

Hidden treasures

Geocaching – a treasure hunt using a GPS unit – is growing in popularity ever since the federal government opened satellite positioning to the masses. Treasure coordinates are posted on the Internet.



1 Find the cache

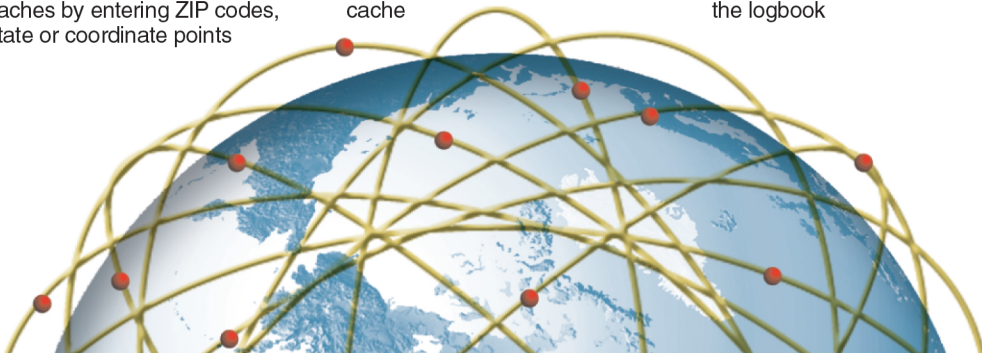
At geocaching.com, locate coordinates for available caches by entering ZIP codes, state or coordinate points

2 Pinpoint the coordinates

Track the coordinates using a GPS navigator to locate the cache

3 Find the hidden treasure

Take something from the cache, contribute something and sign the logbook



What does the name mean?

“Geo” for earth and “cache” for hiding place

Who was the first geocacher?

In May 2000, Dave Ulmer hid a black bucket in the woods near Portland, Ore., and posted the location on a Web site for GPS users

What’s up with the Web site?

Geocaching.com was launched by Mike Teague, the first to find Ulmer’s hidden cache; he created the site in Sept. 2000

How can I get started?

Consult geocaching.com, you will need topographical maps along with a GPS unit; if you get stuck, go online to read players’ notes