

Gotta Cache 'em all!

Celebrate Earth Day by going geocaching while practicing social distance!



Austin, TX (April 17, 2020) – To mark the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department is encouraging people to participate in a geocache activity. For the last 20 years, geocaching has become mainstay activity for nature enthusiasts. According to Geocaching.com, the largest geocaching website, “Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online.” With a GPS or smartphone app, users can track down and find a “treasure” hidden by other participants. Caches are secured in watertight containers, containing trinkets and/or a logbook in which users are encouraged to record their discovery of the cache. After discovery, participants leave the cache behind for the next treasure hunters to discover. An alternative description on Geocachingtoolbox.com reads, “Grown-up people using multi-billion dollar satellites to find Tupperware boxes in the woods.” There are over 3,500 geocaches around Austin. This activity will allow residents to explore their communities in new ways, though there are also [Mystery/Puzzle Caches](#) that you can access from inside your home.

Please share your geocaching experiences by using the #EarthDay2020 and #ATXEarthDay tags.

Additional Resources –

1. www.geocaching.com/play - The largest site and app for Geocaching in the world, it began operating in 2000, and free membership allows users access to coordinates, descriptions, and logs for caches. Their introduction to geocaching video can be accessed [here](#).
2. www.opencaching.us – Another Geocaching service that has the widest variety of caches, including traditional, virtual, moving, mutli, quiz, webcam, BIT, guestbook, USB, and MP3.
3. <https://www.geocachingtoolbox.com/index.php?lang=en&page=geocaching> – Geocaching Toolbox is a website that provides more in-depth information about slang, ciphers, and FAQs about the world of geocaching.