

## Spring Fling 2019 Spirit of the Past

### Hide & Seek

Spring Fling Hide and Seek is a fun event that everyone is encouraged to participate in and enjoy. The simple description is this:

- Hide geocaches
- Seek and find geocaches
- Win prizes for hiding and for seeking geocaches

Spring Fling provides the perfect opportunity to try out geocache designs that otherwise might not be practical. For example, since the cache only needs to be in place for about 24 hours, your cache design can include battery-operated features. It also means you can use materials that otherwise might not be robust enough to withstand Oklahoma's weather for much more than a day. Although this is a public park, the large number of geocachers in the area during Spring Fling makes the potential for negative muggle activity unlikely, so in less-traveled areas you won't need to be as concerned about keeping the cache completely out of sight. In fact, caches designed with a theme in mind are popular at Spring Fling - presentation and decoration should be considered in your cache design.

The fun begins Saturday, April 13th. Temporary caches should be in place by 10:00 AM and reported to volunteers at the Registration area. At that time, there will be computers and computer operators available in the Registration area who will assist you in transferring the cache coordinates to your GPS device. They will also endeavor to provide a suitable, loadable GPX file on a SIM card and/or thumb drive if that is what you need. They will make every effort to help load the GPX files onto your GPSr. Please bring any cables needed to communicate with your specific GPSr. It is also very helpful if you try downloading cache data to your GPSr ahead of time to ensure that you are familiar with the process and that it does actually work with the cables or peripheral device(s) that you have.

### Volunteers to help upload/download GPX files are welcome.

There will also be a binder containing all Cache Registration Forms w/coordinates available for examination at the Cache Registration Desk.

At this time, cache seekers will also be given a printed listing of all the caches hidden for this event. That printed cache listing is your "Game Sheet".

### General Rules

- All geocachers that register for Spring Fling are permitted to bring and hide one (1) daytime cache and one (1) night cache. No one attending Spring Fling is "required" to hide a cache, but it certainly adds to the fun.
- Each cache must contain a Code Word or Number. The cache owner will determine this word/ number for their cache and should try to use something that is unique. The cache owner must include their special word/number in a logbook in the cache or written somewhere in or on the cache. This special Code Word will be used by cache finders as proof they found your cache.
- The "1/10th of a mile (528 feet)" rule does NOT apply to caches in this event, but we will monitor cache locations. Please try to keep 75 to 100 feet distance from any other caches. If a cache is determined to be too close to another, the cache that was registered first for that location gets to stay and the other one will have to be relocated by its owner.
- Due to geographic space limitations, **no multi-stage caches are allowed**
- Due to print-out description & time limitations, **no Puzzle Caches are allowed** either – Sorry!
- Caches should be in place by 10:00 AM Saturday, April 13th, and remain in place until 10:00 AM, Sunday, April 14th.

### **Instructions for Cache Hiders**

- For each cache you intend to hide, please print one copy of the Cache Registration Form and bring it with you to Spring Fling. We will have a few blank copies of that form available at the Cache Registration Desk if you forget to bring your own.
- Before hiding your cache, please check at the Cache Registration Desk for recommended trails, cache-hiding areas, or last minute announcements.
- Hide your cache.
- Once you've hidden your cache(s), please bring the completed Cache Registration Form to the Cache Registration Desk. **Do NOT** write your Code Word or Number on your Cache Registration Form.
- All forms must be completed and submitted before 10:00 AM, Saturday, April 13th.
- If requested, please be prepared to provide your Code Word or Number to the person at the Registration Desk. Otherwise, keep it a secret.
- Please do not leave the Cache Registration Desk until your Cache Registration Form and cache location have been checked and approved.
- Hiders will need to pull their caches between 10:00-11:00 AM on Sunday. Please collect your geocache(s), remove the code word and bring your geocache back to the Registration area.
- At the Registration area, a volunteer will assist in placing your cache and form in the designated voting area.

### **Instructions for Cache Seekers**

- Get the list of cache coordinates loaded into your GPS.
- Obtain a Game Sheet (listing of all the caches hidden for this event).
- Find as many caches as you can before 10:00 AM Sunday morning.
- When you find a cache, locate the Code Word or Number in that cache and write it on your Game Sheet next to the cache listing. That shows that you found that cache.
- Replace the cache exactly the way you found it.
- Go find more caches.

### **On Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 AM**

#### **• If you hid any geocaches:**

Retrieve them and bring them to the Cache Registration Desk/Area. A volunteer will assist you in retrieving your Cache Registration Form from the Cache Registration Desk binder and attach it to your cache.

- All caches will be displayed in the Registration Area to help everyone as they vote for their favorite.
- Cache seekers will be given an opportunity to vote for their favorite geocache among those that were hidden for this event.
- NOTE: Voting will begin promptly at 11:00 AM on Sunday.
- Voting Ballots will be provided.
- You will be asked to vote for your favorite geocache using whatever criteria you desire.
- Votes for the favorite geocache will be tabulated during the prize drawings.
- Owners of the Top 3 most popular caches will be announced and awarded prizes.

**All Attendees will have their names put into a drawing for attendance prizes. Names will be drawn until all prizes have been awarded.**