

GEOCACHE PASSPORT PROGRAM

Discover and Explore Maplewood Parks and Neighborhood Preserves

Geocaching is an outdoor adventure game similar to a treasure hunt played with a GPS device or smartphone. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches. There are over a million active geocaches around the world and now there are 20 official Geocaches in the Maplewood Parks, Neighborhood Preserves and Maplewood Nature Center.

STEPS TO THE MAPLEWOOD PARKS & RECREATION Geocache Passport Program:

1. Obtain a Maplewood Parks & Recreation **Geocache Passport** packet and park map from the Parks & Recreation office at 1902 County Road B East (Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm).
2. Using the GPS coordinates listed on the **Geocache Passport** page; enter the coordinates of the caches you want to find into your hand-held GPS unit (or phone and GPS app) or you can use the Google Maps coordinates list to use on your Google Maps App.
3. All of the Geocaches are in clear plastic containers and hidden above ground in safe locations away from water and wetland buffer zones.
4. Start your search. Navigate to, search for and find one or all of the caches using the hand-held GPS unit or phone. Caches are located in 17 Maplewood parks and 2 Maplewood Neighborhood Preserves plus the Maplewood Nature Center.
5. When you find a **Geocache Passport Program** cache, log your name on the logbook inside the cache. Write down the unique cache code word as proof of discovering the cache. Carefully replace the contents into the cache and put it back in the spot you found it. Do not move it!
6. Always remember to be stealthy in your search. We do not want to alert the “Muggles” (non-participants) to the presence of these hidden treasures!
7. Be sure to leave no trace of your presence and please pick-up and dispose of any litter you find in the parks during your hunt.
8. After discovering all 20 caches, a cacher is eligible to get a special certificate and medal.

To redeem your completed Maplewood Parks & Recreation **Geocache Passport** packet and receive your special certificate and pin, visit the Parks & Recreation office at 1902 County Road B East (Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm). For more information, call 651.249.2111 or email recreationonline@maplewoodmn.gov

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FINDING THE GEOCACHES

1. With a copy of the park map it should be pretty straightforward to get to the park with the cache located in it. If you have done your research well, you should also feel good about knowing the best method of getting to the cache location. We suggest that you keep your GPS device on the entire time even if you may occasionally lose signal from overhanging trees or other obstructions.
2. When you get close to the geocache (within 300 feet, which is the length of a football field), check your GPS device's signal strength. Sometimes the signal will have an error between 25 - 200 feet. **Concentrate more on the overall distance decreasing and less on the arrow as you get closer to the final location.**
3. The final 30 - 100 feet can be the most difficult. It helps to think like the person who hid the cache. If there are trees around, investigate around the base. Check along the brush line. Some geocaches, especially in highly populated areas, are hidden with slight camouflage, so it helps to know something about the container used. Is it bigger than a shoebox or small like a film canister? All of the caches in the parks are in clear plastic containers.

THE ACTUAL FIND

Hurray! You found your first geocache. Congratulations! Now what?

1. Take note of the style and method of this hide. Where did this geocache bring you? Enjoy the location.
2. Sign the logbook with your name, the date, and a few words about your experience. Log the "Cache Code" in your **Geocache Passport Program** packet.
3. If you trade for items, remember to trade for something that is of equal or greater value.
4. Make sure to seal the cache and place it back exactly where and how you found it. If it had some leaves covering it, please replace those.



Have fun finding the rest of the caches in the Maplewood Parks and Recreation **Geocache Passport Program!** We look forward to seeing you on the hunt!

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MAPLEWOOD PARKS & RECREATION-GOOGLE MAP

Geocache Passport Program Secret Code List

	<i>PARK NAME</i>	<i>GOOGLE MAP LINKS</i>	<i>HINTS</i>	<i>CACHE CODE</i>
1	Afton Heights (Afton)	N 44° 56.608 W 092° 59.836	Home run over the right field fence!	
2	Applewood	N 44° 54.993 W 092° 59.595	Looking over the playground beyond	
3	Crestview	N 44° 55.789 W 092° 59.578	Enjoy the butterfly garden from behind the big tree	
4	Four Seasons	N 45° 00.951 W 093° 01.828	Go towards the trees, it's on the ground	
5	Geranium	N 44° 58.434 W 092° 59.509	Go south but not up!	
6	Goodrich	N 44° 59.751 W 093° 01.027	A little in to the woods	
7	Hazelwood	N 45° 01.416 W 093° 01.989	If you are playing soccer watch out for this!	
8	Hillside	N 44° 59.808 W 093° 00.195	On top of hill in the pines	
9	Joy	N 45° 01.838 W 092° 59.225	"Camp Silver Maple"	
10	Kohlman	N 45° 01.170 W 093° 03.404	Don't go off the path too far, you'll fall in the water	
11	Pleasantview	N 44° 54.511 W 092° 59.861	Down the hill from the basketball courts	
12	Robinhood	N 45° 00.100 W 093° 02.447	Trains used to pass behind here	
13	Sterling Oaks	N 44° 59.076 W 092° 59.792	Up the hill a little bit	
14	Sunset Ridge	N 45° 01.997 W 093° 03.129	Up off the ground	
15	Vista Hills	N 44° 55.541 W 092° 59.776	Nice walk by the Gazebo	
16	Wakefield	N 44° 59.750 W 093° 01.999	Check the big stump	
17	Western Hills	N 44° 59.745 W 093° 05.403	Look behind the trees near the end of the big new wall	
18	Prairie Farm Preserve	N 45° 02.124 W 093° 00.568	In woods near new machine shed	
19	Priory Open Preserve	N 44° 59.501 W 092° 59.319	A little off the beaten path	
20	Maplewood Nature Center	N 44° 58.012 W 092° 59.326	Hike south over the bridge and up the hill on the left	

MAPLEWOOD PARKS & RECREATION-DEGREES & DECIMAL MINUTE

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1	Afton Heights (Afton)	N 44° 56.608	W 092° 59.836	Home run over the right field fence!	
2	Applewood	N 44° 54.993	W 092° 59.595	Looking over the playground beyond	
3	Crestview	N 44° 55.789	W 092° 59.578	Enjoy the butterfly garden from behind the big tree	
4	Four Seasons	N 45° 00.951	W 093° 01.828	Go towards the trees, it's on the ground	
5	Geranium	N 44° 58.434	W 092° 59.509	Go south but not up!	
6	Goodrich	N 44° 59.751	W 093° 01.027	A little in to the woods	
7	Hazelwood	N 45° 01.416	W 093° 01.989	If you are playing soccer watch out for this!	
8	Hillside	N 44° 59.808	W 093° 00.195	On top of hill in the pines	
9	Joy	N 45° 01.838	W 092° 59.225	"Camp Silver Maple"	
10	Kohlman	N 45° 01.170	W 093° 03.404	Don't go off the path too far, you'll fall in the water	
11	Pleasantview	N 44° 54.511	W 092° 59.861	Down the hill from the basketball courts	
12	Robinhood	N 45° 00.100	W 093° 02.447	Trains used to pass behind here	
13	Sterling Oaks	N 44° 59.076	W 092° 59.792	Up the hill a little bit	
14	Sunset Ridge	N 45° 01.997	W 093° 03.129	Up off the ground	
15	Vista Hills	N 44° 55.541	W 092° 59.776	Nice walk by the Gazebo	
16	Wakefield	N 44° 59.750	W 093° 01.999	Check the big stump	
17	Western Hills	N 44° 59.745	W 093° 05.403	Look behind the trees near the end of the big new wall	
18	Prairie Farm Preserve	N 45° 02.124	W 093° 00.568	In woods near new machine shed	
19	Priory Open Preserve	N 44° 59.501	W 092° 59.319	A little off the beaten path	
20	Maplewood Nature Center	N 44° 58.012	W 092° 59.326	Hike south over the bridge and up the hill on the left	

MAPLEWOOD PARKS & RECREATION-DECIMAL DEGREES

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	PARK NAME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	HINTS	CACHE CODE
1	Afton Heights (Afton)	44.943467	-92.997267	Home run over the right field fence!	
2	Applewood	44.91655	-92.99325	Looking over the playground beyond	
3	Crestview	44.929817	-92.992967	Enjoy the butterfly garden from behind the big tree	
4	Four Seasons	45.01585	-93.030467	Go towards the trees, it's on the ground	
5	Geranium	44.9739	-92.991817	Go south but not up!	
6	Goodrich	44.99585	-93.017117	A little in to the woods	
7	Hazelwood	45.0236	-93.03315	If you are playing soccer watch out for this!	
8	Hillside	44.9968	-93.00325	On top of hill in the pines	
9	Joy	45.030633	-92.987083	"Camp Silver Maple"	
10	Kohlman	45.0195	-93.056733	Don't go off the path too far, you'll fall in the water	
11	Pleasantview	44.908517	-92.997683	Down the hill from the basketball courts	
12	Robinhood	45.001667	-93.040783	Trains used to pass behind here	
13	Sterling Oaks	44.9846	-92.996533	Up the hill a little bit	
14	Sunset Ridge	45.033283	-93.05215	Up off the ground	
15	Vista Hills	44.925683	-92.996267	Nice walk by the Gazebo	
16	Wakefield	44.995833	-93.033317	Check the big stump	
17	Western Hills	44.99575	-93.09005	Look behind the trees near the end of the big new wall	
18	Prairie Farm Preserve	45.0354	-93.009467	In woods near new machine shed	
19	Priory Open Preserve	44.991683	-92.98865	A little off the beaten path	
20	Maplewood Nature Center	44.966867	-92.988767	Hike south over the bridge and up the hill on the left	

