

Cache in on Nature

brown bridge



Men, women and children are out in the woods going around in circles with little electronic devices. They are not from a new cult, and they are not aliens looking for the mother ship. They are geocachers. They are searching for caches, small containers—Tupperware or surplus ammo boxes—hidden somewhere. Inside the caches are usually log books and various “treasures” that finders can take. This new sport/hobby called geocaching is hide and seek played with handheld GPS units. Using GPS coordinates, cachers search the woods for the hidden goodies. Successful cachers take an item from the cache, sign the log, and go looking for another. It’s a new way to get more people out exploring nature. And it’s working. The newest trend is the Cache In, Trash Out movement, which encourages cachers to leave nothing behind, and to clean up any mess they find along the way.

Interested? Try this Northern Lower Michigan cache. The Brown Bridge Pond Peek-a-Boo Cache is at N 44° 39.132 W 085° 29.549 (insiders: use waypoint GC110D). It’s a cache with a bonus view.

E-mail us if you have a cache to recommend. 

—Gary O’Boyle