



# GEOCACHING: Play the World's Most Ultimate Treasure Hunt!

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I think that in seeing bright skies and cooler days, it can be safely said that we are in the glory of fall. This year's weather has been a traumatic experience, one that worked to shiver bones, swelter in heat and have anxieties as we collectively pondered the merits of the polar vortex. This is all behind us now. Yes, breathe it in, these coming fall days and feel the warmth and coolness on your skin as they pass. It's time to rediscover the outside world. It's time for some adventure.

With the season being so ripe for opportunity, it can be hard to pick the perfect fall outdoor adventure. Some might take to late season camping, some might want to go hiking, or some may be happy just walking the dog. Though, in a community as naturally bountiful as this ours, it sometimes can be hard finding the perfect spot to explore. So why not let someone else do the work for you? Why

not get a little extra in the process? Why not start geocaching?

Geocaching is a hobby benefited by the modern age. This is because, whereas in the past it may have required a GPS, today a Smartphone is all that is needed. After that it's a matter of downloading the appropriate software and getting a free membership at Geocaching.com. Do this and you are ready to play the world's most ultimate treasure hunt backed by a community of millions.

Geocaching is a game where players search for hidden caches marked by other players on their GPS device. These locations are often sentimental to their creators; a perfect opportunity to share memories. Variety comes of a vast commodity in this game as there are a wide range of different caches, all with varying purposes. For example, there are regular caches, educational caches, even puzzle caches. Once the

cache is found the player is expected to sign the attached logbook and then may take an item from the cache (if they chose), leaving in its place an item of equal or greater value. The website, Geocaching.com, then encourages players to share their adventures online and to continue supporting the community by finding more geocaches or by placing some themselves. In putting your own postal code into the website you'd be surprised how many caches could be located in your area, and even more surprised to see where these caches could possibly take you. Down a street, into the forest, up a mountain, or perhaps underwater, geocache locations are as diverse as the people who place them.

In Canada our winters are long, making our days both treasured and yet easily wasted. There's a lot you can do on a perfect day and yet it's easy to forget this. With our winter's supposedly becoming worse, maybe it's time we stop letting this happen; maybe it's time we take back our outdoors! Rise up with me! Carpe Diem Let us seize the day. This fall it will be for adventure! LH



## Editors Note

(Editors note: check out [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) (Ontario counties) under GC6009 this is under new management, supposedly a new cache. Also, check out the bookmark lists, there are cache listed on 1000 island parkway and area)