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Geocaching: Getting Back To The Great Outdoors

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Summary:

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Article Body:

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In May 2000 the government announced their decision to stop the intentional degradation of GPS

On the day following this announcement the first geocache was placed by David Ulmer in Oregon.

The hider would hide a container, note the coordinates with his GPS unit.

The seeker would locate the container using the given coordinates, make a note in the logbook,

It only took a few days for the cache to be found and reported online, and a new outdoor sport

The sport has grown considerably since its humble beginnings. At this writing there are well over

Our family likes to go geocaching as a family activity. The weekends will usually find us in or

Here's how we normally do it:

1. We go to GeoCaching.com or TerraCaching.com to find a good cache close to the area we want
2. We print out the cache pages (or alternatively load it into our PDA).
3. We load the coordinates into our GPS unit and set our GPS unit to navigate.
4. We load up our cold drinks (we go caching in Texas, so we have to stay hydrated) and our tools
5. We drive to the coordinates and start looking. The cache listing and log entries usually have
6. Once we find the cache, we log our find in the cache logbook.
7. We trade a few trade items (usually inexpensive trinkets and toys).
8. Once we get back home, we log our find on the listing website.
9. I also like to write a blog entry about our outing on my geocaching blog at CachingAdventures

It's not unusual for my family to find 3 to 5 caches in one outing. Other more aggressive caches

An enjoyable cache might be in an unknown park, an urban wilderness area, or a mind-bending puzzle

Finally! A good reason to go outdoors again!

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