I’d rather be Geocaching ✌️

INTRODUCTION TO GEOCACHING
WHAT IS GEOCACHING?

• Hide and seek game
• GPS – Global Positioning System
• Selective Availability turned off May 2, 2000
• First geocache hidden May 3, 2000
• Geocaching.com started September 2, 2000

Devices you can use:
• Handheld GPS
• Car GPS that allows waypoints
• GPS-enabled smartphone or tablet
WHERE CAN YOU FIND GEOCACHES ONLINE?

Geocaching.com is by far the most popular
Basic Rules

- Hidden on public land or private land with permission
- Cannot be buried underground
- Sign the log
- Trade items
- Put it back
- Obey laws and park rules
- Log your experience online
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TYPES OF CACHES

Traditional 📚
Multi 📚
Puzzle❓

Event 🤝
Virtual 🕵️‍♂️
Earthcache ⚽️
CITO 🤝
Letterbox hybrid 📧

SIZES OF TRADITIONAL CACHES

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VIRTUAL CACHES

No new ones allowed – now have Waymarking
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EARTHCACHE

Crystal Geyser - Utah

Gooseberry Falls - Minnesota
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Types of Handheld GPS units

• Basic models
  waypointing
  tracks

• Intermediate models
  maps
  downloading caches

• Advanced models
  color screens
  paperless caching
  touchscreens
WHAT COULD I EXPECT TO FIND IN A CACHE?

Log book/Pencil
Swag
Coins
Travel bugs
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HOW DO I FIND COORDINATES?

The Official Global GPS Cache Hunt Site

www.geocaching.com
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HIDE & SEEK

Seek a Cache...

Locate the nearest geocaches in your area...

- by Address:
  - 100 Mile(s) Radius

- by Postal Code:
  - 100 Mile(s) Radius

- by State/Province:
  - Alabama

- by Country:
  - Afghanistan

- by State Page:
  - Alabama

Or, search with Google Maps.

Hide a Cache...

To hide a new geocache in your area...

- It is necessary that you read and understand the Cache Listing Requirements and Guidelines prior to placing each and every geocache. Please make sure to obtain permission from the landowner or land manager.

- Once you are prepared, fill out our online form to report a new cache. This is a free service.

- Only caches of a non-commercial nature can be posted through this site.

- First time? Learn how to hide a geocache. If you have difficulties posting your report to the website please check the Groundspeak Knowledge Books for more information.

Cache Note: (Print Out and Place in Container)

- English: (doc) (text) (Postscript) (LaTeX)
- Micro Cache: (doc) (132 legs doc)
# Nearest caches

## Traditional Cache

- **Location**: N 45° 22.112 W 093° 45.350
- **Total Records**: 7520 - Page: 1 of 376

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Bench Pressed

A cache by kleiner  Hidden: 12/07/2002

Difficulty: 🌟🌟🌟🌟

Terrain: 🌟🌟🌟🌟

Size: □□□□ (Regular)

N 45° 22.112 W 093° 45.350  Other Conversions

UTM: 15T E 440811 N 5024168

W 3.8mi from your home location

In Minnesota, United States View Map

Print:

- No Logs  5 Logs  10 Logs  Driving Directions

Download: Read about waypoint downloads

LOC waypoint file  GPX file  Send to My GPS  Send to My Phone

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EIGHT YEAR CACHE

In Big Lake Township’s Lion’s Park
This park is a great place to bring the kids. There is a nice playground, basketball court, ball-field, picnic shelters, and also a canoe landing. The canoe access gets you to the Elk River. The day I placed the cache it was really quiet, geese were flying, and I saw a robin (Kind of rare for the 7th of December). The entrance gate says it’s open from 8am until 10pm. I visited this place several times last summer to walk the dog (Cleo). Pets must be on a leash, per park rules.

Cache container is a fairly large plastic container. It should be big enough to swap most items.

No need to tear the place apart as this can be spotted without moving anything.

Good hunting and enjoy this park.

Additional Hints (No hints available.)
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and still farther

Find...

- ...other caches hidden or found by this user
- ...nearby caches of this type, that I haven't found
- ...all nearby caches, that I haven't found
- ...all nearby waymarks on Waymarking.com
- ...all nearby benchmarks
- ...nearby Hotels

For online maps...

- Geocaching.com Google Map
- MyTopo Maps
- Google Maps
- MapQuest
- Bing Maps
- Yahoo Maps
- Rand McNally
- MSR Maps (Formerly Terraserver)
- Open Cycle Maps
- Open Street Maps

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Rating: 😊 190 💡 4 🎨 39 🟢 1

Warning! <a>Spoilers</a> may be included in the descriptions or links.

May 29 by tomatoes1999 (1215 found)
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Map of area caches
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THE SEARCH with the Venture HC

1) Go to the main menu and click on Find

2) Click on Waypoints

3) Select a waypoint and click on “Go To”

4) Follow the arrow on the compass screen until you get to GZ (Ground Zero)
Watch the arrow and your surroundings

- Choose your best approach
- Be aware of your terrain
- Beware of Muggles!
THE FIND

Sign log
Trade swag
Travel bugs and geocoins
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LOG YOUR FIND ON THE WEBSITE
Cache logs

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had so much fun caching in big lake yesterday - came back today - this would be a nice bench if it was still in one piece. ha ha - TFTC SL

View Log

📅 May 20 by Lola&Bill (10 found)

TFTC!

View Log

📅 November 17, 2010 by Finders-88 (1644 found)

TFTC SL

View Log

📅 November 12, 2010 by TheTreasure Hunters (181 found)

Great spot---traded travel bugs.

View Log

📅 October 31, 2010 by digolf (380 found)
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If using a smartphone or tablet:

- Download apps from your iPhone app store or Android Play Store

- iPhone: geocaching.com – there is a free app with limited caches on it called “Intro”, and the full app ($9.99)

  **For temporary caches, try Waypoint**

- Android: geocaching.com ($9.99), neongeo ($4.26) – limited to 3 per day for basic members, Opencaching and c:geo are free.

  **For temporary caches, try GPS Essentials**