



Banff National Park Geocaching Challenge Activity Sheet

Intermediate Level

Seasonal (July 1-September 30)

This geocaching challenge will take you and your GPS a step further into the wilderness of Banff National Park. The caches in this series average a difficulty rating of 3 out of 5. They are all located on biking and/or hiking trails in the park. As always, it is recommended to check the Parks Canada trail report before venturing out. Dress in warm layers and bring plenty of water.

Instructions:

1. Using a GPS, locate a minimum of 3 Parks Canada geocaches in Banff National Park.
2. Sign the logbook inside each cache.
3. Read the interpretive message.
4. Answer the "Proof of Find" on this activity sheet.
5. Put the interpretive message back in the box for others to read.
6. Return to the Banff Visitor Centre at 224 Banff Avenue with the activity sheet to claim your official Banff National Park geocoin! A minimal \$4.00 fee applies.
7. You can log your findings on www.geocaching.com.



Cache Name	Coordinates	Proof of Find
Shale Sandwiches	Decimal: 51.29958 -115.95822 DDD MM.MMM: N51°17.975 W115°57.493 DDD MM SS.SSS: N51°17'58.488" W115°57'29.592"	The top "bread" layer is a rock known as _____.
Mining in a National Park?	Decimal: 51.23077 -115.5233 DDD MM.MMM: N51°13.846 W115°31.398 DDD MM SS.SSS: N51°13'50.772" W115°31'23.880"	At one time, Bankhead was considered to be the most _____ town in Alberta.
Tropical Fish in the Rocky Mountains?	Decimal: 51.17027 -115.59903 DDD MM.MMM: N51°10.216 W115°35.942 DDD MM SS.SSS: N51°10'12.972" W115°35'56.508"	What caused the extinction of the Banff longnose dace? _____
Wondrous Wildflowers	Decimal: 51.15402 -115.61308 DDD MM.MMM: N51°09.241 W115°36.785 DDD MM SS.SSS: N51°9'14.472" W115°36'47.088"	This geocache is found in the _____ zone of Banff National Park.
Backcountry Breather	Decimal: 51.1104 -115.7868 DDD MM.MMM: N51°06.624 W115°47.208 DDD MM SS.SSS: N51°6'37.872" W115°47'08.520"	_____ is not uncommon here during the summer months!

Important points on geocaching in a national park:

- All Parks Canada caches are located on and are accessible directly from park trails.
- Please leave nature undisturbed by staying on marked trails.
- For the safety of wildlife, please do not place any trade items in the cache.
- As always in national parks: Take only pictures and leave only footprints.