

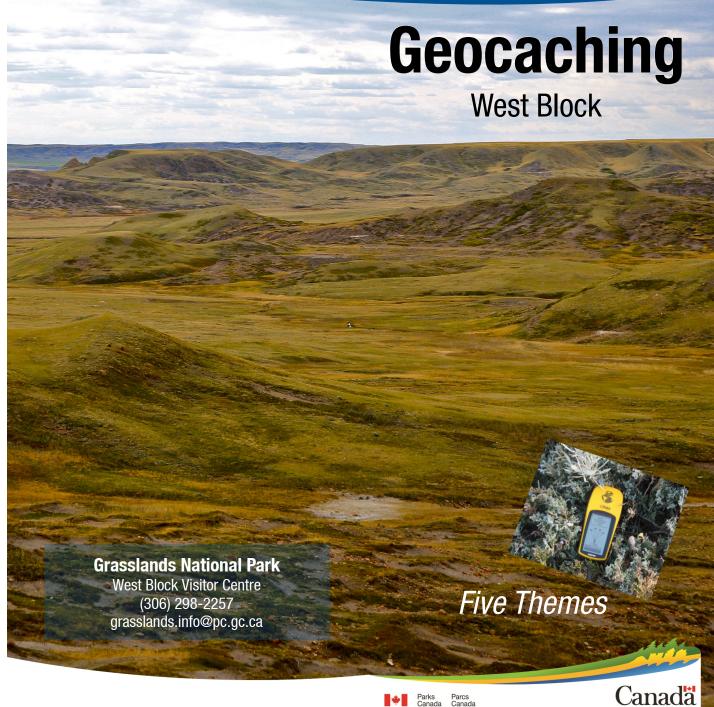
# What is Geocaching?

Geocaching is a fun and rewarding outdoor adventure that combines hiking and treasure hunting. The goal is to find hidden containers known as caches or geocaches using a portable satellite navigation device called a **Global Positioning System** (GPS) receiver.



# Parks Canada **Geocaching Guidelines**

- All geocaches are placed in publicly accessible areas (ie: not on private land).
- Please do not place any trade items in the cache. Instead, a message or story about the cache's specific location in general is included.
- Caches are placed so that they do not disturb natural and cultural resources.



## Geocaching at Grasslands National Park

### Objective:

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

## **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.

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Endangered Species and Spaces Theme

Question: Where in Canada can Black-tailed 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?

## Thank you for participating!

Once you have completed all 5 caches:

There are limited edition Grasslands
National Park geocoins available. Please
stop by the Visitor Centre in Val Marie or
mail in your booklet to purchase one.
The fee for the coin is \$12.00 to cover the
cost of the minting.

## **Geocache Passport**

Cache and Theme	Punch Here
Cache 1: The foot print represents the humans that used the land before us.	
Cache 2: The snow flake represents the glaciers and the geological history.	
Cache 3: The flower represents native flowers, an important part of the prairie ecosystem.	
Cache 4: The animal paw print represents the endangered species the park protects.	
Cache 5: The puzzle piece represents Grasslands National Park in the Parks Canada Agency.	

Forgot your GPS or cache coordinates?
We can help with that! Ask a visitor service attendant to loan out a GPS or receive a copy of the coordinates for this geocaching adventure.