

# Main Street Geocaching



## What is geocaching?

Geocaching is an outdoor activity that uses GPS signal to help locate a “cache”. Think of it as a high-tech scavenger hunt. The cache is often a waterproof metal or plastic container with a logbook inside. Participants log the date and enter their “tag” to the book. Sometimes, the cache can also contain trinkets to be exchanged in the cache.

Geocaching is fast-growing, with more and more people picking it up. Over 100 countries around the world have caches to be discovered.

## What do you need to do it?

### Cache Owner

- A location that the cache can be safely stored outside
- The GPS coordinates of the cache
- Possibly a clue as to where to find it
- A waterproof container that will be the cache
- A logbook to place into the cache
- Pencils or pens in the cache
- Trinkets to be exchanged, if desired
- Listing the cache on geocacher websites

### Hunter

- A GPS unit or cell phone with a data plan and a GPS app
- The coordinates and possible clues as to where to find it
- A trinket to exchange with the cache, if desired
- A geocaching tag for yourself.

## What does this have to do with Main Street:

Geocaching is a cheap, simple activity to tie into your events. You can use it as an activity for children or adults. Where the caches are is completely up to you. You can use historic locations, businesses, or parks. You can place trinkets in all, some, or none of the caches. Regardless of how you choose to use it, it is a simple activity to implement and can help promote your Main Street Program.

## Phone Apps:

### iPhone:

- Geocaching by Groundspeak - \$9.99
- Geocaching Intro by Groundspeak – Free
- OpenCaching by Garmin - Free

### Android:

- Geocaching by Groundspeak - \$9.99
- C:Geo by Carnero – Free
- OpenCaching by Garmin - Free

## Ohio Resources:

- Cincinnati Area Cache Hunting Enthusiasts (CACHE)  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/C\\_A\\_C\\_H\\_E/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/C_A_C_H_E/)
- Central Ohio Geocachers  
<http://www.cogeocaching.com/>
- Geocaching – Ohio  
[http://www.geocaching.com/local/default.aspx?state\\_id=36&submit2=GO](http://www.geocaching.com/local/default.aspx?state_id=36&submit2=GO)
- Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia Tri-State Geocachers
- North Central Ohio Geocachers  
<http://www.ncogeo.com/forumnew/index.php>
- Northeast Ohio Geocachers  
<http://www.neogeocachers.com/>
- Northwest Ohio Geocachers  
<http://www.nwogeo.org/>
- Ohio – Today's Cacher  
<http://www.todayscacher.com/states/Ohio.asp>
- Ohio Kentucky Indiana Cachers (OKIC)  
<http://www.okic.org/>
- Southwestern Ohio Geocachers  
<http://www.swogo.org/>
- West Central Ohio Geocachers