



HOMETOWN TREASURE HUNT

Make a Geocache



Just like Layton and his Geocache Club classmates in *Hometown Treasure Hunt*, you can make and hide your own geocaches for other people to find! Here's how to make, hide, and log a geocache in your hometown.

Step #1

Build a geocache. Decide what type of cache, and what to include. Gather your materials and keep these tips in mind:

- Use a weatherproof container that seals easily.
- Add a log and pencil.
- Decorate your cache container to blend in with its surroundings.
- Add trade and replace items if wanted.

Step #2

Hide your geocache. You'll travel to the location you've selected. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- The location you hide the geocache in must be easily accessible to the public.
- No caches should be hidden on private property.
- Obtain written permission as needed.
- Place the cache so searchers can find it safely.

Step #3

Record your geocache in the geocaching.com app. You'll first submit your cache for review.

- Be sure to log accurate GPS coordinates.
- Make sure your cache is hidden a good distance from other caches.
- Follow all the local guidelines for geocaching so your submission will be approved.

A few things to know:

- Before you can log a new geocache on geocaching.com, you should find at least 20 different geocaches. This ensures the people hiding caches understand the process and what to expect.
- Materials are available to purchase on the geocaching.com website, including containers, labels, log books, etc. You are welcome to use the official materials, or not. Use whatever supplies you choose.
- Remember, use your geocache location to bring people to an amazing spot, not just to find a geocache.
- Read the detailed instructions and guidelines here: <https://www.geocaching.com/play/guidelines>