

# Geocaching 101



## What is Geocaching?

An Electronic Treasure Hunt!

An outdoor game of hide and seek

Played worldwide

Fun for the whole family!

Outdoor activity

## Where do I start?

1. Create an account at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)
2. Download the app on your phone
3. Plug in your coordinates; find geocaches located nearby or find a new location to explore!
4. Grab a backpack, your phone and/or a GPS device, a pencil, and start exploring!

# You may also want to take with you-

## Tools of the Trade (TOTT) :

- Extra Pencils
- Logbook
- Pocketknife/ Multitool
- Flashlight/ Headlamp
- Binoculars
- Trail Guides
- Camera
- Small mirror
- Extra batteries/ Charger
- Compass
- Watch
- Map



## Food & Water

- Water, and lots of it!
- Granola Bars
- Lunch
- Fruit
- Nuts
- Trail Mix
- Peanut Butter





# What is a Geocache?

Geo comes from the word meaning, “Earth”

Cache means, “a collection of items of the same type stored in a hidden or inaccessible place.”

## ...and where can I find a Geocache?

There are well over 2.5 MILLION geocaches hidden worldwide!

You can find them anywhere!

You can find them at Parks, Libraries, trails, and many more places!

However, you will not find them in restricted areas!

Are there geocaches hidden at Cromwell Valley Park?!?

**YES!!!**



# What does a Geocache look like?



Geocaches come in all sorts of shapes and sizes:

Everything from a LARGE plastic container to a fake rock with a special compartment

They can be hidden under logs, in a tree, in a bush, under a bench, or under a pile of leaves



I have the coordinates of the Geocache in my phone or GPS device, now what do I do?

It's time to go on an adventure!!



Use the GPS (Global Positioning System) on your phone or on a GPS device, to start hiking to the hidden geocache.

## A few Rules and Etiquette of Geocaching:

- Never enter private or restricted properties
- Always ask permission when going on someone's property
- Respect other visitors around you
- Respect the Environment

Other rules can be found here: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/gh3.pdf>

# I found the Geocache, now what?

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Open the Geocache!

Feel free to trade something in there for something you have (always trade evenly or up!)

Things that should NOT be put in a Geocache:

- Explosives
- Fireworks
- Ammunition
- Lighters
- Knives
- Weapons
- Drugs
- Alcohol

Also NOT recommended:

- Crayons  
(especially not during the hot months)
- Food
- Drinks



Don't forget to sign the logbook!

Always put the geocache back where you found it

# Why stop here? Look for another Geocache!