

## Geocaching – Specific Things to Know

- Be sure to check the equipment to make sure it works. If not, please notify Prairielands immediately!
- Don't store the batteries in the GPS units! It drains them more quickly. Please remember to remove them from the units before boxing up the kit.
- Because geocaching isn't as well-known we've included further materials regarding terminology, defining GPS and geocaching, kit specific programming prep work, a sample geocaching program, and other resources.
- Due to the program's nature, it may require it to take place outdoors or away from the library. Because of this we highly advise utilizing the Geocaching Program Permission Form, an example of which is provided in this binder, to make sure that the parents of the participants are fully advised of the program elements.
- Your local Park & Rec may have additional GPS units for you to use and/or may be able to aid you in both learning how to use the unit and teaching others as well.

## **Programming Ideas**

- Make your own geocaches.
- If your library is large enough use a "cache" bookmark in a book as a GPS point.
- Go to a local park and use natural elements as GPS points.
- Use the GPS units for a scavenger hunt.