## 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 cleanup 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:

Visit: www.dsr.wa.gov.au Phone: (08) 9492 9700 Email: info@dsr.wa.gov.au





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#### **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

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.

# **Geocaching in 8 easy steps**

- 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'.
- 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.
- 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!

