



City of Austin Parks & Recreation Athletics Office

Geocache Austin: 2020 Virtual Geocaching Challenge

Monday February 1 – Wednesday March 31, 2020



REGISTRATION & ENTRY: Registration begins Monday January 4 – February 5, 2021. Please complete this form and send it to PARDAthletics@austintexas.gov before the registration deadline. There is no entry fee for the virtual geocaching challenge. The challenge will begin on Monday February 1, 2021 and conclude on Wednesday March 31, 2021.

GENERAL INFORMATION: This is a self-paced virtual geocache challenge where you will have 2 months to find as many of the 51 geocaches as possible that we've put in parks across Austin. The more caches that you find, the more prizes you will earn. If you require ADA accommodations, please contact the Inclusions Unit at 512-974-3914.

PARTICIPATION: You may select to register as an individual or as a team; teams may have a maximum of 4 individuals and there are no age limits; minors must always be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The "Individuals" and "Teams" will compete independently within those divisions. Every participant will each receive prizes as the tiers listed below are reached except for Tier 4. Please see the next page for the rules on this challenge and how to participate.

PRIZE TIERS: As you complete your Geocache Austin journey you will reach tiers in which you qualify for prizes

Tier One (5 - 19 Caches Found): Capital City Athletics Water Bottle

Tier Two (20 - 34 Caches Found): Geocache Austin T-Shirt

Tier Three (35 - 44 Caches Found): Capital City Athletics Mug

Tier Four (45+ Caches Found): Under Armour Backpack ***only the first 3 individuals/teams each to reach Tier 4 qualify**

IMPORTANT: Please enter an email that you check regularly. Email will be our primary form of communication

ENTRY FORM

First & Last Name of individual or team captain: _____

Email address of individual or team captain: _____

Phone number of individual or team captain: _____

Home address of individual or team captain: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Division
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual
<input type="checkbox"/> Team (<i>max of 4</i>)

T-Shirt Size
<input type="checkbox"/> Small
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> Large
<input type="checkbox"/> XL
<input type="checkbox"/> XXL

T-Shirt Size
<i>Team participant #2</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Small
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> Large
<input type="checkbox"/> XL
<input type="checkbox"/> XXL

T-Shirt Size
<i>Team participant #3</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Small
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> Large
<input type="checkbox"/> XL
<input type="checkbox"/> XXL

T-Shirt Size
<i>Team participant #4</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Small
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> Large
<input type="checkbox"/> XL
<input type="checkbox"/> XXL

For teams only:

Team Name: _____

Participant #2 First & Last Name: _____

Participant #3 First & Last Name (*if applicable*): _____

Participant #4 First & Last Name (*if applicable*): _____

GEOCACHE AUSTIN RULES

1. We have hidden 51 caches throughout the City of Austin parks for you to find!
2. There are two ways you can hunt for caches: (1) Use the free Geocaching App (2) Use a handheld GPS navigator to track the coordinates that will be provided to you
3. App: Download the “Geocaching” app on your smart phone and sign up for the free account version (you do not need the “premium” version to participate).




Geocaching app

4. On February 1st you will be emailed a list of 51 caches hidden throughout City of Austin parks. The list will include the cache code if using the Geocaching app and the cache coordinates if using a handheld GPS navigator.
5. The app contains hundreds of caches all over Austin, however, for the purpose of this event you will only be searching for caches that are on the list we provide to you. Other caches will not qualify for this event.
6. You will have 60 days to find as many of the hidden caches as you can by using the list and the Geocaching app or a handheld GPS navigator
7. The hidden caches are contactless white cards and will not be any type of capsule. Cache example below:

Cache name

Write down direct weblink if you don't have a smart phone. Log later via internet



Scan QR code with your smart phone and log.

The image shows a sample geocache card with the following text: "PARD CACHE #1 OFFICIAL GEOCACHE PLEASE DO NO DISTURB, THIS IS AN OFFICIAL GAME PIECE LOG YOUR FIND BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR USE LINK BELOW www.surveymonkey.com/r/12345". The card also features a QR code labeled "SAMPLE" and the Austin Parks & Recreation logo.

*The caches are 4.5” x 2.5” printed on plastic type material. There will be a total of 51 caches hidden throughout Austin parks. They will **never** require you to climb, dig underground, trespass, lift heavy objects, deface, or conduct any actions that would be unsafe to you.*

8. Each cache is a small card with a unique QR code printed on the top right. Use your smart phone to scan the QR code and you will be directed to a web page where you will log your first and last name (if you registered as an individual) or your team name (if you registered as a team). **YOU MUST LOG YOUR FINDS WITH THE QR CODE OR WEBLINK TO BE COUNTED TOWARDS YOUR TOTAL.** Teams only submit 1 log per cache per team.
9. If you don't have a smart phone to scan the QR code, you can take note of the weblink printed on the bottom of the cache. You can later use a computer or device to enter the link and log your cache
10. **NEVER remove, relocate, alter, or deface a found cache.** These are meant to be contactless and should not be handled so that other participants can make the find.
11. If you are using the app you can also “log geocache” on the app so you can keep track of your personal progress. The app will place smiley faces on the caches you find. Logging on the app is not required, but **strongly** encouraged to keep track your own progress, finds, and a way of reference to check if you found a specific cache or not.
12. As you complete your Geocache Austin journey you will reach tiers in which you qualify for prizes (see previous page for tier details)
13. Once the event concludes on March 31, 2020 you will be contacted by email on how to pick up your prizes
14. For Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) or more information please visit www.capitalcityathletics.com and click on the “Geocache Austin” tab at the top of the page
15. You can also contact us at 512-978-2670 or email us at PARDAthletics@austintexas.gov for additional information