

How to Geocache - <http://www.geocaching.com/guide/default.aspx>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4VFeYZTTYs>

GEOCACHING is a free real-world outdoor treasure hunt. Players try to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using a smartphone or GPS and can then share their experiences online.

At its simplest level, geocaching requires these 8 steps:

1. Register for a free [Basic Membership](#).
2. Visit the "[Hide & Seek a Cache](#)" page.
3. Enter your postal code and click "search."
4. Choose any geocache from the list and click on its name.
5. Enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS Device.
6. Use your GPS device to assist you in finding the hidden geocache.
7. Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location.
8. Share your geocaching stories and photos online.

[What are the rules of geocaching?](#)

1. If you take something from the geocache (or "cache"), leave something of equal or greater value.
2. Write about your find in the cache logbook.
3. Log your experience at www.geocaching.com.

[What do I need to go geocaching?](#)

The only necessities are a GPS device or a GPS-enabled mobile phone so that you can navigate to the cache, and a [Geocaching.com Membership](#).

[Where are geocaches located?](#)

Geocaches can be found all over the world. It is common for geocachers to hide caches in locations that are important to them, reflecting a special interest or skill of the cache owner. These locations can be quite diverse. They may be at your local park, at the end of a long hike, underwater or on the side of a city street.

Examples of what a geocache can look like:



PLACEMENT Guidelines: Placement guidelines govern the physical location of a geocache.

The more geocaches that you have found, the better you will understand the various elements that make up a great geocaching experience. This knowledge will be invaluable when you place a hide, and likely make your geocache more enjoyable for the community. We encourage you to find at least twenty geocaches before you choose to hide one.

Fundamental Placement Guidelines

1. All local laws and documented land management policies apply.
2. You assure us that you have the landowner's and/or land manager's permission before you hide any geocache, whether placed on private or public property.
3. Geocaches are never buried, neither partially nor completely.
4. Geocache placements do not damage, deface or destroy public or private property.
5. Wildlife and the natural environment are not harmed in the pursuit of geocaching.
6. Geocaches are not placed in restricted, prohibited or otherwise inappropriate locations.
7. Physical elements of different geocaches should be at least 0.10 miles (528 ft or 161 m) apart.

Select an appropriate location and container.

Label your geocache.

1. Listing Guidelines for All Geocaches
1. Technical Requirements
 - Listings must contain accurate GPS coordinates.
 - Geocache listings that require additional website registration, installs or downloads are generally not publishable.

2. Geocache Maintenance

- Owner is responsible for geocache listing maintenance.
- Owner is responsible for visits to the physical location.

3. Geocache Contents

- Geocache containers include a logsheet or logbook.
- Contents are family-friendly.
- Contents are appropriate for outdoor life.

4. Solicitation and Commercial Content

- Geocaches do not solicit for any purpose.
- Commercial geocaches are disallowed.

5. Geocache Permanence

- Geocaches are placed for the long term.

6. Submitting a Geocache Listing

- Placing a large number of geocaches to be published on the same date requires advanced planning.
- Geocache must be in place before you enable the listing.
- Communicate with your reviewer.

Proposal for Geocaching for the Summer Reading Club

Theme is "Investigation"

- That public libraries hide a cache somewhere either in or around their library.
- When uploading the information to geocaching.com state whether the cache is inside or outside. If inside, add your opening times.
- Hide something simple such as a library card, bookmark etc plus a log inside your cache.
- That interested libraries work together to develop and promote the program.
- That we use a free geocaching site.
- That we create a program with instructions so that libraries throughout the state can participate.

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