

Seek and Find Adventure – FAQ

1. Who can play the Seek and Find Adventure geocache game?

Anyone! This game was created by the LEAP group in Staples to encourage residents and non-residents to get outside and enjoy various areas of the city. It is intended for all ages.

2. Where can I find a Seek and Adventure entry form?

Pick up your Seek and Find Adventure instructions and entry form at the following locations: Staples Public Library, Staples Motley School District Office, Staples World, Central Lakes College (Staples campus), Staples Community Center and the Chamber of Commerce office.

3. Why do I need to create an account at www.geocaching.com to play Seek and Find Adventure?

We chose to use www.geocaching.com website to house the cache locations because they are the leader in geocaching activities and information. Geocaching has become very popular as access to GPS services have become widespread and low cost. The website offers a free account which allows everyone the chance to use their services and find our caches. We have designed our Seek and Find Adventure game to work within their guidelines for setting each cache.

4. Why can't I see all the cache locations when using the free Geocaching App?

This is a limitation put into place by Groundspeak Inc, the company who runs the geocaching website and app. All geocaching locations are available with the free membership on the website: www.geocaching.com. A full app is available for purchase for both android and iOS devices for those who want it.

5. What equipment do I need to start geocaching?

You will need access to the internet to find the cache locations on www.geocaching.com. Free Wi-Fi is available at the following locations in Staples: the public library, Stomping Grounds, Dairy Queen, and The Depot. The public library also has computers available. Once you have the location coordinates, you will need to use a smartphone's GPS capability (either built in or with a free GPS/compass app) or another GPS device to identify the starting point to search for the hidden cache.

6. My GPS is indicating I am at the cache location but I can't find the container?

Please keep in mind that different GPS services/devices will have a range of accuracy of +/- 30 feet. Therefore, you will need to expand your search area when looking for the cache container. Containers are never buried but they may be hidden in logs, natural crevices, and/or the container itself may be disguised as something else (i.e. rock, log, etc.). Search tips can be found within the cache information listed on www.geocaching.com.