

types of geocaches

Traditional

The original geocache type consisting of, at minimum, a container and a logbook. Coordinates listed on a traditional geocache page give the cache's exact location.

Multi-cache

A multi-cache involves two or more locations. Hints found at the initial location(s) lead to the final geocache, which is a physical container.

Mystery or puzzle caches

These caches involve complicated puzzles you will first need to solve to determine the coordinates of the cache.

Event cache

Organised by local geocachers or organisations in the interest of discussing geocaching. Coordinates indicate where the event is to be held.

basic guidelines

- Never bury a geocache or place it in a location that may cause unnecessary concern.
- Don't place items such as food, explosives, knives, drugs or alcohol in a geocache.
- All geocache contents should be family friendly.
- Respect local laws/environment and obey all posted signs.
- Don't let the Muggles catch you!

Cache In Trash Out

Cache In Trash Out is a world-wide environmental clean-up effort supported by the geocaching community. Since 2002, geocachers have been dedicated to cleaning up parks and other cache-friendly places around the world.



Check out the online event calendar to participate in organised clean-ups in your area.

www.geocaching.com/cito



GEOCACHING is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices/smartphones.

Want more information?

Visit www.geocaching.com to:

- Search for geocaches in your local area.
- Buy and use a GPS device.
- Learn about the history of geocaching.
- Find geocaches and events world-wide.
- Participate in online forums.
- Locate resources and recommendations.

For information on active recreation in Western Australia:

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A Guide to Geocaching





Geocaching in 8 easy steps

GEOCACHING – the treasure hunting game with a difference!

Played world-wide by all types of people, the basic idea is to use a GPS or smartphone to locate a hidden container – called a geocache – then share your experience online with the rest of the world. Anyone can play, just log onto geocaching.com and get started.

A reason to get outdoors

Geocaching combines technology with outdoor adventure and is a great way to explore locations near and far. Pair geocaching with camping, hiking, biking, boarding, walking or any other activity you can think of.

The 'treasure'

In its simplest form, a geocache contains a logbook for you to sign. Caches may also contain items for trade but the journey and excitement is in discovering the treasure and this is often the greatest reward.

Location, location, location

There are geocaches on every continent, from Antarctica to Indonesia. They may be in your local park, the end of a trail, on a city street or even underwater.

A global community

People of all ages and all abilities can take part in geocaching. Individuals, partners, families and children, students and retirees – anyone! Geocaching is a great way to bring friends and family together while having fun.

Geocaching basics

BEFORE YOU GO ...

- Learn how to operate your GPS/smartphone and take extra batteries.
- Select a geocache with a rating that meets your goal – 1 is easiest and 5 is the most difficult.
- Read the description and don't forget the hints. It's also a good idea to take a map.
- Remember that the environment can provide extra obstacles to your search.
- Pack any supplies like water, snacks, sunscreen and clothing.
- Let someone know where you are going.
- Invite family, friends, grandkids and pets to share the experience with you.

ON YOUR WAY ...

- Make sure you mark your car or trail as a waypoint to ensure your safe return.
- Rely on your eyes rather than your GPS device when within 20m of the geocache location.
- Remember, caches are always hidden in plain site and never buried – but they are cleverly camouflaged.
- Be mindful of the environment and practice Cache In Trash Out.

AFTER THE FIND ...

- Sign the logbook.
- Leave the cache and environment as you found it.
- Share your stories and photos online at geocaching.com.

1. Go to www.geocaching.com and register for a FREE account.
2. Click on 'Hide & Seek a Cache'.
3. Enter a postcode or address 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.
6. Use your GPS to help you find the hidden geocache.
7. Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location.
8. Share your stories and photos online.

OR

You can download the Geocaching app from iTunes onto your iPhone and it will do all the work (except the finding) for you.



The rules

- If you take something from the cache, leave something of equal or greater value.
- Write about your experience in the logbook.
- Log photos and finds at geocaching.com.
- Have fun!

