

GEOCACHING EVENT

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Blvd. NW

Sponsored by City of Albuquerque Open Space Division and REI

Thank you for participating in the GEOCACHING EVENT, a National Public Lands Day Event!

You should plan to arrive at the Open Space Visitor Center (6500 Coors Blvd. NW between Montañño Rd. and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd.) between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM for registration and also to sign a waiver.

The Event is geared toward experienced cachers and beginners alike. If you are a beginner, there will be a GPS training on **Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 PM at REI**. If you do not own a GPS unit, there will be a limited number of units available to loan. You must attend the training to be eligible for a loaner GPS unit. If you can not attend the training on Wednesday evening, there will be an another opportunity to receive training one hour prior to the event (please arrive by 8:00 AM).

There will be several temporary as well as permanent caches throughout the area including the bosque. The caches will all be part of a bingo game that will allow participants to obtain raffle tickets. At the end of the day these tickets will be collected and entered into a raffle for prizes! The more caches you find, the more you increase your chances to win.

Please be prepared for a lot of walking and typical New Mexico weather.

You will need:

- A GPS unit, unless you have signed up for the GPS clinic on September 23 and have reserved a loaner unit.
- For seasoned geocachers, bring a cable to download coordinates from our laptop to your GPS unit.
- Hiking shoes, hat and work gloves to pick up trash.
- To be 18 or over (or be accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- To leave your pet at home
- A sack lunch, water, snacks and sunscreen
- Some type of protection from the rain (just in case)

We will provide:

- An opportunity to learn about responsible geocaching and your Open Space lands.
- Map and coordinates of all caches placed by Open Space at the Open Space Visitor Center and the bosque.
- Experienced GPS handlers ready to offer advice
- Morning snacks and coffee
- Door prizes at the end of the day

If you have any questions about the Geocaching Event, contact REI at 247-1191 or contact Erik Zsemlye directly at 452-5208.