

Berea Parks and Recreation Department



What is Geocaching?

Geocaching (pronounced "geo-cashing") is an outdoor treasure hunt using hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) units. The geocachers hide and seek "treasures" which are waterproof containers that typically include a pencil, small notebook to serve as a logbook for finders, and several trinkets like key chains, small toys and buttons.

Geocachers hide the geocache and enter the coordinates (latitude and longitude) on a website. Others download the coordinates, enter them into their GPS units and head out to find the geocache.

Once the cache is found, the finders enter their names and date into the logbook in the cache. The finders can then take an object from the cache while leaving something of equal or higher value. The finders replace the geocache in the same place where they found it so future geocachers can find it.

Geocaches can range in size from a small film canister to bigger than a 5-gallon bucket. There are several different versions of geocaching.

