

How to Prepare

1. Bright, seasonal clothing (layers work best)
2. Sturdy shoes or boots
3. Geocaching.com app AND/OR handheld GPS device
4. Snacks and water
5. A copy of this map and a writing utensil
6. Observant eyes and sense of adventure

Instructions

1. Using a handheld GPS or the geocaching.com app, find the nearest cache
2. Once you are in the geo zone, search for the peanut butter jar sized cache (sizes vary)
3. Once found, record the Rachel Carson clue inside
4. Sign the cache log
5. Replace the cache for the next seeker
6. Send in your clues to geotrail@rachelcarsontrails.org



RACHEL CARSON TRAILS CONSERVANCY

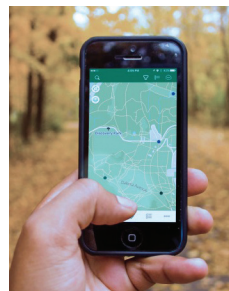
The Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy is named in honor of Rachel Carson, a marine biologist and early ecologist, born in Springdale in 1907 near the Rachel Carson Trail.

One of our goals is enabling people to experience the beauty of our region and the natural world, which Rachel Carson encouraged in her book *"The Sense of Wonder"*. She believed it was important for children to be introduced to the marvels of nature that surround us.

Find more information about Rachel Carson and the Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy at: rachelcarsontrails.org.



What is Geocaching?



Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices.

Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

More Information:

The RCTC Mini-Geotrail has been introduced to provide new and younger geocachers the opportunity to give geocaching a try while discovering the Rachel Carson Trail. The RCTC Geotrail consists of 40 caches all marked with RCTC.

Find 3 or more caches and earn a Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy pin. Find 5 or more and earn a patch. Find 10 or more caches and earn a Rachel Carson Trails hat. Having fun? Find 26 of the 40 RCTC Geocaches and earn a commemorative coin. Find all 40 and earn another coin. For more information about the RCTC Geotrail and the Rachel Carson Trail visit rachelcarsontrails.org.

At each cache, you will find a clue that you must record to send into the RCTC for your rewards. Record your clue findings and email them to info@rachelcarsontrails.org. Please include your name and address in the email.



For more information about geocaching visit geocaching.com.

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GEOCACHING

North Park Mini-Geotrail

A Real-World Fun Outdoor Educational Adventure for All Ages

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EASY

Drive from point to point for the first three caches (A, B, C). The following caches are within a 3-minute walk from where you can park. (Total effort: 1 hour)

MEDIUM

Park at Beaver Shelter along Babcock Blvd. After finding the cache A, follow the Rachel Carson Trail 1.5 miles to Beveridge Grove and look for cache B and C. Loop back to your car. (2 hours, 3 miles total)

DIFFICULT

Use the medium directions but continue another mile along the Rachel Carson Trail toward Hemlock Drive. A multi cache (D) awaits with secret message to the final cache. Amazing hike along a Pine Creek tributary. Return to car along Rachel Carson Trail (3-4 hours, 4 miles)

GeoCache Name

GPS Location

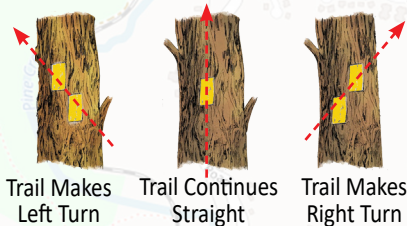
GeoCache.com I.D. Location

Record Rachel Carson Clue Here

A	"The End Or The Beginning?"	N 40° 35.995 W 079° 59.836	GC7AACF	CLUE: _____
B	"Mile 1 or Mile 38"	N 40° 35.585 W 079° 59.625	GC6JOP5	CLUE: _____
C	"Old North Park Groves"	N 40° 35.218 W 079° 59.034	GC59TC8	CLUE: _____
D	"Rachel's North Park Multi"	N 40° 34.889 W 079° 58.877	GC5FTNB	CLUE 1: _____
		The last 6 digits on the plaque are "AB CDEF" Second cache can be found at: N40 34.(B + D)(A)(C + F) W079 58.(F)(A - C)(D + E)		CLUE 2: _____
E	"The Lowlands"	N 40° 34.882 W 079° 57.893	GC7A95K	CLUE: _____
F	"Rachel's Fireplace"	N 40° 35.276 W 079° 57.465	GC56EJQ	CLUE: _____
G	"Sitting on the Fence"	N 40° 35.298 W 079° 57.301	GC7TNMP	CLUE: _____
H	"HMS Away"	N 40° 35.248 W 079° 56.714	GC7TRYP	CLUE: _____

TRAIL MARKINGS (BLAZES)

The Rachel Carson Trail is marked with painted blazes on trees and posts to guide you along your way. Rachel Carson Trail uses YELLOW blazes. The following are examples of trail blaze meanings:



MAP LEGEND

- Rachel Carson Trail
- Mile Markers measured from Beaver Shelter
- Caches
- Parking

ADVENTURE OPTION

Drop off a car at Hampton Middle School and take second vehicle to Beaver Shelter in North Park. On this moderate 4.5-mile hike, you will find 8 Rachel Carson Trail caches and experience creeks, train tracks, moderate climbs, a fireplace and more. (3-4 hours, 4.5 miles)

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