

# Locating a Geocache

Go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)

Click on the Username box in the top right of the page and enter your username and password.”

It is free and easy to create a user account if you don't have one.



Enter the zip code for the area where you would like to locate geocaches. Click the GO button.

A list of the nearest geocaches from the entered zip code is generated.

A check shows that you have found it.

Difficulty, terrain & size

Cache name, owner & waypoint

Icons	(D/T)	Placed	Description	Last Found
W ✓	(1/1)	3 Dec 04	Guyan's own by narogen (GCM96X) West Virginia	17 Aug 05 01 Apr 05
SW ✓	(1.5/2)	23 Mar 03	Queenfish's Holiday Cache: Easter by Queenfish and family with the Easter Bunny (GCEB45) West Virginia	06 Aug 05 31 Mar 05
SW ✓	(2/1.5)	18 Apr 04	Spy's Rendezvous by Kosovovet (GCJ7Z0) West Virginia	25 Jul 05 31 Mar 05
W ✓	(1.5/1)	4 May 04	Rotary Park by mr. bloodhound (GCJC85) West Virginia	03 Aug 05 31 Mar 05
W ✓	(3/1)	12 Jun 04	Johnny Micro by silentpartner (GCJP3H) West Virginia	03 Sep 05
W ✓	(4.5/1)	13 Mar 04	Cache for Harris by mikedx (GCHXPD) West Virginia	03 Sep 05
SW ✓	(2/2)	24 Feb 04	Blue Star Terminal by pinkbison (GCHRCJ) West Virginia	Today* 05 May 05
W ✓	(1/1)	3 Apr 03	Ritter Park 3N1 Virtual Cache by M&M by Luigi and Bullwinkle (GCF218) West Virginia	12 Aug 05 08 Apr 05
SW ✓	(3/2.5)	26 Nov 04	ROSE GARDEN TRAIL by LETSRACE (GCM57Z) West Virginia	03 Sep 05 07 May 05

Icons also indicate the presence of travel bugs , geocoins or specialty items .

Click on the name of a cache that sounds interesting and of an appropriate difficulty.

Note that difficulty is rated on a 1-5 scale and terrain is given a separate 1-5 scale. A cache with a difficulty of 1 and a terrain of 4 might require a long or strenuous hike but the cache box would be easy to find once you are there.

A green box indicates that this is a “regular” geocache and has a container hidden at the location. Two yellow boxes indicates that there are multiple steps before finding the container. An envelope means that the geocache is also a letterbox which is a type of cache that is popular in Europe. A ghost icon means the cache is virtual. There is no container but there is something to see or do at the listed coordinates. Virtual caches are being phased out of geocaching. A question mark cache can be very difficult. The listed coordinates are NOT where the cache is hidden. Cachers must solve a puzzle or problem to determine the coordinates for the cache. A globe icon in front of a cache listing is for an Earthcache. There are no containers at Earthcaches but visitors are required to answer questions about the geology of the area and post photographs.

Cache name      Coordinates      Attributes      Visit log

The screenshot shows the details of a geocaching cache. At the top, it says 'Traditional Cache' and 'Queenfish's Holiday Cache: Easter by Queenfish and family with the Easter Bunny'. It provides coordinates: N 38° 25.248 W 082° 23.665. Below that, it lists waypoint download options (LOC and GPX) and a difficulty/terrain rating of 2 stars. The description mentions it's the 2nd of Queenfish's holiday caches. On the right side, there are buttons for 'log your visit', 'add to watchlist', and 'bookmark listing'. There are also icons for various travel bug types and a note about travel bugs.

Waypoint download

Waypoint name

Travel bug

Difficulty & terrain rating

Cache description

Encrypted hints

Decoding key

**Additional Hints (Decrypt)**  
 Sebqz gur urnq bs gur genvy, jnyx n srj uhaqerq lneqf fyvtugyl qbja-uvyy, ybbxvat sbe gur cneg bs gur jbbqf yrsg bs gur genvy jurer gur haqroehfu vf fyvtug. Nf lbh zbir vagb guvf fyvtug pyrnevat, lbh'yy fr n fgrry cvcr nybat gur tebhq. Tb orlbaq guvf. Gur pnpur vf ybnpqrq oramgu gur sbex va n sryyrrq gerr. Rnfl rabhtu!

**Find...**  
 ...other caches [hidden](#) or [found](#) by this user  
 ...nearby [caches of this type, that I haven't found](#)  
 ...all nearby [caches, that I haven't found](#)  
 ...all nearby [placenames](#)  
 ...all nearby [benchmarks](#)  
 ...all nearby [hiking trails](#) from Trails.com

Decryption Key  
 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
 N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
 (letter above equals below, and vice versa)

Area map



Image gallery

Visit logs

**For online maps...**  
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[Yahoo Maps](#)  
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[Tiger Census Maps](#)

**Logged Visits (117 total. Visit the Gallery (17 images))**  
 Warning: **Spollers** may be included in the descriptions or links.  
 Cache find counts are based on the last time the page generated.

🕒 **September 18** by [Domino1973](#) (3 found)  
 RRRRRRRRRRRrrrrrrrrrr,, didn't find it. We must have been turned around. We couldn't find any steel pipe. We looked high and low. Then our GPS,,, (it leaves a lot to be desired anyway) started doing a tailspin. We searched for at least 2 hours with no luck. We will be back again!  
[\[view this log on a separate page\]](#)

🕒 **September 11** by [oldnavy59](#) (55 found)  
 found it and the elevation is the Kicker but a nice hide in a pretty park. took the Fishing buddy TB left The Troll TB Oldnavy Starburst & Mommabird  
[\[view this log on a separate page\]](#)

After visiting a cache, log your visit, record comments. Indicate what you took, what you left and if there were any problems with the cache or the logbook.



**Post a new log**

In reference to: [Reach the Tower \(Traditional Cache\)](#)

Type of log:

Date Logged:

 /  / 

Add a waypoint to the log



**Comments:**

If you decide to encrypt the logs, text within brackets [like this] will not be encrypted.

Indicate whether the cache was found;

the date of the visit;

and your comments.

Your log will be posted to the website for the cache.