



Geocaching

- This program will last 4 hours
- **Post Requirement work** is needed in order to complete this merit badge.
- Please bring your **authorized blue card** and merit badge workbook.
- Badge is completed at Frying Pan Farm Park at address 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, VA.

Post Requirement Completion:

Merit badges require a certain amount of work completed independently by the scout. This will often involve planning ahead and possibly visiting other sites.

All requirements for the Geocaching Merit Badge at Frying Pan Farm Park will be met **except for requirements 8 & 9**. In order to complete this merit badge, scouts must attend the Geocaching Merit Badge program and complete requirements 8 & 9 after program attendance. We will work with the scout and the scout's family in order to assist the scout in completing requirements 8 & 9. Once a scout has completed the post merit badge requirements, the scout may email, mail or present their requirement work in-person. When requirement work has been received and reviewed to satisfaction, blue cards will be signed and either mailed back to the scout or will be ready for pick-up at the Frying Pan Farm Park site.

We do not have blue cards here at Frying Pan. Please bring your authorized blue card to the program in order to get it signed and officially meet the requirements of the badge.

What to bring?

- Please bring your Authorized blue card, merit badge workbook and a writing utensil
- Appropriate clothing including closed toe shoes
- Snack and water

Below are the Post-Work requirements for this merit badge:

8. Do ONE of the following:

- a) If a Cache to Eagle® series exists in your council, visit at least three of the 12 locations in the series. Describe the projects that each cache you visit highlights and explain how the Cache to Eagle® program helps share our Scouting service with the public.
- b) Create a Scouting-related Travel Bug® that promotes one of the values of Scouting. "Release" your Travel Bug into a public geocache and, with your parent's permission, monitor its progress at www.geocaching.com for 30 days. Keep a log and share this with your counselor at the end of the 30-day period.
- c) Set up and hide a public geocache, following the guidelines in the Geocaching merit badge pamphlet. Before doing so, share with your

counselor a three-month maintenance plan for the geocache where you are personally responsible for those three months. After setting up the geocache, with your parent's permission, follow the logs online for 30 days and share them with your counselor. **You must archive the geocache when you are no longer maintaining it.**

- d) Explain what Cache in Trash Out (CITO) means and describe how you have practiced CITO at public geocaches or at a CITO event. Then, either create CITO containers to leave at public caches, or host a CITO event for your unit or for the public.

9. Plan a geohunt for a youth group such as your troop or a neighboring pack, at school, or your place of worship. Choose a theme, set up a course with at least four waypoints, teach the players how to use a GPS unit, and play the game. Tell your counselor about your experience and share the materials you used and developed for this event.

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