

**Micro-Cache** - this is a cache that is very small, such as a film canister or magnetic key box. Usually there will be paper inside for people to sign and log their find, but you may have to bring your own pen or pencil.

**Swag** - trinkets stored inside a cache. These might be stickers, pens, magnets, small toys. Don't leave food - it's an invitation for animals to disturb the cache! If you take an item, leave one of equal or greater value.

**Travel Bug** - some caches will have a metal disk or tag tucked inside, with a serial number on it. As people discover the cache, they take the Travel Bug to a new cache, then log the move on [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). The idea is to move the Travel Bug to a faraway location, such as Alaska or Borneo. Some Travel Bugs will have an end destination listed.

**FTF** - First To Find. When placing a cache, the owners will sometimes put in a special item for the first person who finds it.

**Muggles** - these are non-geocachers, who may disturb a cache out of curiosity - or even make off with it! Be alert when geocaching and use stealth if there are lots of people around. Don't give away the cache location.

**Park and Grab / Grab and Go** - terms for a quick find, usually done quickly so Muggles in the area don't catch on.

Visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com), where you'll find

- Places to log your geocaching finds
- More information on geocaching
- More cache locations in the area
- Ideas on hiding your own geocache

Have fun enjoying the outdoors!

# Geocaching in Grand Marais

*Eastern Gateway to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore*

## A Family Treasure Hunt in the Great Outdoors!

Geocaching (pronounced geo-caching) is a worldwide game of hiding and seeking treasure. A geocacher places a container such as a plastic tub or coffee can somewhere in the world, pinpoints its location using GPS technology and then shares the geocache's existence and location online:

**[www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)**

Anyone with a GPS device can then try to locate the geocache.

There are dozens of geocaches hidden around Grand Marais. All you need are a GPS and good walking shoes, and you're ready to go!



## Geocaching Basics

Geocaching is a family-friendly activity where you try to locate hidden caches using your GPS. A cache can be a box, cylinder, or micro-container, usually weatherproof. Most will contain “swag”, or small trinkets. The idea is to take an item from the cache, and leave an item of equal or greater value. You should also sign the logbook inside the cache.

- 1) Choose a geocache from the list. Find one that meets your experience level and your desired hiking difficulty.
- 2) Enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS Device.
- 3) Use your GPS device to assist you in finding the geocache.
- 4) Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its location.
- 5) Share your geocaching stories and photos online at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com), where caches around the world are listed. You can also find more caches to explore.

### Cache In, Trash Out

Cache In Trash Out is an ongoing environmental initiative supported by the worldwide geocaching community. Since 2002, geocachers have been dedicated to cleaning up parks and other cache-friendly places around the world. Through these volunteer efforts, we help preserve the natural beauty of our outdoor resources! Bring a trash bag along with you on your walks in the woods and pick up the occasional piece of trash you see on the trail. Even this small act can make a huge difference.

### Tips for a Good Cache Hunt:

- If you're headed out on the trail, pack any needed supplies such as water, bug spray, food and extra clothing.
- Bring both a map and a compass.
- Check geocache terrain and difficulty ratings.
- For safety, let someone know where you are going.
- Do not forget your GPS and extra batteries.

See more geocaching terminology on the back page.

## Get started with these local geocaches:

Forest Hideaway

N46 39.892 W85 56.200

Easy to moderate difficulty. The cache is a plastic container.

Welcome to Grand Marais

N 46° 39.595 W 085° 59.331

Easy to moderate difficulty.

E-Z-1

N 46° 40.240 W 085° 58.940

Easy to moderate difficulty.

“Fly” Away

N 46° 37.232 W 085° 55.378

Easy difficulty. You may need to bring tweezers. Small cache.

Sand Hill GM

N 46° 40.226 W 085° 59.316

Easy cache. Don't let it roll down the hill!

Ships Ahoy

N 46° 40.409 W 085° 59.028

This is a two-stage cache. You'll need to find the first to find the second.

Up In Smoke

N46 40.190 W85 54.566

Easy to moderate cache. Bring a pen or pencil.

Are You Hot? Let Me Cool You Off!

N 46° 40.324 W 085° 59.081

Easy cache. Magnetic key holder - stealth needed!

**More geocaches in the Grand Marais area can be found at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)**