



Borderland State Park Survival Skills Scavenger Hunt: Geocaching



August 15 - September 30, 2020

Welcome to the Geocaching scavenger hunt! Geocaching is a fun activity where you find hidden containers called "caches" using GPS coordinates and clues. It's also a great skill to have in the woods by helping you navigate to specific locations, and it assists professionals like park rangers respond in emergencies. So now it's time to put your navigational skills to the test! Ranger Darren has hidden pictures around Borderland (in place of normal caches due to Covid-19), which can be found using a smartphone with Google Maps, a park map and bit of problem-solving. Find them and a prize may be in your future!

How to Play:

- There are five quests, each leading to a hidden picture posted on a tree.
- Finding each picture is a two-step process, requiring you to navigate to two caches (Cache A, then Cache B) using coordinates and clues.
 1. The coordinates and clue to **Cache A** are provided to you on the Quest Sheet.
 2. When you reach Cache A you will find the coordinates and clue to **Cache B**, which is the location of the hidden picture!
- To navigate, open Google Maps on your phone and enter the coordinates into the "Search here" bar. A red pin will appear indicating your destination. Compare the pin's location to a park map and walk there (your current location is the blue dot which moves as you walk). When you reach the pin, solve the clue to find the cache!
 - *Only use Google Maps to view the coordinates (red pin) and current location (blue dot). Do not use the "directions" option, since it does not recognize most trails at Borderland and may take you on an errant route.
 - *Do not leave a main trail until you have reached the red pin, at which time you may enter the woods to solve the clue.
- When you find the hidden picture take a selfie or group photo in front of it, making sure the hidden picture is visible in the background. Each correct photo will earn you one entry into the prize drawing. The more you find the better your chances! Find all five and receive one bonus entry!
- To be entered in the prize drawing email all of your photos to borderland.park@mass.gov by **Wednesday, September 30**. Email when you're finished playing, not as you find each one. Include everything from the "Contact Information" box (bottom of Quest Sheet). One submission per group. Winners drawn at random and notified by Friday, October 2.
 - ***Note:** Your emailed photos will only be used as proof you found a cache and for no other purposes.



QUEST SHEET



Quest 1 (Easy)

Cache A Coordinates: 42.05923, -71.16378
Clue: Over two bridges and through the tunnel,
on a tree you'll find the first half of this puzzle!

Cache B Picture Coordinates: _____
Picture Clue: _____

Quest 2 (Easy-Medium)

Cache A Coordinates: 42.05964, -71.15516
Clue: Which way to go? The woodpecker's nose knows!

Cache B Picture Coordinates: _____
Picture Clue: _____

Quest 3 (Medium)

Cache A Coordinates: 42.06728, -71.14016
Clue: Take the path for two wheels to the tree with three eyes,
down the hill 30 paces to find the big prize.

Cache B Picture Coordinates: _____
Picture Clue: _____

Quest 4 (Medium-Hard)

Cache A Coordinates: 42.06935, -71.16195
Clue: This cache will push you beyond the tipping point!

Cache B Picture Coordinates: _____
Picture Clue: _____

Quest 5 (Hard)

Cache A Coordinates: 42.07653, -71.16474
Clue: How lowwww can you goooo?

Cache B Picture Coordinates: _____
Picture Clue: _____

Contact Information

Please list all participants, one person's email, and one mailing address to send prizes if chosen as winner.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____



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