

## Geocaching Getting Started



There are millions of cleverly hidden containers called geocaches placed in almost every country in the world, just waiting to be found—there are probably some near you right now!

### Get started with a Geocaching app

1. Download the free Geocaching app on your Phone and create an account.
2. Find nearby geocache and select the first Geocache, then go find it!
3. Found it! sign the logbook and place it back exactly how you found it.
4. Log your find online and you should now be looking forward to finding More!

### Get started with GPS

1. Visit Geocaching.com and Create a free account
2. Look for Geocache on your PC, select the Download GPX on map preview to download to your GPS. Premium members can send geocaching Lists to their supported Garmin GPS
3. Once you find it, sign logbook and put it back exactly how you found it.
4. Tap the “Found It” button in the GPS the find another

### The Basics

Geocaches come in all shapes and sizes. Some will be large containers, others will be micro containers the size of your fingernail. Make sure to read the size on the app or GPS description, gives you a good idea

What's inside depends on many things such as the size of the geocache, there should always be a log for you to sign. In larger geocaches, you can find trackables or items to trade. Trackables are meant to move from geocache to geocache. If you take something meant to be traded, make sure you swap for something of equal or greater value!

### Some Geocache Types



**Traditional Geocache** The original geocache. These will be a container. The size may vary, all of these geocaches will have a logbook. Larger containers may contain items to trade & trackables.



**Multi Cache** These involve two or more locations, with the final location being a physical container with a logbook inside. There are many variations, but typically once you're at the first stage, you will receive a clue to the whereabouts of the next stage, and so on.

## About

We have the ultimate hobby for you and your Scouts or Guides on camp, on a hike, on a meeting night, or of course badge work with the geocaching badge!

Visit [GeocachingScouts.org.uk](http://GeocachingScouts.org.uk) the site is fully loaded with resources to help you get you out on that adventure with your young people, please enjoy, questions are welcome, you will find links to our social media where you can like or follow and get or give support.

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## Geocaching Tips

Don't forget to bring a pen so you can sign the logbook inside the geocache.

Look at the recent activity and use hint for clues down loaded with the gcp or phone app

Geocachers should be wary of muggles, people who don't know about geocaching, try not to attract their attention towards a hidden geocache.

Respect your surroundings leave a place better than you found it!

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## An Earth Cache is a special geological location people can visit to learn about a unique feature. Their pages include educational notes along with coordinates. Typically, to log an EarthCache, you will have to answer questions by observing the location.

## Mystery or Puzzle Caches

Mystery or Puzzle Caches may involve complicated puzzles that you will first need to solve to determine the coordinates. **Virtual Cache** is about discovering a location rather than a container. You may be required to answer a question, take a picture, complete a task

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