



Banff National Park Geocaching Challenge Activity Sheet

Beginner Level

Year-round

This geocaching challenge is a family-friendly, easier GPS treasure hunt that will take you to some of the most well-known and beautiful areas of Banff National Park. The caches in this series average a difficulty rating of 2 out of 5. They are either accessible by car or are located on shorter, easier biking and/or hiking trails in the park.

Instructions:

1. Using a GPS, locate a minimum of 3 Parks Canada geocaches in Banff National Park.
2. Sign the logbook inside each cache.
3. Read the interpretive message.
4. Answer the "Proof of Find" question on this activity sheet.
5. Put the interpretive message back in the box for others to read.
6. Return to the Banff Visitor Centre at 224 Banff Avenue with the activity sheet to claim your official Banff National Park geocoin! A minimal \$4.00 fee applies.
7. You can log your findings on www.geocaching.com.



Cache name	Coordinates	Proof of Find
A Rare Find	Decimal: 51.17667-115.63013 DDD MM.MMM: N51°10.600 W115°37.862 DDD MM SS.SSS: N51°10'36.012" W 115°37'51.708"	What is the name of the wetlands found close to the town of Banff? _____
A Long Journey	Decimal: 51.18378-115.58853 DDD MM.MMM: N51°11.027 W115°35.312 DDD MM SS.SSS: N51°11'01.608" W115°35'18.708	What is the source of the Bow River? _____
Where is the Tunnel?	Decimal: 51.17603-115.561 DDD MM.MMM: N51°10.562 W115°33.660 DDD MM SS.SSS: N51°10'33.708" W115°33'39.600"	True or False: There is a tunnel through Tunnel Mountain. _____
Cosmic Ray Station II	Decimal: 51.1490278-115.5606944 DDD MM.MMM: N51°08.94167 W115°33.64167 DDD MM SS.SSS: N51°08'56.5" W115°33'38.5"	At what altitude was the Sulphur Mountain Cosmic Ray Station? _____
A Giant in the Forest	Decimal: 51.18819 -115.5183 DDD MM.MMM: N51°11.292 W115°31.098 DDD MM SS.SSS: N51°11'17.5" W115°31'05.8"	What is the approximate age of the oldest Douglas-fir tree in Banff National Park? _____

Important points on geocaching in a national park:

- All Parks Canada caches are located on and are accessible directly from park trails.
- Please leave nature undisturbed by staying on marked trails.
- For the safety of wildlife, please do not place any trade items in the cache.
- As always in national parks: Take only pictures and leave only footprints.