Suggested Geocaching/GPS Program

**Geocaching**

1. Explain history of GPS and provide overview, making it as in-depth as you like.

2. Put participants into small groups. 2-3 members per group is probably best.

3. Give each group a GPS unit. Make sure to go over Basic Rules on the “GPS Write Up” document.

4. Explain how the units work. Show them the buttons and how to navigate.

5. Give each group a waypoint number and tell them to find that number in their GPS unit. They should then click on that number and select “go to.”

6. Send the groups out to find their assigned cache. If you do questions, have them come back and give you the correct answer and then send them out to a different cache. (Tell them to memorize the question and answer and remind them to put the cache back where they found it.)

7. Finish when a couple groups have found them all or when your allotted time is up.

Suggestion: Ask the participants to pick up the caches at the end of the day, in case they didn’t quite make it back to their original hiding places.

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