



Grasslands  
National Park

## 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

## West Block



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*Five Themes*



# 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:** UTM 13U 303293 5450405

*Human-Land Relationships Theme*

Question: Who owned the tipi covering?

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**Cache 2:** UTM 13U 306953 5452665

*Geological and Paleontological History Theme*

Question: How was the Frenchman River formed?

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**Cache 3:** UTM 13U 313812 5450569

*Mixed Grass Prairie Ecosystem Theme*

Question: Name 2 native grasses.

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**Cache 4:** UTM 13U 317880 5446674

*Endangered Species and Spaces Theme*

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

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**Cache 5:** UTM 13U 318989 5443999

*The Canadian Protected Heritage System Theme*

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

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## 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?

We can help with that! Ask a visitor service attendant to loan out a GPS unit.