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Caching in for fun

SD&G (Staff) — South Nation Conservation is participating in a high-tech treasure hunt Saturday near Winchester that will double as a trash cleanup.

On April 24 at Cass Bridge Conservation Area off Hwy. 31, the Geocachers of Eastern Ontario will unveil a series of new hidden caches in the area, each one officially logged on the website www.geocaching.com.

As attendees use their GPS devices and follow co-ordinates for the hidden containers, SNC is hoping they can also help the landscape with a bit of spring cleaning.

"We're expecting at least 100 geocachers to turn out for this event," said Tim Jackson, the SNC's project organizer. "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."

The formation of cleanup teams and assignment of sites in surrounding villages will take place at 9 a.m.

There are 15 cleanup sites with one to two caches at each site. The treasure hunt will continue until 1 p.m., followed by a rendezvous back at Cass Bridge for prizes, photos and closing comments.

A breakfast is also available for \$6 at 8 a.m.

The event is mainly targeted to the geocaching community, but Jackson said the public is invited to learn a bit about geocaching from the group, or



Submitted photo

Local geocachers will have the chance to cache in and trash out Saturday at a gathering for those that enjoy the ever-growing sport or simply want to learn more about it. Ian Mitchell of Geocachers of Eastern Ontario, left, and Tim Jackson, GIS Technician for South Nation Conservation, have organized the event.

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SNC is excited to have special geo coins ready for the event so they can travel to other caches around the world.



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