


# Know Before You Go

## What is geocaching?

Geocaching is an outdoor treasure-hunting game. Players try to locate hidden containers, called caches, using GPS (Global Positioning System) devices.



## How can I play?

1. Enter the coordinates of a geocache into your GPS device or smart phone. Look for this symbol in the brochure to find the numbers you need: 
2. Use the GPS device to help you find the hidden geocache. \*\*\* **Geocache Safety** - Stay on the trail. Caches are within 20 feet of the path. Rely on your eyes rather than your device within the last 30 feet of the geocache location.

3. Sign the logbook in the geocache, read the information provided, and answer the questions for each cache on the other side of this brochure. Return the geocache to its original location.

4. Once you have finished playing, register your adventure at [kidsinparks.com](http://kidsinparks.com)



**TRACK** your hike at  
[kidsinparks.com](http://kidsinparks.com)  
and get **FREE** prizes!



Thanks for joining us on the trail today! Visit our website to find more TRACK Trail™ adventures near you!

The next generation of stewards will help preserve the world's plants, animals, natural lands and our heritage. What will you do to make a difference?



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Providing a network of fun-filled adventures that get kids and families active outdoors and connected to nature.



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## Rockfish Valley TRACK Trail

# Geocache Adventure



Hey TRACK, let's go on a geocache treasure hunt.



Sounds fun, KIP! We can play on the Rockfish Valley TRACK Trail.



Use a GPS device or smartphone and follow the instructions in this brochure to see what treasures you can find hiding here!

## Geocaching on the Rockfish Valley TRACK Trail

Are you ready for a geocache scavenger hunt? Plug in the coordinates and discover just a few of the stories this trail has to tell. Check each box when you find the cache and make an "x" on the map at your approximate location. Then, use the information in each cache to answer the questions. **BONUS: Cache #5 has a take-home prize!**



### 2. The Rockfish River

 **N 37° 52.790, W 78° 54.475**

Hint: This cache is near (where the birds live ?)

If you were a drop of water that fell into this river, you could travel 25 miles to the James River, drain into the Chesapeake Bay and eventually end up in the Atlantic Ocean. The gravel in this river makes that same trip, eroding along the way to form the sand at Virginia Beach!

**Pick up a piece of gravel. Can you name one of the minerals in this rock that will form the sand at Virginia Beach?**



### 3. Basswood

 **N 37° 52.785, W 78° 54.318**

Hint: This cache is near the (basswood trees ?)

Can you spot the basswood trees here? They have heart-shaped leaves and gray bark with furrows and flat ridges. In the spring, these trees bloom with beautiful and fragrant clusters of yellow-white flowers. **What are some things that humans use basswood trees for?**



### 1. Early Settlers

 **N 37° 52.778, W 78° 54.502**

Hint: This cache is near (the trailhead sign?)


One of the first known settlers of this area was Samuel Reid, for whom Reid's Creek is named. In 1805, Samuel sold the land to Hawes Coleman. Six generations of Hawes' families lived and farmed on this land for over 100 years.

**Imagine it is 1805 and you just bought all the land you see around you. Where would you build your house?**

**What crops would you grow?**



### 5. Lay of the Land

 Use clues from the previous geocaches to reveal these coordinates!

This bottomland was originally used for growing tobacco. Around 1880 the area was turned into an apple orchard containing over 10,000 apple trees. After that, it was a cattle farm and a vineyard. Now the land is used as pasture for various livestock, and as a place for people like you to visit, hike and make discoveries! **What was your favorite discovery today?**



### 4. Sassafras

 **N 37° 52.793, W 78° 54.185**

Hint: This cache is near the (sassafras trees? picnic table?)

Look for sassafras trees along the trail. Sassafras trees are easy to identify because they have 3 different leaf shapes: entire, mittened, and three-lobed.



**What are some things that humans use sassafras trees for?**