



Spring Geocaching Quest



Beginning April 5, Indiana State Park visitors who have access to a GPS receiver have another reason to visit the State Parks, Reservoirs, and Recreation Areas in 2008. The "Spring Geocaching Quest" invites visitors to explore Indiana's State Parks and Reservoirs for a chance at an assortment of prizes, ranging from a \$100 gift card to the state park inns, \$50 gift cards from Cabelas, to free Indiana State Museum tickets.

24 state properties have hidden geocaches that players may find, and use to stamp a special game card that can be downloaded on any geocache page found at www.geocaching.com. Players can go to geocaching.com, searching "Spring Geocaching Quest" to get the coordinates for each hidden geocache. Each game card must be postmarked by July 7 to be eligible for the different prizes, based on how each player completes the card. Prizes come from the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, Indiana State Park Inns, Indiana State Museum, Cabelas, and Dick's Sporting Goods. Random caches throughout the spring may contain gift certificates from Dick's Sporting Goods and free tickets to the Indiana State Museum as well. The grand prize for completing a large square on the gamecard includes a \$100 Inns Gift card, 2008 DNR Annual Pass, a \$50 Gift Card from Cabelas, and 4 free tickets to the Indiana State Museum this summer. Additional prizes will go out for each 5-in-a-row that is completed on the gamecard and mailed in before the July 7 deadline.

Special Spring Geocaching Quest geocaches can be found on the following properties: Brookville Lake, Brown County, Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, Indiana Dunes, J. Edward Roush Lake, Lieber SRA, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Mississinewa, Mounds, O'Bannon Woods, Ouabache, Patoka Lake, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Raccoon, Salamonie, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, Versailles, and Whitewater Memorial.

The Spring Geocaching Quest also coincides with a revamped park patch program for kids of all ages called "Hoosier Quest". Visitors to the State Parks and Reservoirs this summer can connect with our parks and earn special patches and pins to take home. For more information on the Hoosier Quest program, visit a State Park or Reservoir Nature Center.

While free to play, regular State Park and Reservoir entrance fees apply. Entrance fees are \$4.00 for Indiana residents, \$5.00 for Indiana residents on the weekend, and \$7.00 for out of state residents (\$10.00 out of state at Indiana Dunes State Park). Annual Entrance Passes are also available.

Visitors can also apply to place a geocache on State Parks and Reservoir properties by visiting the appropriate park office and consulting the IDNR Geocaching Policy found at http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/pdf/InfoBulletin46_Geocaching.pdf

