

# WHAT IS GEOCACHING?



**“Geocaching”** is essentially a “high-tech” treasure hunting game. Players use a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit to hide and locate “geocaches”.

## **Geocaches Are Any of the Following:**

- Any Weatherproof Container of Collectables
- A Mystery or Puzzle
- Events Hosted In The Community
- Challenges



# GPS Units You Can Use To Geocache!

## Handheld GPS



## Laptop



## In-Car GPS Navigation System



## Iphone



## Ipad



## What is a GPS Unit?

A **GPS** (Global Positioning System) uses satellite information to calculate latitude and longitude of a person or item.

# Start Geocaching In 8 Easy Steps!



1. Go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) to register.
2. Visit the Geocaching.com homepage.
3. Enter a location and click the magnifying glass to search.
4. Choose any geocache on the results page and click the name.
5. Enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS device.
6. Use your GPS device to help you find the hidden geocache.
7. Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location.
8. Share your geocaching stories and photos online.



# Geocaching Benefits



- Take a “road trip”. Bond with family and friends!
- Enjoy getting the exercise!
- Build your sense of direction!
- Expand your knowledge of a specific region!
- Learn to navigate while having fun!
- Discover locations of historical, geographical and literal interest in your area!



# Geocaching Is FUN!



Coal Heritage Trail

# Geocaching Is Educational



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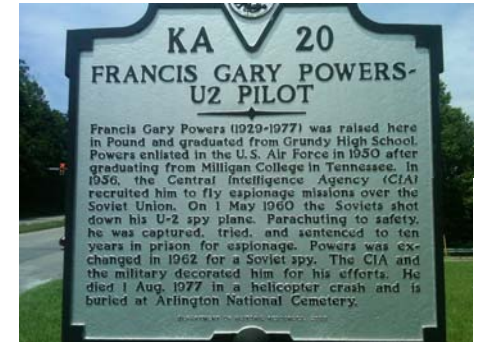
Science

Geography

Mathematics

Literature

History



# Wise County Is Sponsoring A Geocaching Club Logo Design / Drawing Contest!



We invite and challenge all classes of Geocachers to travel the Appalachian region and discover various tourist attractions on their geocaching adventures!

Design the logo for the Wise County Geocachers Club.

## The winner will receive:

- **\$100 Visa Gift Card**
- **A Free T-Shirt Of Your Design**

Any student grade K-12 can enter.

T-shirts with the design will be sold at various events throughout Wise County such as Fall Fling, Guest River Rally, Railroad Days, Clinch River Days, Heritage Days, etc.

Entries must be turned in by April 6, 2012 and may be submitted the following ways:

- Electronically to [gjo@wisecounty.org](mailto:gjo@wisecounty.org)
- Mailed to Wise County GIS, P.O. Box 570, Wise, VA 24293
- Dropped off at the GIS office of the Wise County Courthouse / 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

If you do not have a form you may download it at: [www.wisecounty.org/GIS](http://www.wisecounty.org/GIS)

For more information visit:

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Or call (276) 328-7110