Land Managers And Geocachers: The Potential For Impact Goes Both Ways

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What Geocaching is...

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices





How Geocaching started





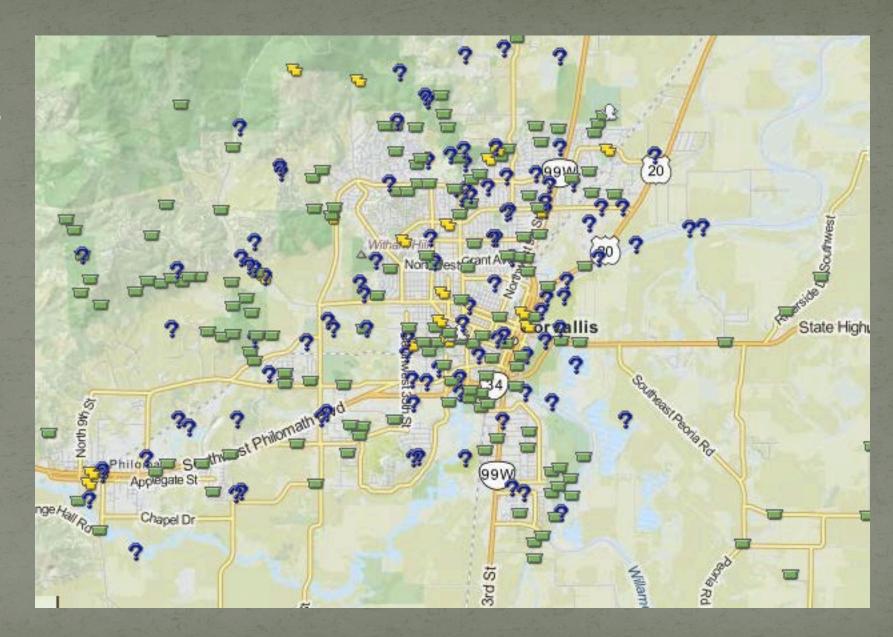
Geocaching is the real-world treasure hunt that's happening right now, all around you. There are 2,571,905 active geocaches and over 6 million geocachers worldwide.

Learn more about geocaching and how you can join the adventure.





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Types of Geocaches

• There are 12 different types of Geocaches broken down into different categories



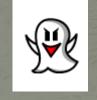








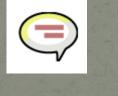














Geocaches With Containers

Traditional Cache Multi-Cache Mystery Cache Letterbox hybrid Ape Cache Whereigo Cache











Geocaches Without Containers

- Virtual
- Earthcache
- Locationless
 Whereigo Cache *
 Webcam Cache









Event Geocaches

EventCITO





Policies





Questions for Land Managers

What is the policy? Who made the policy? What information/data was used to make the policy? Was the policy proactive or reactive? Was there any consultation done with the geocaching community?

Guideline for hiding

- All local laws and documented land management policies apply.
- 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.
- Geocaches are never buried, neither partially nor completely.
- Geocache placements do not damage, deface or destroy public or private property.
- Wildlife and the natural environment are not harmed in the pursuit of geocaching.
- Geocaches are not placed in restricted, prohibited or otherwise inappropriate locations.
- Physical elements of different geocaches should be at least 0.10 miles (528 ft or 161 m) apart.
- Geocaches are allowed in space, on other planets and in spacecraft.

Code of Ethics

- . Minimize my and others' impact on the environment.
- . Whenever possible, Leave No Trace.
- . Obtain the best possible coordinates for your cache to reduce unwarranted wear and tear to the area.
- . Do not disrupt the cache area or otherwise mark the hiding spot.

Working with the Geocaching Community

Event Caches CITO (Cache in, Trash out)

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CITO in Sacajawea State Park Friends of Sacajawea park need our help.





An event cache by ArlingtonParksnRec Event Date: 03/28/2015 Add To Calendar

Project Blue River Rescue 2015

🎐 Park Day at Wilson's Creek national Battlefield

An event cache by Promethium Event Date: 03/28/2015 Add To Calendar

Champoeg State Park



Draw attention to a new feature or program or entice new visitors

| 9 | McHenry County Illinois | Cache Your Way Across McHenry County | McHenry County Conservation District | 15 |
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| 9 | Kentucky | Kentucky State Parks | Kentucky Department of Parks | 49 |
| 9 | North Bonneville, Washington | Bonneville Bigfoots Search | Bigfoot Discovery Trails Committee | 10 |
| 9 | Georgia | <u>Georgia State Parks</u> | Georgia Department of Natural Resources | 46 |
| 9 | Georgia | <u>Georgia History Trail</u> | Georgia Department of Natural Resources | 14 |
| 9 | Washington D.C. area | Star-Spangled Banner | National Park Service | 32 |

Using Geocaching to their advantage

Parks or other land managers become geocache hiders! Use geocaching for education in your parks

Pacific Lamprey Geocaching Challenge Chehalis River Basin, WA

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hoto Credit: Freshwaters Illustrated/USEM



Citizen Science



Revisit your policies

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