

GEOCACHING



Walworth County 4-H Family Challenge

Treasure!

Navigate. Search. Problem Solve. Discover. Celebrate.

These are just a few of the things your family can do together when you complete the *Geocaching 4-H Family Challenge!* Even if you've never geocached before... **You. Can. Do. This.**

Follow the directions below to earn one entry into the *4-H Family Challenge Prize drawing* each time you visit a new cache. First county drawing: December 15; second county drawing: March 15. Last date to enter: March 5.

How to Complete This Challenge:

If you have never geocached before, you will need to download a free app to your cell phone or device. There are many to choose from. We used "Geocaching by Groundspeak." It is the official app of geocaching.com. The free version of this app is all you'll need to find the caches that are a part of the challenge—and many more if you choose to cache outside of this challenge.



- 1) **Choose any one of the specific caches listed below to visit, and search the geocache ID number in the app.** It will bring up information about the cache. Before heading to the cache, be sure to grab the **4-H sticker** provided in your *4-H Kick-off Packet*, a bit of swag, and a writing tool.
- 2) **Use the navigation function to travel to the cache.** For your convenience, the physical address of the cache location is provided below, as well. Once at the location, use the app's compass function to navigate to the cache's specific hiding spot. Most of the caches in this challenge are "small" or "regular." This means they are the size of a sandwich box or bigger. Micro caches in this challenge are about the size of a magnetic key keeper. Review the cache description in the app to learn more about the specific cache, get a hint about its hiding spot, glean info from those who have recently visited, and more.

- 3) **Once you've found the cache, take a family selfie with it in hand.** (Be sure to aim your shot away from where the container was hidden, so the hiding spot remains a secret). Post it on social media with the hashtag **#WalCo4HFamilyChallenge** or email it to walco4h@gmail.com.
 - 4) **If you'd like to partake in the treasure, be sure to leave one item for each item you take.** Additionally, drop in the **4-H sticker** if this is the first cache you have visited as part of the *Geocaching Challenge*. Don't take a trackable item (e.g. a travel bug) from a cache unless you are committed to moving it to another location in a short time span.
 - 5) **Sign the log** with your team name (which is totally your choice) and **#WalCo4HFamilyChallenge**.
 - 6) **Report your participation** in this challenge at **THIS LINK:** <https://forms.gle/WCuW7vUfvGhXqpPY9>. This step earns you an entry in the "4-H Family Challenge Prize Drawing."
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Geocaches to Choose From

Darien Area

Cache ID #: GCX78H

Geocache Name: "Do Horses Smile?"

General Physical Location: SMILES, Inc., N2666 Co. Road K, Darien

Caution: This is a REGULAR cache.



Elkhorn Area

Cache ID #: GC86Y7Z

Geocache Name: "My Childhood Neighborhood"

General Physical Location: within the Meadow Blossoms neighborhood near Frank's, Elkhorn

Caution: Please be respectful while you search, as you will be walking on the property lines of residents living in the area to get to this cache. Please park on the road. This is a REGULAR cache.

Cache ID #: GC29RDG

Geocache Name: "The Cache of Bray Road"

General Physical Location: Bray Road, Elkhorn

Caution: You will need to park on the side of the road for this cache. Adult supervision is required. This road is a fairly quiet one, but may be busier during harvest season. This is a SMALL cache.

East Troy Area

Cache ID #: GC51XHE

Geocache Name: "Jumpers Away"

General Physical Location: W1341 Co. Hwy L, East Troy

Caution: Park in the Skydive Milwaukee parking lot. This is a SMALL cache.

Lake Geneva Area

Cache ID #: GC2VDGT

Geocache Name: "Seek Ye First"

General Physical Location: near Oak Hill Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Lake Geneva

Caution: This is a REGULAR cache. Read the cache description on the app. There is a convincing decoy to watch out for.

Sharon Area

Cache ID #: GC2FJ0J

Geocache Name: "WSQ South Grove"

General Physical Location: South Grove Cemetery, Salt Box Road just south of County B on east side of road, Sharon

Caution: This is a SMALL cache. Please be respectful of gravestones and monuments. Cache is not located at a gravesite.

Whitewater Area

Cache ID #: GC2CQWY

Geocache Name: "Chilling and Grilling at Trippe"

General Physical Location: Trippe Lake Park, 407 South Wisconsin Street, Whitewater

Caution: This is a MICRO cache.

Cache ID #: GC8AZE3

Geocache Name: "Cache in the Middle of Nowhere"

General Physical Location: At the dead end on Meadowview Court, Whitewater

Caution: This reports as SMALL in the app, but it's actually more MICRO. Not a great place to visit if it's raining.

Key Geocaching Terms to Know

Term	What does it mean?
Swag	The "treasure" found inside of a geocache; if you take a trinket from a cache, you must leave one in exchange. Typical swag includes small items such as plastic toy figures, bouncy balls, anything little enough to fit that you think will make someone else (youth or adult) smile.
TFTC	"Thanks For The Cache." This is a common message to post in the app when you log that you "found" the cache.
DNF	"Did Not Find."
Muggles	Passersby; people who may be in the vicinity of a cache when you are looking for it. Your goal, while geocaching, is to covertly find caches without others seeing where they are.

