

# GEO-CHALLENGE PASSPORT

Go for an outdoor adventure.





Geocaching is an outdoor adventure game similar to a treasure hunt played with a GPS device. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, then share your experiences online. There are over a million active geocaches around the world and now with the Georgia State Parks Geo-Challenge you can "Get Out. Get Dirty. Get Fit." and go geocaching in Georgia state parks.

## Steps to the Georgia State Parks Geo-Challenge:

1. Obtain a Georgia State Park Geo-Challenge PassPort from any state park or historic site or download it and the grid sheet online at [www.GaParksGeocaching.com](http://www.GaParksGeocaching.com).
2. Go to [www.Geocaching.com](http://www.Geocaching.com), create a log-in and find the GPS coordinates and more information for the Georgia State Parks Geo-Challenge locations.
3. Start your search and locate one or all caches using a hand-held GPS unit. The cache containers are sealed ammo boxes labeled as a Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites geocache. Caches are located in 42 Georgia state parks and state historic parks.
4. When you find a Geo-Challenge cache, log your name and any comments on the logbook inside the cache and stamp your PassPort grid sheet with the unique stamp for that specific park.
5. Be sure to follow the Leave No Trace guidelines - [www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/LeaveNoTrace](http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/LeaveNoTrace)
6. Follow the Traveling Gophers. There are 58 Georgia State Park & Historic Sites travel bugs moving around the country. Be on the lookout for them and help them get to a new destination.
7. If you're quick, there is a "First-to-Find" special prize. A certificate for a 1-night camping stay is included in each cache for the person who gets there first.
8. Find one of the "endangered" gopher stuffed toys in 10 of the caches and it's yours to keep and protect.
9. Complete specific numbers of caches to get a custom geo-coin. Bring your stamped PassPort into the park's Visitor Center and receive a voucher for your coin.
  - With 15 completed caches you are eligible for a bronze level coin.
  - With 30 completed caches you are eligible for a silver level coin.
  - With 40 completed caches you are eligible for a gold level coin.









### To redeem your voucher and receive your coin, send the voucher to:

Marketing Coordinator  
 Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites  
 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1354 East Tower  
 Atlanta, Georgia 30334

### Bonus Caches

Once you find the caches for the custom geo-coins you are also eligible for a bonus cache at each level. These caches are more challenging and not required to complete the Geo-Challenge or receive your coins. Find the coordinates for them at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).



 A. H. Stephens	 Amicalola Falls	 Black Rock Mountain	 Cloudland Canyon	 Crooked River	 Elijah Clark	 F. D. Roosevelt	 Florence Marina	 Fort McAllister	 Fort Mountain	 Fort Yargo
 General Coffee	 George L. Smith	 George T. Bagby	 Georgia Veterans	 Gordonia-Atamaha	 Hamburg	 Hard Labor Creek	 High Falls	 Indian Springs	 James H. Floyd	 Kolomoki Mounds
 Laura S. Walker	 Little Ocmulgee	 Magnolia Springs	 Mistletoe	 Moccasin Creek	 Panola Mountain	 Richard B. Russell	 Red Top Mountain	 Reed Bingham	 Seminole	 Skidaway Island
 Smithgall Woods	 Stephen C. Foster	 Sweetwater Creek	 Tallulah Gorge	 Tugaloo	 Unicoi	 Victoria Bryant	 Vogel	 Watson Mill Bridge	 Chatahoochee Bend	

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**A.H. Stephens  
State Historic Park**  
Crawfordville  
706.456.2602

Enjoy camping, fishing and horseback riding while learning some history of the Civil War.



**Elijah Clark State Park**  
Lincolnton  
706.359.3458

Located on the largest man-made lake east of the Mississippi River, boating, fishing, swimming, and water sports are most popular but don't overlook the historical significance of the area, too.



**Amicalola Falls  
State Park & Lodge**  
Dawsonville  
706.265.4703

After your geo-caching adventure, hike the 2,000 steps up the waterfall to complete one of the challenges of the Canyon Climbers Club.



**F.D. Roosevelt  
State Park**  
Pine Mountain  
706.663.4858

The 23-mile Pine Mountain Trail winds through hardwoods and pines and offers spectacular views of the mountains and valleys. Horseback riding trails are also available.



**Black Rock Mountain  
State Park**  
Mountain City  
706.746.2141

At 3,640 feet, Black Rock Mountain is the highest state park in Georgia.



**Florence Marina  
State Park**  
Omaha  
229.838.6870

This small park on a big 45,000-acre lake offers a great setting for water sports and birding.



**Cloudland Canyon  
State Park**  
Rising Fawn  
706.657.4050

A hike down into the gorge (and back up!) will provide views of 2 cascading waterfalls and accomplish one of the Canyon Climbers Club challenges.



**Fort McAllister  
State Historic Park**  
Richmond Hill  
912.727.2339

Combine Civil War history with giant live oaks, a beautiful salt marsh, camping, hiking, and fishing and you get Fort McAllister, the place where General Sherman ended his "March to the Sea" and home to one of the best-preserved earthwork fortifications of the Confederacy.



**Crooked River  
State Park**  
St. Mary's  
912.882.5256

This spot is great for boating, salt water fishing and kayaking and is one of the stops in the Park Paddlers Club challenge.





**Fort Mountain State Park**

Chatsworth  
706.442.1932

Come see the mysterious 855-foot-long rock wall

which stands at the highest point of the mountain. Fort Mountain is also one of the stops in the Muddy Spokes mountain biking club.



**Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park**

Cordele  
229.276.2371

Established as a memorial to U.S. veterans, Georgia

Veterans features a cool museum with aircraft, armored vehicles and historic items from the Revolutionary War through the Gulf War.



**Fort Yargo State Park**

Winder  
770.687.3489

Located between Atlanta and Athens, the park surrounds a lake with a swimming beach,

fishing areas and boat ramps. It is also a mountain bikers dream and is part of the Muddy Spokes Club.



**Gordonia-Alatamaha State Park**

Reidsville 912.557.7744

Brazell's Creek State Park Golf Course

This scenic site is a favorite for

family reunions and championship golf. Visitors can rent pedal boats and fishing boats during warmer months.



**General Coffee State Park**

Nicholls  
912.384.7082

This park is known for its Heritage Farm, with log

cabins, a corn crib, tobacco barn, cane mill and other exhibits. Hike to the farm, rent a bike or a boat, go horseback riding, or enjoy a picnic.



**Hamburg State Park**

Mitchell  
478.552.2393

Offering a wonderful mix of history and outdoor recreation, visitors of all ages

can enjoy great lake fishing right off the pier or rent a pedal boat, surf bike, canoe, electric motor boat or fishing boat for the day.



**George L. Smith State Park**

Twin City  
478.763.2759

Paddle, bike or hike your way through history at the

refurbished combination grist mill, saw mill, covered bridge and dam. Get your card punched and complete another Park Paddlers Club trail.



**Hard Labor Creek State Park**

Rutledge 706.557.3001

The Creek State Park Golf Course

The Creek at Hard Labor was

named "4th Sweetest Deal in the USA" by Golf Digest's Frugal Golfer in January 2010. With trails for hikers and horseback riders, camping, cottages and a lakeside beach there's something for everyone.



**George T. Bagby State Park & Lodge**

Fort Gaines  
229.768.2571

Meadow Links State Park Golf Course.

This resort park features a 60-room lodge and conference center, a restaurant, and an award-winning 18-hole golf course. The beach, marina and boat ramp offer easy access to the large lake.





**High Falls State Park**  
Jackson  
478.993.3053

This pretty park in middle Georgia is conveniently located near I-75 and visitors

can enjoy the scenic waterfall, hike to the grist mill foundation remains, play mini golf with the kids or relax by the pool.



**Laura S. Walker State Park**  
Waycross  
912.287.4900  
The Lakes State Park Golf Course

Being located near the Okefenokee Swamp provides the opportunity to see many strange and curious creatures and carnivorous plant life. The park is well known for its championship 18-hole golf course.



**Indian Springs State Park**  
Flovilla  
770.504.2277

Come visit one of the oldest parks in the nation. The

Creek Indians used the springs for their curative powers and visitors can still sample the spring water while enjoying camping, fishing, boating and swimming.



**Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge**  
Helena  
229.868.7474  
Wallace Adams Golf Course

Golfers can test their skills on the 18-hole course and anglers love the lake with swimming beach and boat rentals. Children can play miniature golf or cool off in the Splash Pad during summer. This resort park also features a lodge, conference center and restaurant.



**James H. (Sloppy) Floyd State Park**  
Summerville  
706.857.0826

This scenic park offers outstanding fishing and

boating on two stocked lakes. Rent a paddle boat, hike along three miles of lake loop trails or relax in swings while watching for bluebirds.



**Magnolia Springs State Park**  
Millen  
478.982.1660

Hike the boardwalk and watch for alligators, turtles

and other wildlife near the springs or rent a boat and fish at the lake. There are 10 miles of hiking and biking trails and the park is part of both the Park Paddlers Club and the Muddy Spokes Club.



**Kolomoki Mounds State Historic Park**  
Blakely  
229.724.2150

This unusual park is an important archaeological site

and scenic recreational area with earthen mounds and a museum with numerous artifacts and an interesting film.



**Mistletoe State Park**  
Appling  
706.541.0321

Located on 72,000-acre lake near Augusta, this is one of the finest bass fishing spots

around. The park is also one of the stops in the Muddy Spokes Club. So pack up the tent, your bike and fishing poles and head out.





**Moccasin Creek State Park**  
 Clarkesville  
 706.947.3194

This small, 32-acre park is nestled on the shores of 2,800-acre Lake Burton. It is great place for little ones on bicycles and is easily accessible for wheelchairs with a fully accessible fishing pier.



**Richard B. Russell State Park**  
 Elberton  
 706.213.2045

Arrowhead Pointe State Park Golf Course

An award-winning 18-hole course with special golf and camp packages is available at this big park on Lake Richard B. Russell. The lake provides fine fishing and boating and there are wooded hiking and biking trails, including one in the Muddy Spokes Club.



**Panola Mountain State Park**  
 Stockbridge  
 770.389.7801

This unusual park is near Atlanta and features a granite outcropping. It offers great hiking and biking, as well as unique Tree Top Excursions – with caches in the trees! The paved path for biking is part of the Muddy Spokes Club.



**Seminole State Park**  
 Donalsonville  
 229.861.3137

Beautiful Lake Seminole offers excellent boating, fishing and birding. The park surrounds a small cove with smooth water for swimming, skiing and tubing.



**Red Top Mountain State Park & Lodge**  
 Cartersville  
 770.975.0055

This park is located on beautiful Lake Allatoona and is ideal for swimming, boating and fishing. Wooded hiking and biking trails wind through the park and provide another stop on the Muddy Spokes Club. Plus, there's a 33-room lodge and conference center with restaurant.



**Skidaway Island State Park**  
 Savannah  
 912.598.2300

Located near historic Savannah, this barrier island has both salt and fresh water with estuaries and marshes flowing through it. The park borders a part of Georgia's intracoastal waterway.



**Reed Bingham State Park**  
 Adel  
 229.896.3551

Expect to see a lot of wildlife at this park including gopher tortoises, nesting bald eagles, alligators and "buzzards" (actually black vultures and turkey vultures). A 375-acre lake is popular with boaters and is part of the Park Paddlers Club.



**Smithgall Woods Conservation Park**  
 Helen  
 706.878.3087

A premier trout stream runs through this spectacular mountain property and it is a favorite for catch-and-release fishing. Five beautifully decorated cottages provide a total of 14 bedrooms with private baths, telephones and television.





**Stephen C. Foster State Park**  
 Fargo  
 912.637.5274

This remote park is a primary entrance to the famed Okefenokee Swamp. Visitors may tour the swamp in rental boats, canoes or kayaks and this is one of the trails of the Park Paddlers Club. This multi cache container is located inside the park office so visit during office hours. To access the cache, walk the "Trembling Earth Nature Trail" and gather three clues which will open the cache container lock.



**Unicoi State Park & Lodge**  
 Helen  
 706.878.2201

Miles of hiking and excellent biking on scenic mountain trails make this one of Georgia's most beloved parks. Fulfill a Muddy Spokes Club requirement or fish year round at accessible docks that make it easy for all ages and abilities. A lodge, conference center and restaurant are available at this resort park.



**Sweetwater Creek State Park**  
 Lithia Springs  
 770.732.5871

Only minutes from downtown Atlanta, this park features a wooded hiking trail following the creek to the ruins of a textile mill burned during the Civil War. A 215-acre reservoir is popular with anglers and canoeing enthusiasts and is part of the Park Paddlers Club.



**Victoria Bryant State Park**  
 Royston  
 706.245.6270  
 Highland Walk State Park Golf Course

Hikers and bikers can follow the short nature trail or the longer perimeter trail that winds through hardwoods and over creeks. Golfers will enjoy the challenging course with clubhouse, golf pro and junior/senior discounts.



**Tallulah Gorge State Park**  
 Tallulah Falls  
 706.754.7981

Explore rugged wilderness and get another punch on your Canyon Climbers Club card. More than 20 miles of trails for hiking and biking provide one of the stops in the Muddy Spokes Club, too.



**Vogel State Park**  
 Blairsville  
 706.745.2628

This park is especially popular during fall leaf season and offers scenic wooded trails for day hikes and backcountry excursions. Rent a pedal boat on the lake and head out for some great fishing, or play a round of mini golf with the kids.



**Tugaloo State Park**  
 Lavonia  
 706.356.4362

Fishing is excellent year-round and largemouth bass are plentiful in 55,590-acre Lake Hartwell on which the park is situated. The lake also provides great swimming, water skiing, sailing and boating and most of Tugaloo's campsites offer spectacular lake views.



**Watson Mill Bridge State Park**  
 Comer  
 706.783.5349

Watson Mill Bridge hosts the longest covered bridge in the state. Hikers and bicyclists will find trails for every fitness level and will be able to complete a Muddy Spokes Club trail. Horseback riding trails, horse stalls and equestrian campsites are also offered.

