

ATHENS GeoTrail



What is the Athens County GeoTrail?

The Athens County GeoTrail is a series of 16 geocaches that are part of two separate trails: the Traditional Trail and the Accessible Trail, designed for those with mobility challenges. The geocaches are hidden all across Athens County, providing a great opportunity to see some of the region's most interesting places and sites!

For more information, visit our official geocaching page at www.athensohio.com/geocaching

Get Started Geocaching

1. Visit www.geocaching.com.
2. Sign up for a free membership; obtain a "Cache Handle" to use to record online the caches you find.
3. Enter the coordinates of each of the Athens County Geocaches into your GPS device. They can also be found at geocaching.com, along with other caches that can be found in the area.
4. Use the coordinates to guide you to the area of the cache; once the cache is located, sign the physical log, obtain the secret word for the puzzle and return the cache.
5. Return to geocaching.com and record finding the cache. Share any comments or photos you like.
6. Record the secret word for each cache on the Athens County GeoTrail Puzzle sheet. (reverse side)

What is Geocaching?

Geocaching is an outdoor high-tech treasure-hunt that uses GPS coordinates and online clues to guide participants to hidden "caches." These caches are typically small containers placed in unique locations that bring cachers to sites and places they have never visited before! Caches can be placed in plain site or obscured from view. They may contain a small treasure and/or secret word and may also include a physical log for cachers to sign. Currently, there are over one million geocaches placed in more than 100 countries around the globe. How many can you find?

For more information on Geocaching, please visit www.geocaching.com

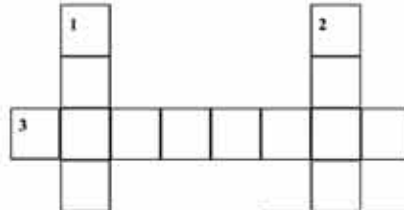
Traditional Trail GPS Coordinates

- ACGT #1 (T): Pickin' Up Paw Paws (Chase) [N 39° 12.274 W 082° 07.184]
ACGT #3 (T): Snowed In Cache (Albany) [N 39° 14.439 W 082° 11.636]
ACGT #4 (T): Not That Kennedy (Athens) [N 39° 19.224 W 082° 06.552]
ACGT #7 (T): A Total Eclipse Of The Heart (The Plains) [N 39° 21.851 W 082° 07.055]
Hint: don't step on it
ACGT #9 (T): A Night At The Opera (Nelsonville) [N 39° 27.648 W 082° 13.945]
Hint: and she's buying a stairway to heaven, but she's going small(er) not big
ACGT #10 (A/T): All Aboard (Nelsonville) [Stage 1: N 39° 27.608 W 082° 13.921] Hint (final): back in black
ACGT #12 (T): A Burr In Your Saddle (Glouster) [N 39° 32.709 W 082° 03.682]
ACGT #13 (A/T): Ready, Ame, Cache (Amesville) [N 39° 24.027 W 081° 57.363]
ACGT #15 (T): George Slept Here (Hocking) [N 39° 12.932 W 081° 43.622] Hint: front left corner
ACGT #16 (T): Stroll Along Stroud's (Athens) [N 39° 20.170 W 082° 01.127] Hint: hole in sycamore



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Traditional GeoTrail Puzzle



Please complete the puzzle with the secret word found at each cache.

Across

- 3-ACGT #1 Pickin' Up Pawpaws
- 4-ACGT#4 Not That Kennedy
- 7-ACGT#3 Snowed In
- 8-ACGT#9 A Night at the Opera
- 9-ACGT#7 Total Eclipse of the Heart
- 10-ACGT#13 Ready, Ame, Cache

Down

- 1-ACGT#16 Stroll Along Stroud's
- 2-ACGT#12 A Burr in Your Saddle
- 5-ACGT#15 George Slept Here
- 6-ACGT#10 All Aboard



Your Coin

To receive your Athens County Geo-coin, find each cache, sign the physical log inside the cache, and complete the puzzle above with the secret word for each cache site. Then, deliver the completed puzzle sheet to a location below to receive your coin!

Holiday Inn Express of Athens
555 E. State Street,
Athens, OH 45701

Or

Athens County Visitors Bureau
667 E. State Street
Athens, OH (M-F, 9am—5pm)

Please note: The physical log inside each cache must be signed to receive the coin.

Your Experience

Name: _____

Cache Handle: _____

*One coin per cache handle

Address: _____

How many people are in your group? _____

How far did you drive to reach Athens? _____

Did you stay overnight in Athens? _____

How much did you spend on this trip? _____

Please send any additional comments or suggestions to: geocache@athensohio.com. We hope you enjoyed your experience and will recommend it to others!