

Thank you for participating!

When you have completed all 5 caches:

- There is a limited edition Grasslands National Park geocoin available for geocachers who have found all 5 caches.
- The fee for the coin is \$10.00 to cover the cost of the minting.

To collect your coin:

1. Visitor Reception Centre in Val Marie. Hours of Operation are:

May long weekend to September long weekend:

Everyday: 8am-5pm

September long weekend to May longweekend:

Monday to Friday: 8am-noon, 1pm-4:30pm

2. Mail this booklet, a cheque (payable to Receiver General for Canada) and a self addressed envelope to :

Heritage Interpreters

Grasslands National Park

P.O. Box 150

Val Marie, SK

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**Grasslands
National Park**
parkscanada.gc.ca

West Block Geocaching

Five Themes



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What is Geocaching?

- It is an outdoor treasure hunting game
- Participants use Global Positioning System (GPS) units to find the hidden containers (caches)
- Traditionally containers have treasures and a log book inside.
- Parks Canada has a modified version of geocaching permitted in National Parks



Parks Canada Geocaching Guidelines

- All geocaches must be in publicly accessible areas (ie: not on private land).
- Trade items are not permitted in caches. Instead, a message or story about the cache's specific location or about the national historic site, park or marine conservation area in general is included
- Caches are placed so that they do not disturb natural and cultural resources.

Safety Information

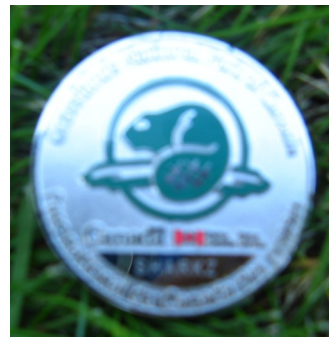
- Get current information at the park visitor centre and kiosk
- Bring 2-3 litres of water per person/day
- Bring a first aid kit, snacks, and cell phone (coverage may be unreliable) and maps
- Wear a hat, sunscreen, and mosquito repellent
- Enjoy wildlife for short periods from safe distances
- Be aware of rattlesnakes—they may hide under bushes and in burrows
- Roads become quickly impassable when wet
- Avoid abandoned buildings
- Avoid quicksand, bogs and alkali
- Beware of cactus, black widow spiders and ticks
- Avoid high ground and barbed wire fences during lightning

Please see the Visitor Guide for more safety information



Prairie Rattlesnake © Wendy Michael Prickly Pear Cactus © Caitlin Mroz

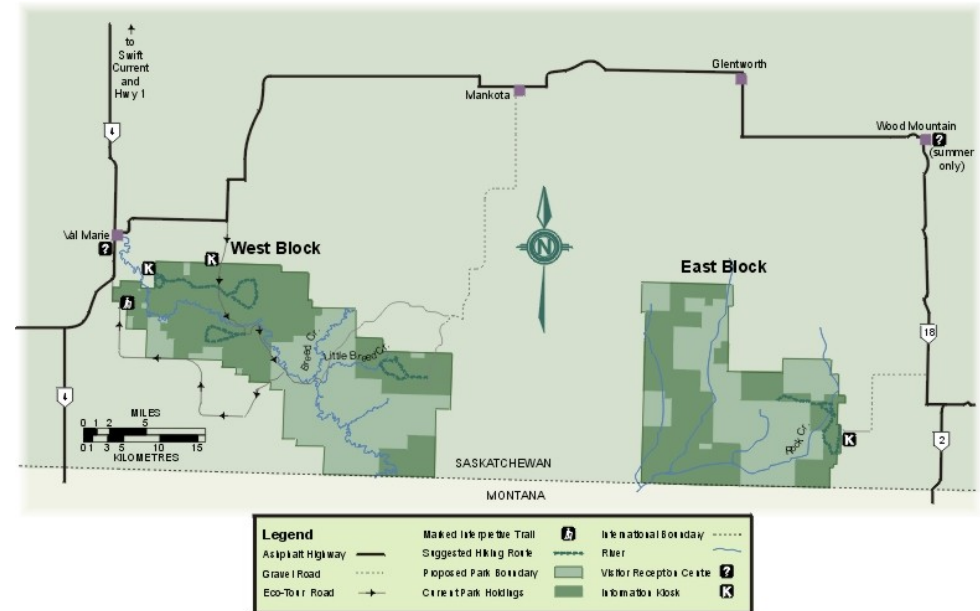
Geocoins!



Geocaching at Grasslands National Park

Objective:

- To find 5 geocaches located within the park boundaries.
- Each geocache represents one of the 5 park themes
- Within each cache there is an interpretive story about the location.
- When you arrive at the cache:
 1. Sign the guestbook
 2. Read the interpretive Story
 3. Answer the skill-testing questions in this booklet
 4. Hole punch this booklet.



Skill Testing Questions

Cache 1: Human-Land Relationships Theme

Question: Who owned the tipi covering?

Cache 2: Geological and Paleontological History Theme

Question: How was the Frenchman River formed?

Cache 3: Mixed Grass Prairie Ecosystem Theme

Question: Name 2 native grasses.






Cache 4: Endangered Species and Spaces Theme

Question: Where in Canada can Prairie Dogs be seen in their native habitat?

Cache 5: The Canadian Protected Heritage System Theme

Question: How many national parks in Canada represent the prairie ecosystem?

Geocache Passport

Punch to Collect	Cache and Theme	Punch Here!
	Cache 1: The footprint represents the humans that used the the land before us.	
	Cache 2: The snowflake represents the glaciers and the geological history.	
	Cache 3: the flower represents native flowers, an important part of the prairie ecosystem.	
	Cache 4: The footprint represents the endangered species.	
	Cache 5: The puzzle piece represents Grasslands National Park in the Parks Canada Agency.	