



Geocaching



Geocaching at KISC



Geocaching is a worldwide activity where treasures are hidden in a 'cache'. You can find caches' coordinates on the internet and either use a map and compass or a GPS device to find them.



Aims

This leaflet will help you to learn how to use the Geocaching app. KISC has hidden three of its own caches. Each one based on one of our Programme themes. Once you have found these, you can have a try at finding some caches that other people have hidden. Quite often these are up in the mountains, and it is a good idea to see if you can get one while you're hiking or on another KISC activity.

Objectives

Have an amazing time learning to Geocache so you can continue the adventure wherever you travel.

Equipment List

- Phone/GPS/map and compass
- Suitable Footwear



Geocaching “How To”

To find a Cache



Input the grid references into your GPS or phone

Find the cache using a GPS device, your phone or a map and compass.



Start Hunting!

Remember that often caches are well hidden; only people searching for them should be able to find them.



Hints

If you need an extra hint, try to solve the cryptic clues which go with each cache.

After you have found a Cache



Logbook

There is often a log book to record your visit, as well as a random assortment of goods!



Swap treasures

You can take something from the cache so long as you put something back in. Be prepared and bring some fun things to put into



Leave no trace

It is essential that you are careful with the geocache. It should be left in the same place and state that you found it in.



Online logbook

You can log on and record your find on www.geocaching.com



Using the KISC GPS

If you like, KISC has a GPS that you can borrow for a deposit and a small fee.

Step 2

Press OK when you see "Kandersteg International Scout Centre"

Step 1

Turn on

Step 5

To enter the coordinates of caches other people have hidden, hold down the OK button and use up and down buttons to change the coordinates.



TOP TIP

You have to be moving for the arrow to be pointing in the correct direction!

Step 3

Wait for the bar to fill, the GPS is looking for satellites

TOP TIP

The GPS may not be 100% accurate so make sure you have a good look around!

Step 4

Press the "2 pages" button 4 times to go to the menu.

Select the "waypoint" for the cache you want to visit:

- International Friendship (IFC)
- High Adventure (HAC)
- Eco (EC)

Press GOTO and follow the arrow



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Using the Geocaching App



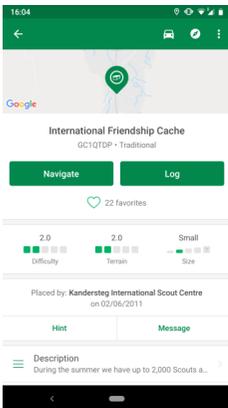
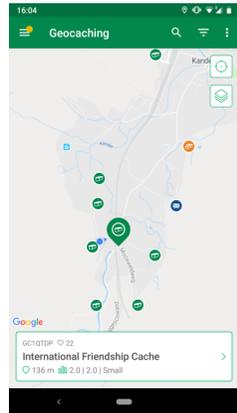
MAKE SURE
That you have a phone that works in Switzerland

Download the app
Search “Geocaching” on the Apple app or Google Play stores

Make an account
Or log-in if you already have one

See nearby Geocaches
After you have logged you can see all the caches hidden nearby

Select one
Click on a cache to discover more information about it such as its name, location and size.



Select “Navigate”
Follow the map or the compass to the cache

Start searching
If you need help, press “hint” to bring up a clue

When you find the cache press “Log”
This can help you keep track of the caches you have visited. You can also leave an online note for the owner!



The KISC Caches

You can practice your new skills by finding the 3 caches KISC has hidden around the campsite.

Eco Cache

Make sure you think eco-friendly when hunting near our campsite for this cache.

DM: N 46° 28.941 E 007° 40.156'

SWISS GRID: 617714 147912

Clue: Don't forget to look up, look down and all around. But don't leave the marked path!



International Friendship Cache

A cache dedicated to international friendship—bring something to trade with other scouts from around the world.

DM: N 46° 28.975'

E 007° 39.953'

SWISS GRID: 617445 147975

Clue: Behind the Campsite Office you can see the cross.

High Adventure Cache

Find this cache where guests enjoy one of our high adventure activities.

DM: N 46° 28.751' E 007° 40.061'

SWISS GRID: 617589 147566

Clue: Looking up, you'll see an element of "High Adventure," but you will stay on the ground to find this cache.



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Ready for More?

There are lots more caches hidden in the area.

Here are some details of popular ones nearby. Log into the app for more details including clues!



Scout Caches:

39th Fife Scouts at Kandersteg (near the Centre)

DM: N 46° 28.972' E 007° 39.808'

Spanish Work Party (near Upper Hut)

DM: N 46° 27.268' E 007° 37.309'

Caches on KISC Activities:

Gast(ern) (Gasterntal Hike)

DM: N 46° 27.785' E 007° 39.561'

Lötschenpass (Lötschenpass Hike)

DM: N 46° 25.079' E 007° 43.078'

Klettersteig Allmenalp (Allmenalp Via Ferrata)

DM: N 46° 29.469' E 007° 39.305'

Fründen Cache (Near Fründenhütte)

DM: N 46° 29.021' E 007° 44.625'

Schwarzbach (Three Valleys Hike)

DM: N 46° 25.952' E 007° 37.646'



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