-barcelona/

Keep in mind that in this case I'm searching from Germany, using Google Germany - location does affect results. People also have things like safe search enabled that can affect results as well.

So when you're checking your roundups in search engines, know that other people will be seeing slightly different results.



Another reason is that if you create some clever roundups of places people in your area would be interested in, you might just capture their interest in the rest of your magazine, even if it's not directly related and at the very least you're generating traffic.

Something like dog-friendly places to go that offer family events, like a zoo that allows dogs, parks, campsites, beaches, botanical gardens, child-friendly cafes that allow dogs, all that might be a variation on your usual parenting magazine themes and would reach additional readers.

None of this has to be on your homepage by the way, if you get readers coming in the side door on your section or subsection pages that is upping traffic to them which is a good thing.

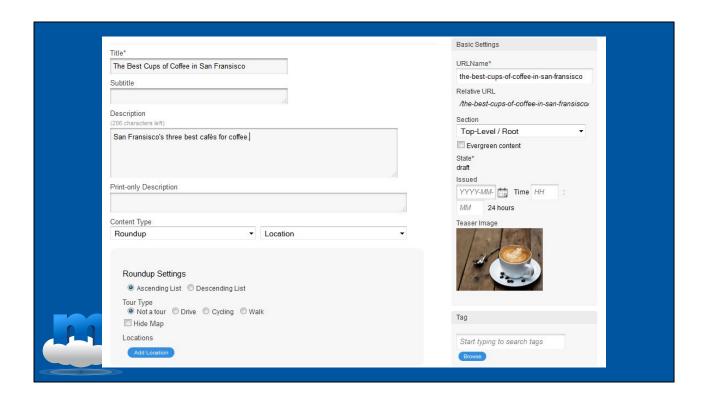
Sample Roundup

"The best cups of coffee in San Francisco"



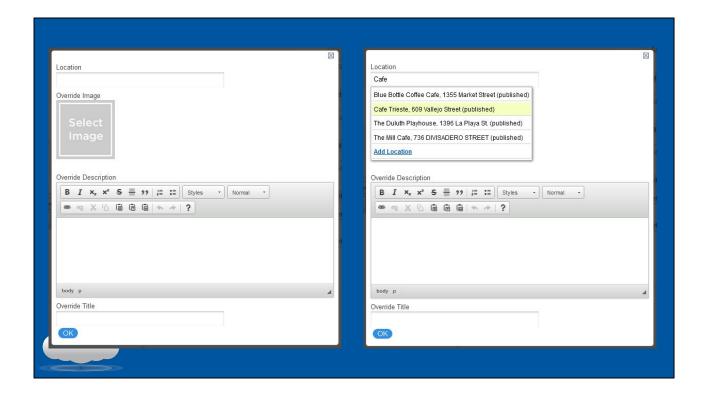


I'm going to create a sample for you to see how easy creating a Roundup is and which options you have.



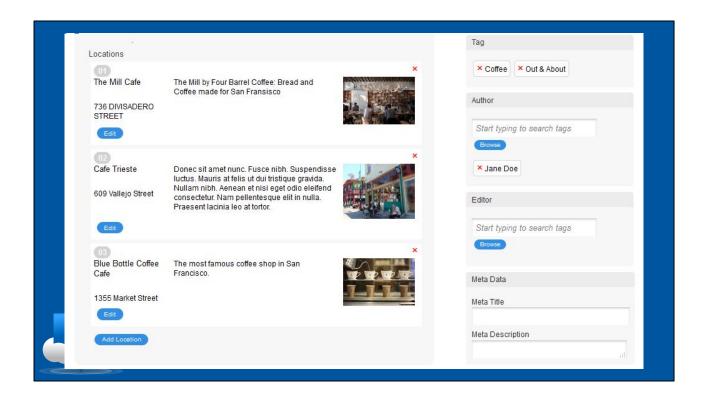
First create a new piece of content and add the usual info, title, description, etc. With our 2.15 release you now have the option to set the list order and hide the map if you wish.

Next select 'Roundup' as the content type and now let's add the list of restaurants - Click "Add Location." and search by the name of the locations.



You'll see that you have the option to add a title, description, or image. By default Metro Publisher will display the title, description, and image from the location. But, if you want to, you can override those here.

Add the others one by one. It can help to add a word to the location names as I've done with these, I added 'cafe' to help me find the locations, 'coffee shop' would have worked well too.



You can also add media to the content area just as you would with any other piece of content and you can do more to dress these up if you want to. For example, the locations usuall display an image of the businesses. In this context, maybe you want to add an image of coffee cups or coffee drinkers at these locations instead. To do that just go to the location and click "edit." Now add the image you want.



Here's what it looks like on the section level



And this is the content page for my roundup. That took us only a few minutes to create. We didn't have to copy and paste the address info for each business. Nor did we have to upload any images. In this case, we are not showing the map.

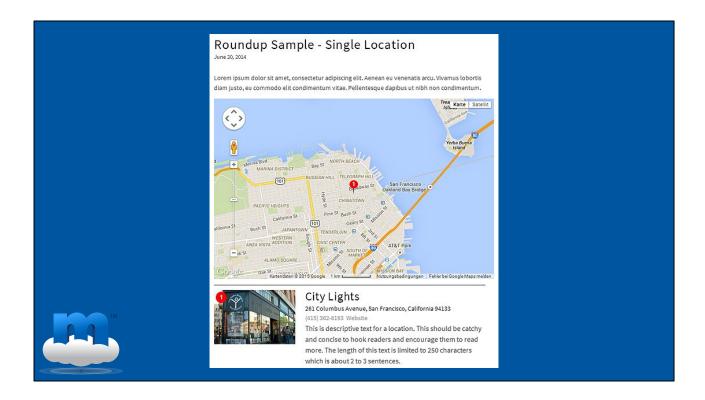
At a minimum that is all you have to do to create a roundup. As long as you follow best practices for titles, descriptions, etc., these are great pieces of content for readers and a great vehicle for creating inbound organic traffic to your website.

New Roundups Features

- ☐ Hide map option added
- Option for ascending/descending order added
- Location title override added
- ☐ Roundup with a single location
 - □ changed zoom level for improved display



We expanded our range of Roundup features with our v2.14 release.



This is what the map for a Roundup with a single location looks like.

Roundups Recap

- popular with readers
- popular with search engines
- easy to make
- good for organic traffic
- doorway to sections / subsections



Here are some more sample Roundups you can take a look at for inspiration:

https://nowtoronto.com/food-and-drink/bar-guide-2015/best-for-cocktails/

http://www.barcelona-metropolitan.com/practical/business-/Barcelona-best-coworking-spaces/

Thank you!



This concludes our Metro Publisher 2015 Advanced Training in SEO and Roundups.