## What is Geocaching?

People all over the world are discovering a new pastime known as Geocaching (pronounced Geocashing, as in cashing a cheque). This adventurous hobby involves the use of a GPS (Global Positioning System), and coordinates provided on the official geocaching website (http://geocaching.com). The GPS receiver guides its operator to treasures (called geocaches,) hidden all over the countryside. A typical geocache consists of a waterproof container, a log book, and trinkets for trading. Once the log book is signed and trinkets exchanged, the container is put back in exactly the same place it was found, to await the next finder.

The game has grown into a worldwide phenomenon. There are over five million people who call themselves Geocachers. And over 2 million containers hidden around the world.

The game appeals to everyone; families, teens, and seniors and the hunt leads the player to scenic locations, historical sites or on hikes to places they may never have gone to before.

Getting started is easy. All you need is a handheld GPS receiver or a GPS enabled smartphone and internet access. How to play the game is posted on www.geocaching.com

