

GEOCACHING



*Jefferson County 4-H
Challenge*

Treasure!

Navigate. Search. Problem Solve. Discover. Celebrate.

These are just a few of the things your family can do together when you complete the *Geocaching 4-H Family Challenge!* Even if you've never geocached before... **You. Can. Do. This.**

How to Complete This Challenge:

If you have never geocached before, you will need to download a free app to your cell phone or device. There are many to choose from. We used "Geocaching by Groundspeak." It is the official app of geocaching.com. The free version of this app is all you'll need to find the caches that are a part of the challenge—and many more if you choose to cache outside of this challenge.



- 1) **Choose any one of the specific caches listed below to visit, and search the geocache ID number in the app.** It will bring up information about the cache. Before heading to the cache, grab a bit of swag to share and a writing tool.
- 2) **Use the navigation function to travel to the cache.** For your convenience, the physical address of the cache location is provided below, as well. Once at the location, use the app's compass function to navigate to the cache's specific hiding spot. Most of the caches in this challenge are "small" or "regular." This means they are the size of a sandwich box or bigger. Micro caches in this challenge are about the size of a magnetic key keeper. Review the cache description in the app to learn more about the specific cache, get a hint about its hiding spot, glean info from those who have recently visited, and more.

- 3) **Once you've found the cache, take a family selfie with it in hand if you'd like and send it to kara.loyd@wisc.edu.** (Be sure to aim your shot away from where the container was hidden, so the hiding spot remains a secret).
 - 4) **If you'd like to partake in the treasure, be sure to leave one item for each item you take.** Don't take a trackable item (e.g. a travel bug) from a cache unless you are committed to moving it to another location in a short time span.
 - 5) **Sign the log** with your team name (which is totally your choice) and look for Jefferson County 4-H in the log!
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Geocaches to Choose From

Fort Atkinson Area

Cache ID #: GC8QNXG

Geocache Name: "Maxwell Way Park"

General Physical Location: within the Maxwell Way Park in the northwest corner

Caution: Sturdy shoes and long pants might be helpful in finding this cache! This is a SMALL cache.

Cache ID #: GC4GEWD

Geocache Name: "View of Lake Koshkonong IV (Kind Of)"

General Physical Location: located close to the parking lot of boat ramp

Caution: This is a tricky MICRO cache. Look very closely at the posts nearby and think magnetically.

Lake Mills Area

Cache ID #: GC15ZM4

Geocache Name: "Ms Emily's Fishing Hole"

General Physical Location: located in Sandy Beach Park

Caution: Park in the Sandy Beach Park parking lot and walk back along Sandy Beach Road to find the path that leads to the cache. This is a SMALL cache.

Cache ID #: GC61CZ0

Geocache Name: "Felix #3"

General Physical Location: Located at the edge of the Lower Rock Lake County Park parking lot at the north end of the lake.

Caution: This is a REGULAR cache.

Cache ID #: GC4T380

Geocache Name: "Aztalan State Park: WGA State Park Series"

General Physical Location: Located within the Aztalan State Park. Park your vehicle in the lot at the beginning of the park and utilize a trail off the lot to find this cache.

Caution: This is a REGULAR cache that's off the trail a bit. Keep your eyes peeled!

Watertown Area

Cache ID #: GC7940P

Geocache Name: "Wttn Parks: Grinwald

General Physical Location: Located within Grinwald Park

Caution: This is a SMALL cache.



Ixonia Area

Cache ID #: GC8YNZ2

Geocache Name: "Bush on the Hill"

General Physical Location: Park in a small lot at the beginning of the Park Ridge Way and climb the hill using the path.

Caution: This is a REGULAR cache.

Key Geocaching Terms to Know

Term	What does it mean?
Swag	The "treasure" found inside of a geocache; if you take a trinket from a cache, you must leave one in exchange. Typical swag includes small items such as plastic toy figures, bouncy balls, anything little enough to fit that you think will make someone else (youth or adult) smile.
TFTC	"Thanks For The Cache." This is a common message to post in the app when you log that you "found" the cache.
DNF	"Did Not Find."
Muggles	Passersby; people who may be in the vicinity of a cache when you are looking for it. Your goal, while geocaching, is to covertly find caches without others seeing where they are.

