

GEOCACHE PROGRAM

Discover and Explore Maplewood Parks and Neighborhood Preserves

Geocaching is an outdoor adventure game similar to a treasure hunt played with a smartphone or GPS device. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches. There are over a million active geocaches around the world and 20 official Geocaches in Maplewood's parks, preserves and nature center.

GEOCACHING BASICS

1. All **Geocaches** in our program are sealed in snap lock plastic containers, an example of which is below. Caches are hidden on the surface in safe locations away from water and wetland buffer zones and some may be hidden with slight camouflage.
2. Be sure to leave no trace of your presence and please pick-up and dispose of any litter you find in the parks during your hunt and move on to your next cache!
3. Caches generally start with an item/trinket for hunters to trade with when finding the cache. Bring some small items to trade with if you want and if you trade for items, remember to trade for something that is of equal or greater value.
4. Always remember to be stealthy in your search. We do not want to alert the "Muggles" (non-participants) to the presence of these hidden treasures!
5. The attached map shows the **Geocache** locations in Maplewood.
6. To bring up Google Maps directions to the best parking for that **Geocache** location click on the "Park Name" link. Once at your parking location, click on either set of linked coordinates to bring up the Google Maps location of the cache and start your hunt. Alternatively you can plug the coordinates into a GPS device as well.



FINDING THE GEOCACHES

1. We suggest that you keep your phone/GPS device on the entire time even if you may occasionally lose signal from overhanging trees or other obstructions.
2. When you get close to the geocache (within 300 feet), check your device's signal strength. Sometimes the signal will have an error between 25 - 200 feet. Concentrate more on the overall distance decreasing and less on the arrow as you get closer to the final location.
3. The final 50 feet can be the most difficult. It helps to think like the person who hid the cache.
 - If there are trees around, investigate around the base.
 - Check along the brush line.

- Is there a stump or similar landmark that the cache could be set on/in?
4. Take note of the style and method of this hide. Where did this geocache bring you? Enjoy the location.
 5. Sign the logbook with your name, the date, and a few words about your experience. Log the “Cache Code” in your [Geocache Locations](#) sheet.
 6. Make sure to seal the cache and place it back exactly where and how you found it. If it had some leaves covering it, please replace those.

YOU FOUND YOUR FIRST GEOCACHE. CONGRATULATIONS! NOW WHAT?

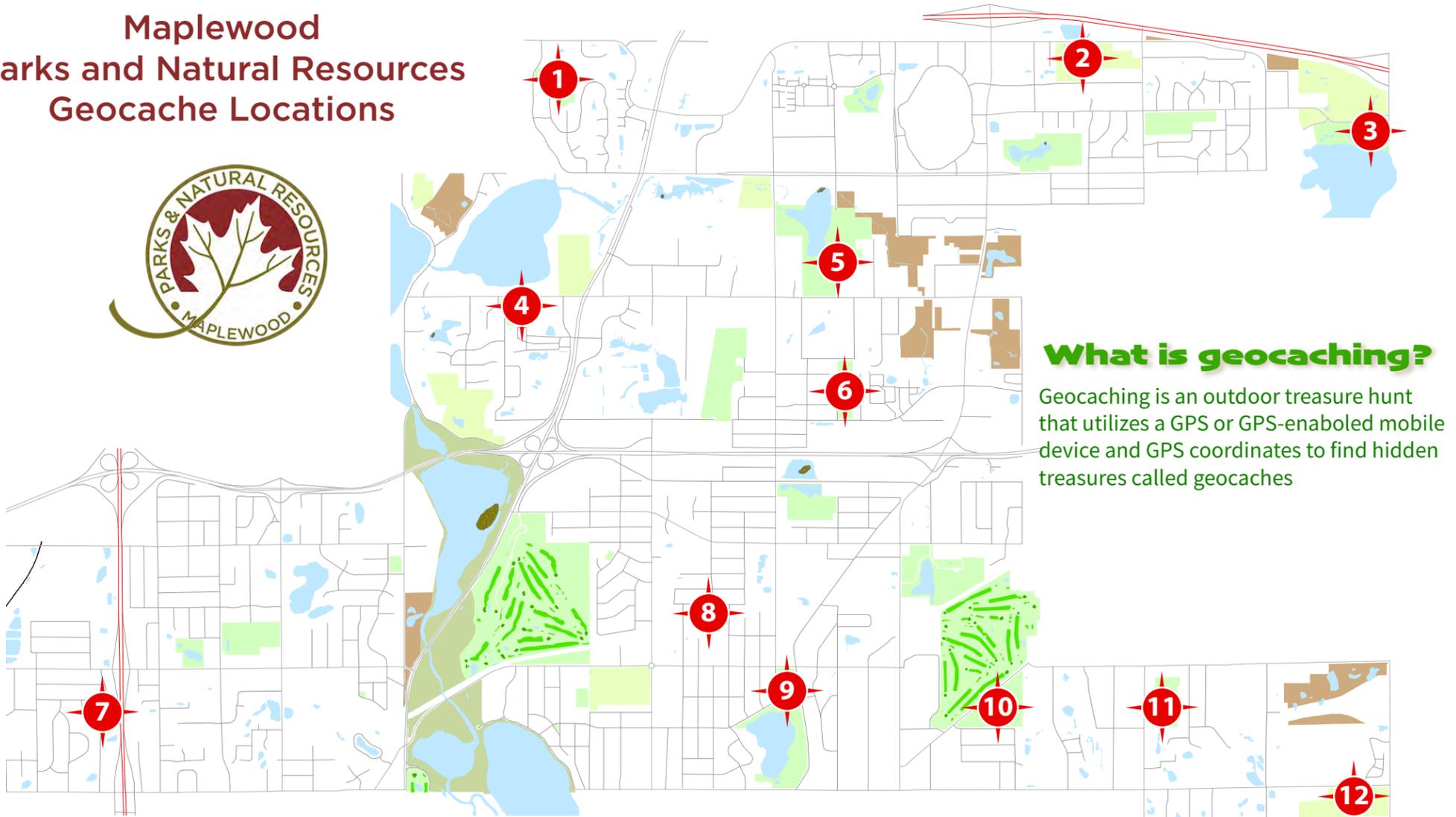
BECOME A CERTIFIED GEOCACHE EXPLORER!

After discovering all 20 caches, bring in your completed cache locations sheet with all “Cache Codes” to get a special certificate and pin!

Visit us at the Maplewood Nature Center: Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm
2659 East 7th Street, Maplewood, MN 55119
Or: Call 651.249.2111 / Email: recreationonline@maplewoodmn.gov.

SEE YOU ON THE HUNT!

Maplewood Parks and Natural Resources Geocache Locations



What is geocaching?

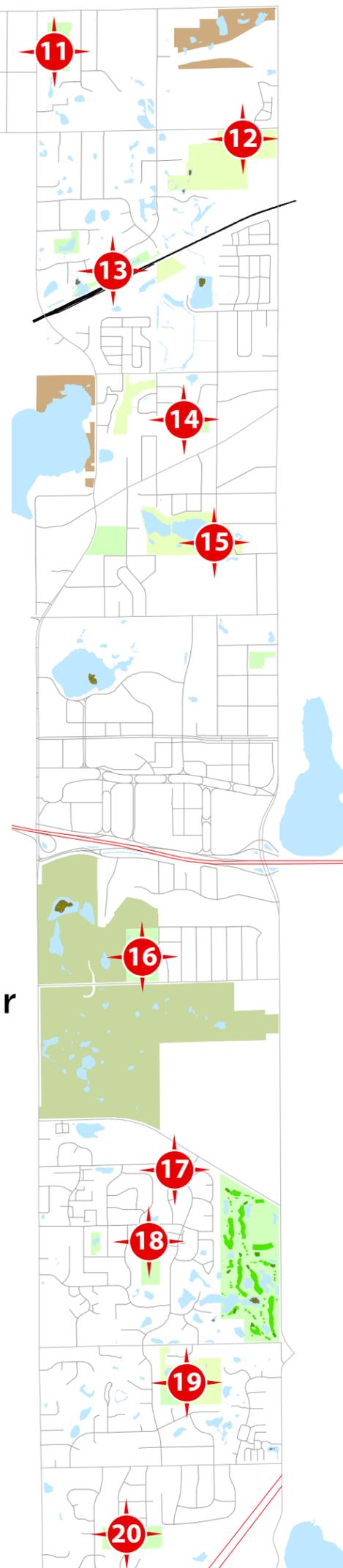
Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunt that utilizes a GPS or GPS-enabled mobile device and GPS coordinates to find hidden treasures called geocaches

What do I need?

- GPS enabled device
- Comfortable shoes appropriate for the terrain
- Replacement for small items/toys you take from the cache



- 1 Sunset Ridge
- 2 Prairie Farm Preserve
- 3 Joy
- 4 Kohlman
- 5 Hazelwood
- 6 Four Seasons
- 7 Western Hills
- 8 Robinhood
- 9 Wakefield
- 10 Goodrich
- 11 Hillside
- 12 Priory Open Preserve
- 13 Sterling Oaks
- 14 Geranium
- 15 Maplewood Nature Center
- 16 Afton Heights
- 17 Crestview
- 18 Vista Hills
- 19 Applewood
- 20 Pleasantview



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MAPLEWOOD PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES GEOCACHE LOCATIONS

Google Maps Links - Click & Follow!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BEST HUNTING EXPERIENCE:

- 1) Click the park name link first to get directions for best access to the park.
- 2) Upon arrival, click/enter one of the coordinate codes to begin your search.

PARK NAME	DEGREES DECIMAL MINUTES	DECIMAL DEGREES	HINTS	INPUT CACHE CODE
Afton Heights	N 44° 56.608 W 092° 59.836	44.943472, -92.997278	Home run over the right field fence!	
Applewood	N 44° 54.993 W 092° 59.595	44.916556, -92.993250	Looking over the playground beyond	
Crestview	N 44° 55.789 W 092° 59.578	44.929806, -92.992972	Enjoy the butterfly garden from behind the big tree	
Four Seasons	N 45° 00.951 W 093° 01.828	45.015861, -93.030472	Go towards the trees, it's on the ground	
Geranium	N 44° 58.434 W 092° 59.509	44.973889, -92.991806	Go south but not up!	
Goodrich	N 44° 59.767 W 093° 00.936	44.996118, -93.015603	A little in to the woods, look for fallen tree	
Hazelwood	N 45° 01.416 W 093° 01.989	45.023611, -93.033139	If you are playing soccer watch out for this!	
Hillside	N 44° 59.808 W 093° 00.195	44.996806, -93.003250	On top of hill in the pines	
Joy	N 45° 01.838 W 092° 59.225	45.030639, -92.987083	"Camp Silver Maple"	
Kohlman	N 45° 01.170 W 093° 03.404	45.019500, -93.056722	Don't go off the path too far, you'll fall in the water	
Pleasantview	N 44° 54.511 W 092° 59.861	44.908528, -92.997694	Down the hill from the basketball courts	
Robinhood	N 45° 00.100 W 093° 02.447	45.001667, -93.040778	Trains used to pass behind here	
Sterling Oaks	N 44° 59.076 W 092° 59.792	44.984611, -92.996528	Up the hill a little bit	
Sunset Ridge	N 45° 01.997 W 093° 03.129	45.033278, -93.052139	Up off the ground	
Vista Hills	N 44° 55.541 W 092° 59.776	44.925694, -92.996278	Nice walk by the Gazebo	
Wakefield	N 44° 59.750 W 093° 01.999	44.995833, -93.033306	Check the big stump	
Western Hills	N 44° 59.787 W 093° 05.435	44.996444, -93.090579	Look behind the trees near the end of the big new wall	
Prairie Farm Preserve	N 45° 02.132 W 093° 00.574	45.035530, -93.009574	Look for a stump behind the trees	
Priory Open Preserve	N 44° 59.501 W 092° 59.319	44.991694, -92.988639	A little off the beaten path	
Maplewood Nature Center	N 44° 58.012 W 092° 59.326	44.966861, -92.988778	Hike south over the bridge and up the hill on the left	