

How do I get started?

- Go to www.geocaching.com to get set up.
- Search a location and choose a cache.
- Enter the coordinates to your GPS and GO!
- When you locate the cache sign the log book.
- Follow the guidelines based on the type.
- Be sure to log it online when you are done.

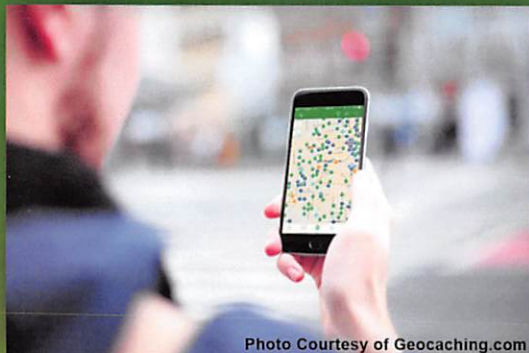


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Rules & Etiquette

- If you take something from a cache, leave something of equal or greater value.
- Write about your find in the cache logbook.
- Log your experience at www.geocaching.com

Safety & Guidelines

- Be sure to pack any needed supplies, bring a buddy and tell someone where you are going.
- Geocaches should never be buried or placed in an unsafe location.
- No food, explosives, knives, drugs, or alcohol in a geocache.
- Keep contents family friendly.
- Respect local laws and obey posted signs.



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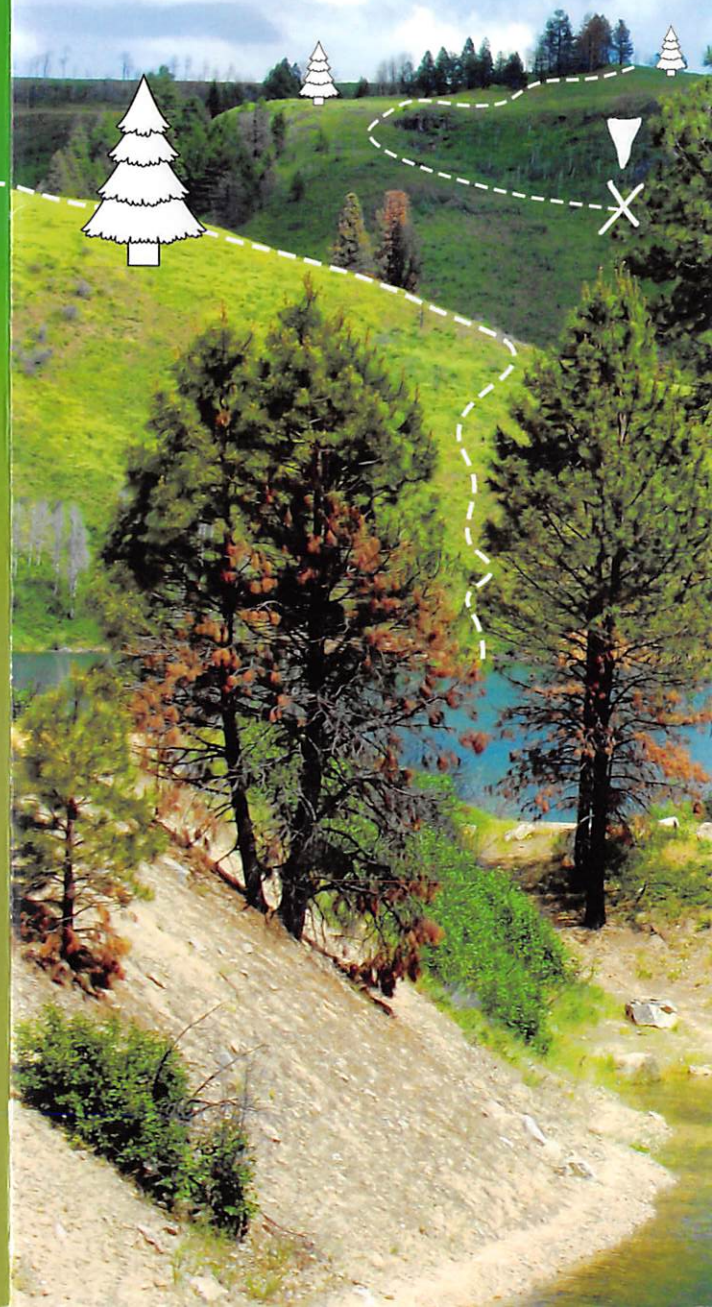
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GEOCACHING

Geocaching

Mountain Home, Idaho



What is Geocaching?

Geocaching is a modern treasure hunting game. Sporting a GPS device, internet access and a desire for outdoor adventures and you are set. Locate the treasure, log it and share the experience online.



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How it got started...

It all started May of 2000 when the government removed the restrictions on civilian GPS devices giving them more accuracy than previously available. It was within days the first treasure was hidden in Oregon.



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Geocaching Locally

Types of Geocaches

There are many different types of geocaches but just a few that are commonly found. Below are the most common found geocaches in the Mountain Home and surrounding areas. Chances are you have been walking or driving by some every day.



Traditional: The original type and most basic. At minimum there will be a container with a log book. Some larger containers might have items for trade or trackables.



Mystery or Puzzle Caches: These can involve complicated puzzles you will need to solve to determine the coordinates to find the cache.



Multi-Cache: These will involve two or more locations. The end result will take you to a physical container with a log book.



EarthCache: The educational cache. A special geological location people can visit to learn about a unique feature of the Earth. Typically to log an EarthCache you will need to provide answers by observing the geological location. More info www.earthcache.org.



Letterbox Hybrid: This type is another that uses clues instead of coordinates. The letterbox owner can sometimes make their container both a letterbox and a geocache and post the coordinates. These will have a stamp that is meant to remain in the box and is used by letterboxes to record their visit.



Virtual Cache: The Virtual Cache is all about discovering a location rather than a container. The requirements for logging a Virtual Cache will vary. Some will have you answer questions about the location, take a picture, complete a task, etc.

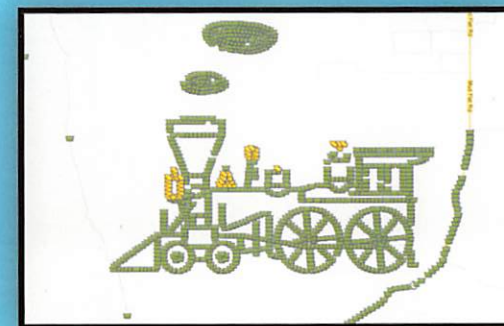


Geo Art

Here in Mountain Home and the surrounding areas we have thousands of geocaches in many different areas.

One of the most well known in the area and popular enough to attract travelers from the world over is located SW of Grandview.

"The General" as it was termed by the creators is a special kind of geocache called "Geo Art". As seen below it is multiple types of geocaches created in such a way as to create the masterpiece you see. When you zoom in the map you can see the many different types of geocaches grouped together in colors that also define the different areas of the train.



"The General"

This was put together in 2011 by a group of geocacher enthusiasts who called themselves the League of Idaho Cachers and is currently maintained by the remaining member known as "tenth" in the geocaching world.