

GEOCACHING

A MODERN DAY TREASURE HUNT

CALHOUN COUNTY



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What is geocaching?

“Geocaching (pronounced geo-cashing) is a worldwide game of hiding and seeking treasure. A geocacher can place a geocache in the world, pinpoint its location using GPS technology and then share the geocache’s existence and location online. Anyone with a GPS device can then try to locate the geocache.” - Geocaching.com

Getting Started:

- You’ll need a Global Positioning System (GPS) device: a handheld GPS, your car GPS (set in ‘Walking Mode’) or a smart phone. (For smart phones, a variety of applications are available for GPS coordinates.)
- Log onto www.Geocaching.com and create your free account.
- Use the given coordinates to find the area of the hidden cache.
- Once found, a cache will contain a log book, write down your account name and the date you found the cache.
- If there is an object in the cache, and you take it, you must replace it with something of equal or greater value.
- Place the cache back exactly as you found it.
- Report your findings online.

As you go:

- Respect the environment and be mindful of your surroundings.
- When you find a cache, be sure to put it back just as you found it.
- Geocaches are meant to blend into the environment and will never be buried; so look very closely.

Terms:

BYOP: Bring your own pencil so that you can sign the log book.

DNF: Did not find. This is used when logging the cache online if you are unable to find the cache.

FTF: First to Find. Written in the logbook or online when being the first person to discover the cache.

Muggle: A non-geocacher. Usually used if a non geocacher looks puzzled after befriending a geocacher searching for a cache, or when one unexpectedly finds a cache.

Travel Bug: A dogtag attached to an object; moved from cache to cache, its travels are logged on Geocaching.com

TFTC: Thanks for the cache.

(More available online at Geocaching.com.)

Calhoun County Course:

Ten caches have been placed throughout Calhoun County! Three separate series create the entire course! Battle Creek, Marshall and Albion/County.

Each cache has a beginning title. For example BC1: is the first cache in the Battle Creek series. Each cache also has a GC Code; the unique online listing for the cache. The GC code starts with CG followed by a variety of letters. Looking for all of these caches online? Search by our Username: BattleCreekCVB.

Each cache in this course has its own special code on the physical cache. Be sure to keep track of that code on the back of this guide.

Looking for more? Battle Creek/Calhoun County has hundreds of fun, exciting geocaches for you to find! Log on to Geocaching.com to discover them all!



Individuals participating in geocaching do so at their own risk. The Calhoun County Visitors Bureau and its affiliates are not responsible for accidents or injury. Please obey all appropriate laws and exercise extreme caution.

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Battle Creek Series

BC1: Play for Keeps

N 42 ° 20.407 W 85 ° 9.022

GC2RPWJ

Thousands compete every summer at this 'gigantic playground'. Playing to earn the title of tournament champion, or watching the big leagues and hanging with Mo Skeeter, this is a major summertime destination.

Hint: Maybe it is whether you win or lose.



MO SKEETER

BC2: Truth's Park

N 42 ° 18.965 W 85 ° 10.787

GC2RRK3

Located here, discover three monuments dedicated to the identity of the community. One, a monument of a woman who fought for equal rights; another, for a legendary cereal mogul and the other, an art piece created with rocks from around the country.

Hint: Behind equality, there's someone who worked for it.



SOJOURNER TRUTH



SCIENCE IS ALL AROUND!

BC3: Earth to Space

N 42 ° 20.274 W 85 ° 12.683

GC2RPW8

From earth to space, two area attractions are located right here, and along a beautiful winding path! Discover the wonders of natural history, of nature and discover space at the planetarium show!

BYOP and be able to write very, very small!

Hint: Good idea to sit back & enjoy the sites of nature.

BC4: Heritage Discovery

N 42 ° 19.670 W 85 ° 11.824

GC2RRKY

Step back into the 19th Century and tour this replicated 'neighborhood'. Then, discover one of Battle Creek's most infamous residents: Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, in the welcome building. Test your hand at some of his original inventions, watch the video on the origin of the corn flake and learn how cereal actually came to be.

Permission given by property owner. High muggle area during summer months. Closed after dark.

Hint: Not all mail is bad news, so don't be afraid to open it.

Marshall Series



**BROOKS MEMORIAL
FOUNTAIN**

M1: Historic Fish

N: 42 ° 16.298 W: 84 ° 57.510
GC2T6DG

Welcome to this historic downtown! With shops perfect for antiquing, museums perfect for exploring, and community staples perfect for dining, it feels like you've stepped back to another period in time! Caching permission given by owner. Closed after dark.

Hint: Fish never sleep, and cachers always wander – south of the deep blue and south of a looking glass.

M2: Turkey is King

N: 42 ° 20.884 W: 84 ° 59.783
GC2R7PS

In this place where turkey is king, sample a traditional turkey dinner, a turkey sandwich or any number of other menu items that include turkey. A favorite is always the homemade ice-cream or caramel corn; but don't fret, those are turkey free! High muggle area. Closed after dark. Caching permission given by owner.

Hint: Where there is a will, there is a way. Where there is a sign, the cacher should stay.



FOUR SQUARES OF FUN!

M3: Hospitality House

N: 42 ° 16.353 W: 84 ° 57.875 • GC2R7PN

Built in 1860, this location is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Built as a reproduction of a home on the Hawaiian Islands, you will find the architecture stands out from everything else. Tours are available to discover the painted ceilings, the replicated home furnishing and artifacts. Closed after dark. High muggle area. Caching permission given by owner.

Hint: A birdbath or a sculpture? Whatever it may be, proceed with caution, but not towards the tree!

Albion & County Series

AC1: Rock'n Love

N: 42° 14.250 W: 84° 44.785

GC2R7RB

Be 'Victorious', as you try to win at disc golf or a game of tag. With pavilions for hosting your outdoor event, a playground to entertain the kids and pathways to walk throughout, kids of all ages will enjoy! BYOP

Hint: Where there is a bed, you will find this cache. But look carefully, it blends in all too well.



'DANCING BEAR'

AC2: Lovin' Michigan

N: 42° 15.805 W: 84° 39.029

GC2R7RN

There are many amazing tastes of Michigan; many of which you can sample and take home from this location! Those over 21 enjoy a unique tasting. So much to see, taste and take home for your collection, you won't be 'Sleepy' at all! Permission from owner. Closed after dark.

Hint: Don't be afraid to walk on the wild (vine) side!

AC3: Cache Hunt

N: 42° 08.735 W: 84° 48.516

GC2RRN9

From the best burger joint in town, to Cascarelli's, known throughout the county for their pizza, or to the town's two main festivals, the Easter Eggstravaganza and the Homer Hogstravaganza in August, it's a community full of small-town charm! Interested in learning more? Then head to this location!

Permission given by property owner. High muggle area. You'll need to be crafty to stay discreet.

Hint: Landscapers know the secret to a healthy plant is at its roots.

WIN! CACHE COLLECTION REPORT

On each hidden cache is a special code. Write down each code, and then bring this sheet into the Visitors Bureau for your prize!

Each completed series will earn you a prize! Complete all three series and be registered to win a grand prize of a weekend getaway to Battle Creek/Calhoun County!

Battle Creek Series:

- BC1: Play for Keeps _____
- BC2: Truth's Park _____
- BC3: Earth to Space _____ KM-S1 _____
- BC4: Heritage Discovery _____

Marshall Series:

- M1: Historic Fish _____
- M2: Turkey is King _____
- M3: Hospitality House _____

Albion / County Series:

- AC1: Rock'n Love _____
- AC2: Lovin' Michigan _____
- AC3: Cache Hunt _____



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Cache collection giveaway ends 10/31/11. Only one prize per person and per code sheet.