

South Carolina Geographic Alliance

CarolinaCaching: Global Positioning Systems

Geocaching “Lingo”

Cache: pronounced "cash;" place where you hide treasures for others to find. In geocaching, it is a hidden container filled with a log book and pencil/pen, and possibly prizes.

CITO: letters that may be written in a log book; short for “Cache In Trash Out;” when out geocaching, take a bag with you and pick up trash along the way!

FTF: letters that may be written in a log book; short for “First To Find”

“Huckle-Buckle!”: what you yell when you see a cache but don’t want to give it away so that others can find it

Micro: a very small cache

Muggle: A non-geocacher (based on "Muggle" from the Harry Potter series, which is a non-magical person). Usually this term is used after a non-geocacher looks puzzled at a geocacher making circles with their GPS device, or when a non-geocacher accidentally finds a cache.

Swag: treasures you trade in a cache

TFTC: letters that may be written in a log book; short for “Thanks for the cache!”

TFTH: letters that may be written in a log book; short for “Thanks for the hunt!”

TNLNSL: letters that may be written in a log book; short for “Took nothing, left nothing, signed log.”

Travelbug: a “hitchhiking” item that is moved from cache to cache by geocachers and tracked online

Virtual: adapted from "virtual reality," virtual means "nothing there." So a virtual cache means there is no cache container. It's the location that is the cache itself. Nothing is normally traded, except photos and experiences.

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