

Geocaching comes to Cass Bridge on April 24

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CASS BRIDGE — It's a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices, and South Nation Conservation (SNC) is now on board.

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It's called geocaching. The basic idea is to find containers hidden outdoors and share experiences online about the contents and the locations where they were found.

"SNC is developing a geocaching program that complements the thousands of geocaches already present in eastern Ontario," said Tim Jackson, who is leading the project.

Beginning at 8 am with a breakfast of pancakes, real maple syrup, bacon, sausages, and more — all for \$6 — a geocaching event is planned for Sat., April 24 at the Cass Bridge Conservation Area off County Road 31, south of Winchester. People of all ages are invited.

It's a Cash In/Trash Out (CITO) event, with the goal of finding recently placed geocaches while picking up garbage along the way, Jackson explained. Dubbed SNCITO, the event is being organized by Geocachers of Eastern Ontario with assistance from a \$500 grant provided by SNC.

Formation of cleanup teams and assignment of sites in surrounding villages will take place at 9 am. Carpooling, team geocaching, and trash collection will occur until 1 pm, followed by a rendezvous back at Cass Bridge for photos, closing comments, and the awarding of prizes.

"We're expecting at least 100 geocachers to turn out for this event," Jackson said. "It's a clear sign of how popular the activity has become, and it's a great way to accomplish something useful while having fun in the outdoors."

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