



Geocaching Resources

Geocaching: The word geocache is a combination of "geo," which means "earth," and "cache," which means "a hiding place." Geocaching describes a hiding place on planet Earth - a hiding place you can find using a GPS unit. A GPS (Global Positioning System) unit is an electronic tool that shows you where to go based on information it gets from satellites in space.

Geocaching Merit Badge: The Geocaching merit badge has nine requirements to teach scouts how to play the game/sport/hobby. Caches may be found along trails or in urban areas. Scouts use navigation skills and when solving puzzles, logic and cryptography.

The merit badge will be offered at the Old Dominion District's Merit Badge Jamboree on March 4th, 2017 at Lee High School.

A presentation outlining the requirements is available for use by units interested in offering the merit badge to their scouts. I am available as a counselor or coach.

Council has 10 GPS Units available for use by units, contact our District Executive, Justin Mawdsley.

Online Resources:

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| meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Geocaching | maptools.com/UsingUTM |
| geoscouting.com | geocachingtoolbox.com |
| geocaching.com | novago.org |
| cacheintrashout.com | |

Geocaching Creed:

When placing or seeking geocaches, I will:
Not endanger myself or others
Observe all laws & rules of the area
Respect property rights and seek permission where appropriate
Avoid causing disruptions or public alarm
Minimize my and others' impact on the environment
Be considerate of others
Protect the integrity of the game pieces

CITO

Waypoint

SWAG

Trackable

Earth Cache

Geocoin

Mystery/Puzzle

Muggle

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