



Geocaching

Use your GPS to play this treasure hunt

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Review

Have fun as a family hiding and finding treasures using the GPS of your mobile device as the only tool. With **Geocaching** you will explore your city and discover new places in a fun gymkhana. This is the fashion game of the moment and there are already millions of people who have joined this adventure.

It is the classic game of treasure hunt but adapted to new technologies and the use that we give to the geolocation of our phone. Today this tool has become a fundamental part of the lives of millions of people in the world, the path to a specific point or direction, and it has been games that have been able to give it another use. There are many who use it to count steps, know the location, etc., but it has been the Geocaching application that has found a use that until now had not been contemplated, making new technologies evolve even more.

Download the Geocaching application **for free**, you will find it available for **Android** and **iOS** and start discovering those hidden prizes. Created in 2000 since then it has been downloaded by millions of people around the world, with a figure of more than five million only in the Google Play Store. Currently there are more than 3 million active geocaches spread over 200 countries, these are the boxes that contain the hidden objects.

To start playing you will only need your mobile phone with an Internet connection and **download Geocaching**. Once you have it installed on your device, you will only have to create a free account and once you have it, a map of the area where you are will automatically open, indicating all the gaches near you. Choose the one you want and use your GPS to zoom in until you reach the exact location.

The app itself indicates the level of difficulty of each of these treasures, the type of terrain it is on and its size. With all this data, you can get an idea of what to look for and where. There are some in which you will find clues and inform you if you are approaching him.

Usually the package is inside waterproof boxes containing a note. The discoverer will have to add his name and the date he found it, to record his find and confirm it in the application. You can also include an object with a symbolic value, such as a keychain or a magnet. Once you have everything you will have to leave it very well hidden in the same place so that other users also have the opportunity to find it.

The rules are very simple, you find one of these, you register in your notebook, you take whatever object there is and you leave another for the next person to find it. This is important because you have to collaborate in the game, you cannot take everything that the box contains and leave the rest of the players with nothing, everyone has the right to get a reward for finding it.

One of the **advantages of Geocaching** is that you can hide new ones yourself. To do this, it is as easy as preparing a box that contains a registration book inside, adding an identifying sticker on the outside that it is a geocache and choosing the land where you want it to be, if it is a private site it is important to ask permission from its owner. One of the things you have to keep in mind is to make sure that it is within 161 meters of the nearest treasure.

The creators of this game advise that before setting out to hide treasures you find at least 20 boxes, so you make sure you understand how to create a fun experience for other users.

It has become a true phenomenon, there are thousands of **Geocaching** websites and fan clubs on the Internet. These help you in your search and groups are created to make the experience even more fun. For all those who love sports and the outdoors, it is a real challenge, finding these boxes in such remote places as in the mountains or at sea. An adventure for the bravest.

✓ Pros

- It motivates you to do sports outdoors.
- You can create more treasures yourself.
- You explore your own surroundings.
- It is continuously updated while you are moving.

✗ Cons

- There are people who do not comply with the rules of the game.
- It can be found in dangerous places.
- To get the location of some geocaches you have to pay.
- GPS may fail.

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