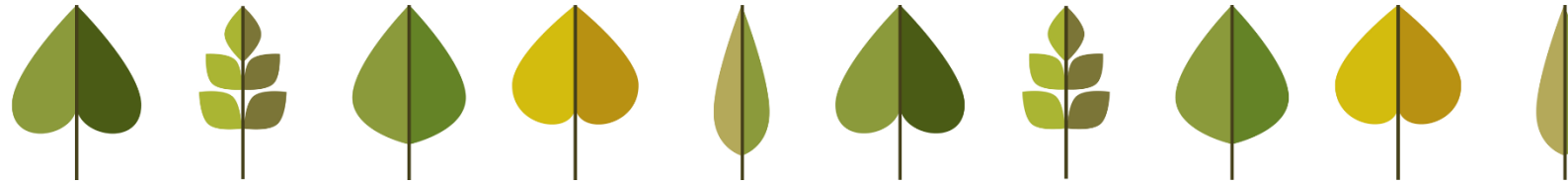


Introduction to Geocaching



What is geocaching?

Geocaching is a type of treasure hunting. Unlike traditional treasure hunting however, you use a GPS, usually on your phone, to find treasures that others have hidden outside. The treasure you're looking for is called a cache, and it's placed in a container that can have many different shapes and sizes. You find the cache by following a set of coordinates to a given location, after which you search for the cache.

Depending on the degree of difficulty, a cache can be easy to spot or be well-hidden and camouflaged in the landscape. The cache will contain a reward of small trinkets you can exchange, and there is usually also a logbook in which you can write your name, so that others will know you have been there.

How do I do it?

There are several different websites and apps that you can use for geocaching. Geocaching.com is one of the most widely used, and the one we will review here, as it is readily available, so you can get started quickly. You start by downloading the app **Geocaching** in the App Store or Google Play. By letting the app use your location through the phone, it will show you caches near your location. You can also explore a map of other caches that other geocachers have placed.

If you tap a cache, the app will display information about the cache; how difficult it is to find, how passable the terrain around the cache is, and how big the cache is. Once you have decided on a cache that you want to find, you can press "navigate" and follow the map until you are at the marked location. Once you have found the cache, you can open it and check what's inside. There might be little trinkets in it. You are welcome to take one of them if you replace it with something of your own. Feel free to write your name in the

logbook as well. After that you can press "log" in the app to register that you have found the cache.

There are many different types of caches to find. Through the Geocaching app you have free access to regular caches and event caches that indicate the coordinates and time of events that you can join and meet other geocachers.

With premium membership you also have access to more types of caches:

- **Multicaches** are structured as small orienteering races, in which you have to find one spot (or "waypoint") in order to get access to information that leads you to the next cache. The information can either simply be new coordinates, or a task that you must complete to calculate where you are going next.
- **Mystery caches** contain riddles or puzzles that you must solve to find the cache.
- **Earthcaches** help you learn more about nature. This type of cache will be explained in more detail below.

Earthcache

Earthcaches are similar to regular geocaches, but their focus is showcasing a natural location rather than finding cache. A central purpose of earthcaching is educational, as it seeks to teach you about the location. For example, the cache can be about the geology of the location, the natural landmarks, use of resources, etc.

When you have found your earthcache at the destination, press "log" for to show that it has been found. After that, you send an e-mail to the creators of the cache and answer some questions. This shows that you have been there and learned something about the location. Only if your answers are correct will your "log" be approved, so that other geocachers can see that you have completed it.

As with geocaches, you can find earthcaches on [geocaching.com](https://www.geocaching.com). Try, for example, the "Death of the Dinosaurs Earthcache" in Vokslev or the "Two Oceans" earthcache at the tip of Skagen's Odde.

How do I create a cache myself?

Geocaching.com recommends that you find at least 20 different geocaches yourself before you start making your own. Additionally, there are a number of guidelines and rules that must be followed to ensure that your cache is placed correctly, that it does not disturb the area, and that others can have a good experience trying to find it. You can read the guidelines here:

<https://www.geocaching.com/play/guidelines>.

When you are sure you can place a good cache that complies with the guidelines, you should find a suitable container in which to put trinkets and a logbook before storing it in the approved location.

Geocaching can be used in combination with various other activities. When you lay out your cache, you can also provide clues for other geocachers, or post quiz or puzzle in the cache itself. You can also make more learning-oriented geocaches such as earthcaches.

Links:

<https://geowiki.wegge.dk/wiki/Earthcache>

<https://www.spejdersport.dk/guides-og-viden/geocaching-skattejagt-i-det-fri>

<https://www.geocaching.com/play>

Death of the Dinosaurs Earthcache:

https://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GCQCT2_death-of-the-dinosaurs-earthcache

Two Oceans:

https://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC1BJ4E_two-oceans

