

# GEOCACHING

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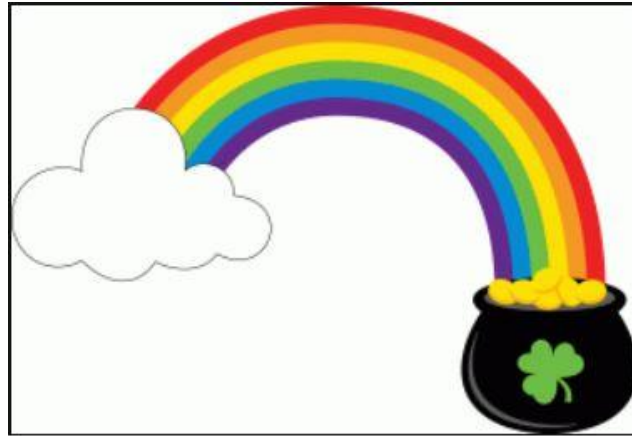
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This St. Patrick's Day ...



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Instead of following the rainbow to a pot of gold



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Follow your phone or GPS to hidden treasures



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**GEOCACHING.COM**

# What is Geocaching?

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers using a GPS device or your smart phone.



# What is Geocaching?

The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors, and then share your experiences online.

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**Log a Cache**

Search by GC Code:



# What can a cache look like?

Cache containers come in all different shapes and sizes. Some are easy to find, and some are harder to find.



Waterproof plastic containers



Army Surplus Ammo Cans



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35mm Film Canisters

If anyone has these anymore!



Bison Tubes

# Different Cache Types



Hide-a-Keys



Matchstick Containers

# Different Cache Types



Camouflaged  
Ammo Can



Camouflaged  
Container

# Different Cache Types

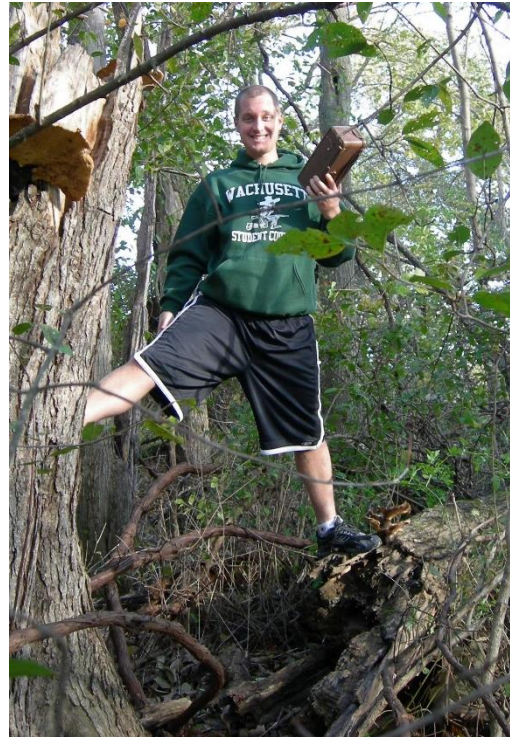


Harder to find containers

# Where might I find a Cache?



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# What's inside a cache?

Every cache must contain at least one item – a log book that other cachers can sign to show that they have found the cache.







# One Golden Rule

If you take something from a cache, you must leave something of equal or greater value.

So always bring some little treasures with you on your hunt to trade!

# The GOLDEN RULE



# Other items in a cache

Some other things you might find in a cache besides swag are

***Travel Bugs*** and ***Geocoins***.



# Geocoins and Travel Bugs

Geocoins and Travel Bugs want to travel from cache to cache.

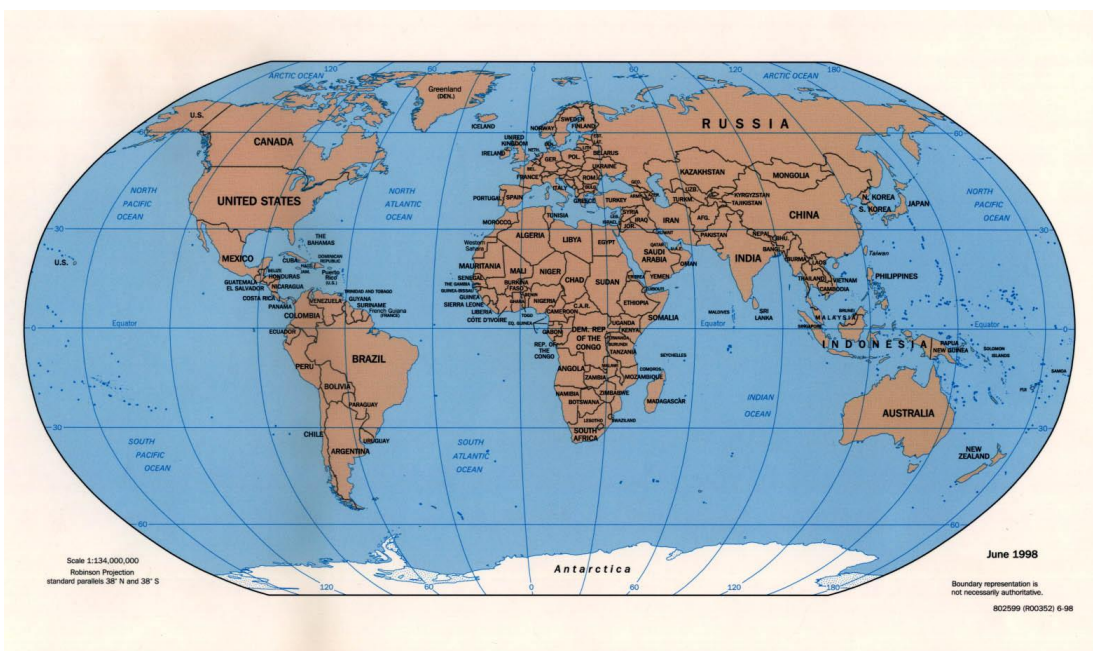
Some have specific “missions” such as visiting a certain town.

Some just want to travel from cache to cache.

You should only take a travel bug or geocoin from a cache if you are going to put it in another cache.

# How Does Geocaching Work?

Every spot on earth can be identified by a coordinate system – basically two numbers that tell you where you are.



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There are numerous satellites orbiting the earth. These satellites transmit signals that a GPS receiver and your phone can read.



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Based on these signals, the GPS receiver and your phone, can tell you where you are.

If you are using a GPS receiver, the spot where you are located can be identified by two numbers called **coordinates**.

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A geocacher hides a cache somewhere and records the coordinates which can then be found by your GPS device and your phone.



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Then, the hider goes to [geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and lists the coordinates where it is hidden.

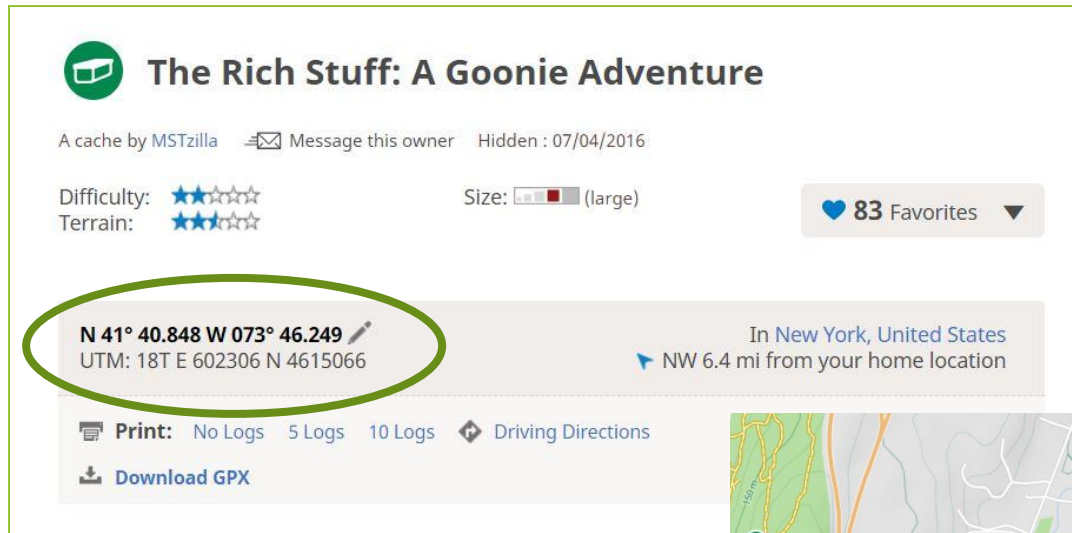




# How Does Geocaching Work?


Geocache hunters can get:

- ▶ The coordinates of where a cache is hidden, or
- ▶ a map view



**The Rich Stuff: A Goonie Adventure**

A cache by MSTzilla [Message this owner](#) Hidden : 07/04/2016

Difficulty: ★★★★★ Terrain: ★★★★★ Size:  (large) [83 Favorites](#)

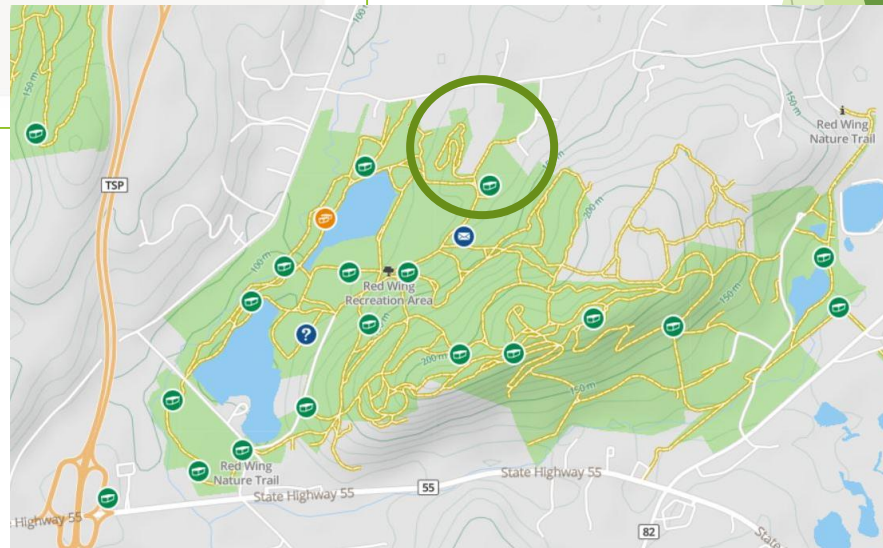
**N 41° 40.848 W 073° 46.249**  
UTM: 18T E 602306 N 4615066

In New York, United States  
NW 6.4 mi from your home location

[Print](#): No Logs 5 Logs 10 Logs [Driving Directions](#)

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And then set out to find it!



# How Does Geocaching Work?



Geocache finders record their find in the log book inside the cash.

A tilted image of a geocaching log book page. At the top center is a circular icon containing a cross. Below the icon, the word "Geocaching" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font. The page contains three sets of entry fields, each separated by a dashed horizontal line. Each set includes a "Name:" label followed by a horizontal line, a "Date:" label followed by a horizontal line, and a "Time:" label followed by a horizontal line. The third set of fields is partially cut off at the bottom of the page.

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And then,  
Geocache finders  
record their  
adventures online  
and whether or not  
they were able to  
find the cache, with  
a few comments.

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173 Logged Visits

😊 159 🙄 2 🗺️ 11 👤 1

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**\*\*Warning!** Spoilers may be included in the descriptions or links.

**pthompson2**

👤 Premium Member

😊 Found it

Great cache! Snowing and pen frozen so couldn't sign. Beautiful trail

10/30/2020

[View Log](#)

😊 69

**JMinVT**

👤 Premium Member

😊 Found it

TIPIC! Easy find. I cleaned out some trash and a nest of ants that had taken residence in the box and left a LEGO minifig to keep watch on things.

07/06/2020

[View Log](#)

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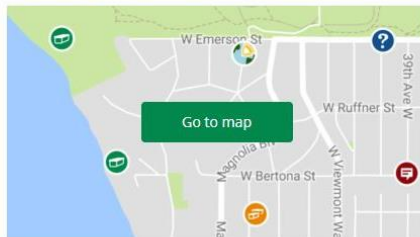
They do this all on the geocaching website.



## Quick searches



## Search geocaches near you



## What's new?



### Official Blog

Get the latest geocaching news, stories and inspiration on the Official Geocaching Blog. [Learn more](#)

<http://www.geocaching.com>

# How Much Does it Cost?

Other than the cost of a GPS receiver, or data rates on your smart phone, geocaching can be as free as you want it to be, or as expensive as you want it to be.

*free*



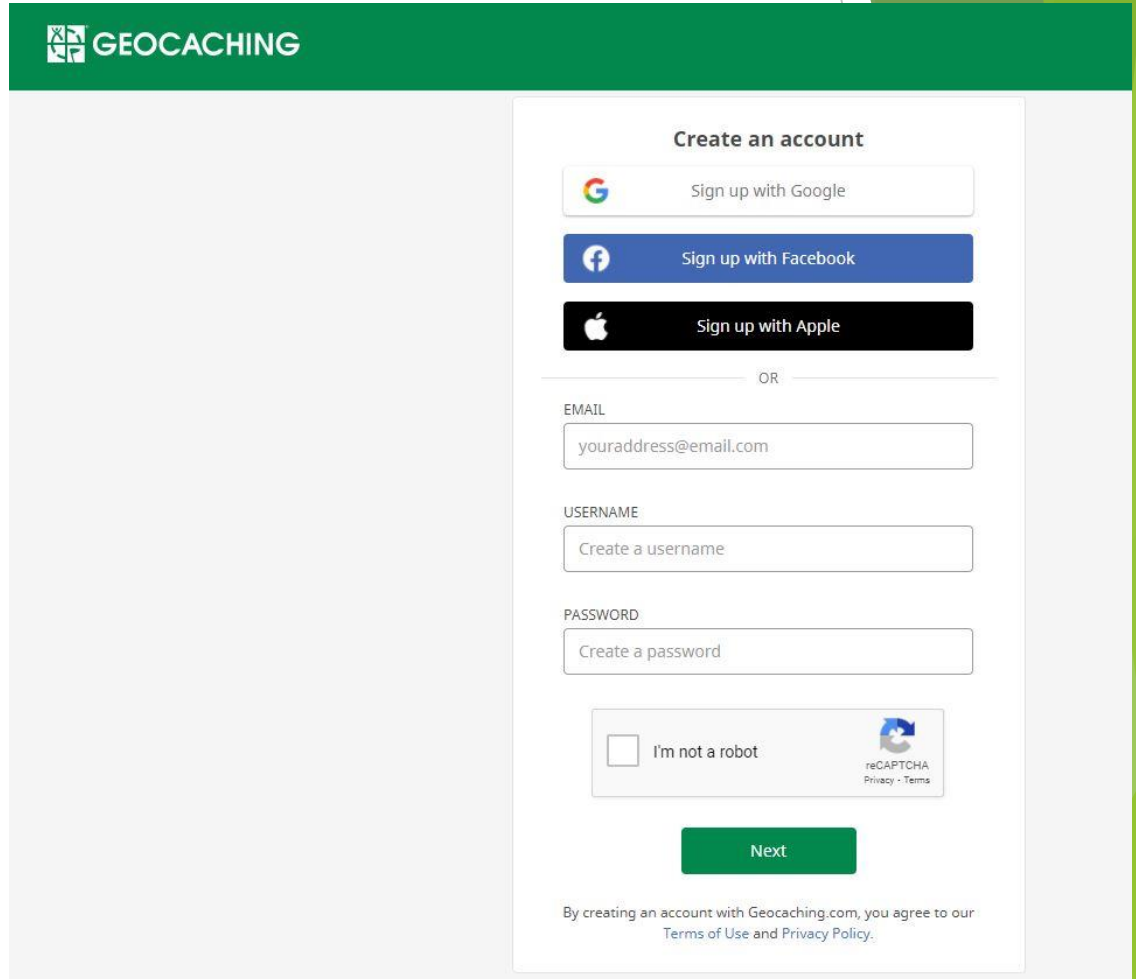
# How Much Does it Cost?

If you are a Beekman Resident the Beekman Library and Beekman Rec have teamed up to help you get started! You can go to the library and borrow a GPS Unit!



# How do you get Started?

Go to  
**www.geocaching.com**  
and  
register for a **free**  
**account.**



The screenshot shows the Geocaching.com account creation interface. At the top, there is a green header with the Geocaching logo and the word "GEOCACHING". Below the header, the page is titled "Create an account". There are three social media sign-up options: "Sign up with Google" (with a Google logo), "Sign up with Facebook" (with a Facebook logo), and "Sign up with Apple" (with an Apple logo). Below these options, there is a horizontal line with "OR" in the center. The form then asks for "EMAIL" (with a placeholder "youraddress@email.com"), "USERNAME" (with a placeholder "Create a username"), and "PASSWORD" (with a placeholder "Create a password"). At the bottom of the form, there is a checkbox labeled "I'm not a robot" and a reCAPTCHA logo with links for "Privacy" and "Terms". A green "Next" button is located below the form. At the very bottom, there is a small disclaimer: "By creating an account with Geocaching.com, you agree to our Terms of Use and Privacy Policy."

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**Create an account**

Sign up with Google

Sign up with Facebook

Sign up with Apple

OR

EMAIL  
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USERNAME  
Create a username

PASSWORD  
Create a password

I'm not a robot

reCAPTCHA  
Privacy · Terms

Next

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# How to select and find a cache:

- ▶ Enter the zip code you would like to search in and click “Search.”
- ▶ You may look at the list OR click on the map to view the hidden caches in that area
- ▶ Choose any cache from the list, or the map and click on its name.
- ▶ Read about it – there may be hints that you either want to see OR want NOT to see!
- ▶ If you are using a GPS Receiver, enter the coordinates (waypoint) of a cache and follow the direction arrow on the receiver until you find the hidden cache.
- ▶ If you are using a smart phone, use the map to locate your cache



Now Go Find Some Caches!

