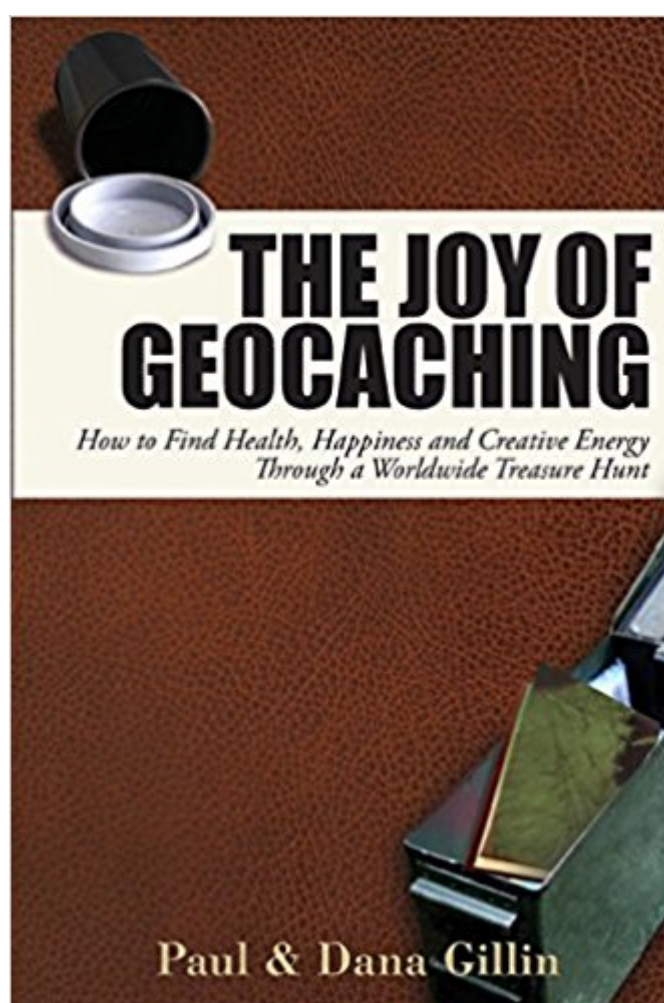


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# The Joy Of Geocaching: How To Find Health, Happiness And Creative Energy Through A Worldwide Treasure Hunt



## Synopsis

This is a book about passion for a game. Describing the exciting and adventurous world surrounding geocaching--a worldwide hunt in which treasures are located using global positioning system (GPS) devices--this book offers an understanding and application of the principles and best practices of the game. What's different is that the authors wrap this knowledge in a tapestry of human stories that range from hilarious to touching. Paul and Dana Gillin interviewed 40 of the world's 50 most prolific geocachers as well as experts in container design, "extreme" geocaching and other dimensions of the game. They tell how this global activity inspires passion that has helped people heal frayed marriages, establish new friendships--and even save lives. With rich illustrations complementing secrets culled from experts, this resource gives participants new skills for enhancing their experience and provides a visual montage of the different kinds of spots hobbyists can expect to find in the field.

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"Must-read...I think it is the most entertaining, educational and compelling book yet written about our marvelous obsession." --Ed Manley, The Online Geocacher  
"Paul and Dana Gillin show...the passion and intensity that drive some of the most dedicated cachers. This book is an incredible resource to include in the geocacher's toolkit." --Kimberly McRae, Suite101.com  
"A wealth of information on how to get started . . . features photos and profiles of people who've fallen in love with this creative sport . . . and transformed their lives." --Outdoors NW Magazine

We're Paul and Dana Gillin and we love geocaching. When we went looking for a book to help us become better geocachers, we were surprised to find that no new titles had been published in more than four years. That's why we wrote *The Joy of Geocaching*. We interviewed scores of the world's most successful and enthusiastic cachers as well as geocache owners, extreme cachers, community organizers, educators and even businesspeople who use caching to promote their companies and destinations. We accompanied people on power-caching expeditions and visited with local groups. We traveled all over America in search of log books in Tupperware containers. In the process, we discovered geocaching is more than a game. To its most enthusiastic players, it's a passion, a love affair and a life-changing experience. We heard hundreds of wonderful stories and packed as many as we could into this book. *The Joy of Geocaching* teaches the ins and outs of a game that counts more than three million players in nearly every country in the world. But more importantly, it's about people connecting with each other to find health and happiness through a worldwide treasure hunt. Please visit the book website at [joyofgeocaching.com](http://joyofgeocaching.com) for more photos, videos and stories.

This is the best book out there on the subject, with sound guidance for both neophyte and experienced cacher.

Bought this book after spotting a copy in the local library and becoming intrigued. A great read for new or veteran geocachers, everyone will get something new out of this book. I've loaned my copy out to family and friends who want to learn more about the hobby/sport/obsession that consumes me. :) Highly recommended!

As someone new to the hobby of Geocaching, I had picked up the Complete Idiots Guide, and found it to be drab. *The Joy of Geocaching* is the polar opposite. Personal, exciting, and intimate, this is a fantastic introductory book into the hobby and explains in brilliant detail the fun of the game.

The family and I had heard about geocaching a few years back but never took the plunge. This past December, a co-worker re-introduced us to it and we are hooked! From spending the day going around hitting caches to rushing out the door to grab a first to find, our entire family is enjoying the geocaching experience. This book is a great way to gain a better appreciation of what geocaching is, some of the "rules" and some great stories from some of the top geocachers, and certainly most

interesting, geocachers around the globe. The book is written in an easy to read format with great pictures and bios interspaced about geocaching tips, tricks and events. As a relative newbie, I thoroughly enjoyed learning more about this event and can attest that geocaching has brought my family closer together. An enjoyable read, I highly recommend this book for those starting and those with thousands of finds!

I had received a Garmin GPSMAPS 60CSx for Christmas and had questions about geocaching that I wasn't finding answers for. I have enjoyed this book quite a bit. It is not too technically written, which has made it an easy read. The authors pepper each chapter with personal stories or tales from other geocachers. It's been an interesting read. Being new to geocaching I can't say how "accurate" it is. I've learned some, I've been entertained some, and I've learned how some geocachers think when they had the caches. That in itself has helped with the finds. Just starting out, this book will answer quite a few questions and you'll get to know some of your fellow geocachers along the way. It puts the geocaching.com info/forum into more manageable sections. So you aren't so overwhelmed with it all at once. I find myself going back to read a chapter over again once and awhile. For someone new I recommend the book. If you've been at geocaching for awhile, you probably won't be interested or need this book. I am glad I purchased it and will be buying one for a few of the people I have introduced to the fun of geocaching. I don't want to let my copy go just yet.

Being a geocaching zealot for many years, I have found that one of the greatest joys of geocaching is the diversity of the game. The amazing experience of geocaching is directed with guidelines rather than hard set rules, which allows a wide diversity of methods of play while attracting people from every walk of life. The authors of "The Joy Of Geocaching" have wonderfully crafted this document which not only gives insight for the newcomer of how to play and find their own niche in the geocaching community, but also captures the perspective and life experiences of some geocaching enthusiasts. A must-have book with the power to bring the most steadfast muggle (read the book) into the hunt while also providing amazing insight for the most profound cacher. Very well written and magnificently organized making it an effortless and enjoyable read. If you're curious enough in geocaching to read thru these reviews, you might as well start shopping for your GPSr. Once the geocaching bug bites, you're (gratefully) hooked for life. So awaken that curious kid still inside you, get in to the fun of exploring the wonders of the world thru geocaching, and don't forget your guide, "The Joy of Geocaching". Many Smilies and Enjoy!

Wonderful book. I'm a new geocacher and have 100 finds in my first few months. If surgery didn't slow me down, I'm sure I would have had more. This book helped scratch my geo-itch when I couldn't go on a hunt and has just been an easy, pleasurable read.

Great book describing everything one needs to know about geocaching. Is easy to read and very informative

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