

Vocabulary List

BYOP	Bring your own pencil/pen– an acronym often used by cache owners to tell other geocachers to bring their own writing utensil
CITO	Cache In Trash Out is an environmental initiative supported by the worldwide geocaching community
Geocache	geo means earth, cache is the French word that means a hiding place
GPS	Global Positioning System, a system of 27 earth-orbiting satellites that helps users figure out where they are
Ground Zero	The point where the GPS device shows that you have reached the cache location
Latitude	a position north or south of earth’s horizontal axis, the equator
Longitude	a position east or west of the earth’s vertical axis, the prime meridian
Satellite	man-made object in outer space that orbits around the earth and transmits a signal
Selective availability	a weakening of satellite signal that limits its accuracy
Signature Item	An item unique to a specific geocacher that is left behind in caches to signify that they visited the cache
TFTC	Thanks for the cache– an acronym written by geocachers in physical cache logbooks or online when logging cache finds
TNLNSL	Took Nothing, Left Nothing, Signed Logbook– an acronym often used by geocachers in a logbook or online
Trackable	a game piece (a coin, travel bug or other) with a tracking number that can be moved from geocache to geocache
Triangulation	the process of three satellites working together to pinpoint a location
Waypoint	the coordinates where a geocache is located

