

What is Geocaching?

Geocaching is a seek and find game played by people equipped with Global Positioning System units or telephone apps. Boxes, bags and areas of interest are marked by their longitude and latitude coordinates to be found by other users. Geocachers can leave and/or exchange an item in the box, to be traded by the next user. Other caches just have a log book where the people who find it can leave their name and the date.



Things that should **not** be left in geocaches include but are not limited to: matches, lighters, knives, sharp objects, drugs, or perishables. Exchange items, if you like, or take an object from the cache and place it in the next cache you find.

Earthcaches do not have a hidden cache box. Instead, Earthcaches bring you to a location or a vista.

To avoid going off the trail into terrain you do not know, use a park map along with the GPS direction arrow. Following and making course corrections by using trails will often get you to your cache quicker than by bushwhacking.

Once you find a cache, we ask that you put it back where it was found.

Please be considerate of the environment as you explore.

- Use existing trails whenever possible
- Do not disturb the soil or landscape—geocaches are never buried.

The approval of the Park Manager is required before you may set up a personal cache inside the Park. Please inquire at the Office about Placement forms.

Find more geocaches and games at all Virginia State Parks!

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Park Geocaches

Bear Creek Lake State Park staff monitor and maintain several geocaches throughout the park. The coordinates are pre-programmed by name on the park's units, or you can enter the coordinates on your personal GPS unit.

HELP (Park Office):

N37°31.917 W078°16.395

The following caches are traditional box caches with just a logbook to record your visit.

QLRDG1: (Quail Ridge trail) N 37° 31.532 W 078° 15.947	LEGACY: (near channel cat trail) N 37° 31.786' W 078° 16.263'
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GEO21 (Kestrel trail)

N 37° 31.637' W 078° 16.011'

Some Geocachers have placed their own caches in and around the park. Bear Creek Lake State Park is not responsible for the content or upkeep of these caches. Here are the coordinates found on www.geocaching.com

Willis River trail:

N 37° 31.610' W 078° 15.840'

FBEP2: (Lost Barr Loop trail):

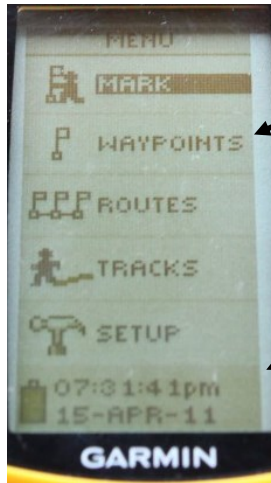
N 37° 31.767' W 078° 16.495'

FBEP3: (Lost Barr Loop trail)

N 37° 31.630' W 078° 16.389'

Using Garmin etrex

Using the photo on the front to help locate the buttons, turn on the unit by holding down the "PWR" button until the screen comes on. Press the "PAGE" button until you see the "MENU" screen as shown below:



Use the "down arrow" to highlight over "WAYPOINTS" and press enter to get to pre-entered points.

NOTE: Be sure to check the battery life on this screen.

Use the "up and down arrows" to find the name of the coordinate, then press "ENTER" to shift the highlighter over. Use the "up and down arrow" to highlight over the coordinate name, then press "ENTER." Not all coordinates on the units are valid. Only those which are included in this brochure are legitimate.

Press "ENTER" again when highlighted over "GOTO."

* Please note that not all coordinates on the units are valid, and the park is not responsible for your safety in going to waypoints that are not listed in this brochure.*

The next screen should appear as follows:



You want to watch the distance. (mi = miles and ft = feet)

Once you get close to the coordinates, then use the directional arrow.

NOTE: There may be a 10-30 ft. margin of error around the coordinates. So expand your search radius.

To go to another or different cache, press the "PAGE" button until you see the "MENU" screen again.

Once you finish using the unit please be sure to power it down by holding down the "PWR" button.

Stay safe and watch where you are walking.
And Please,

CACHE IN - TRASH OUT

Never litter and remind those in your group the same. Thank You