

I'd rather be
Geocaching
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WB History Challenge

What is the White Bear History Challenge?

- A high-tech hide-and-seek game
- A fun way to learn the local history around us
- Geocaching
- Munzee hunting
- Outdoor activity for the whole family
- A collaboration between the RCL-White Bear library and the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society



How were the sites chosen?

- Historical significance
- Photos
- Public locations





Why did we use geocache-munzee hybrids?

- Rules limit space between caches
- Munzees may be closer together
- Caches have containers.
- Caches are published to the general public, not just library users.



Steps to starting the program

- Sites selected – cache locations scouted and waypointed
- Photos identified and text written
- Cards printed
- Caches prepared
- GPS receivers purchased and cataloged
- GPS receivers loaded with waypoints, waypoint sheets printed



Steps to starting the program

- Munzees added
- Cache pages and Munzee pages planned
- Munzees and caches activated
- Kick-off event
- Get the word out – program is ongoing

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What will you find in a History Challenge cache?

Just:

- a logbook
- a pencil
- a baggie full of collector cards
- a Munzee sticker
- No trade items





Sample comments from finders

- "I'm looking forward to collecting all the cards in this series. I'm doing a Geocaching scrapbook and these cards will be a great addition. So... onward with The White Bear History Challenge!! TFTC. SL" - **jwazwi (geocacher)**
- "The trading cards are pretty cool. The other 5 crew members were jealous when we returned home. TFTC!" - **cornelsius2 (geocacher)**
- "Having grown up in the area I recognized a familiar name on the marker. This looks like a fun series and I hope to find them all I am sure I will learn something new about the area. SL TFTC" - **leopold22 (geocacher)**
- "This history challenge was a lot of fun to do and I was in areas of WBL that I had never been in before. Thank you for all the hard work it must have taken you to put out this challenge with the informative cards" - **oakwilt (geocacher) (completed the series)**
- "Found with grand sons, Nick and Nate. Nice card. It should be a fun series. TFTC." - **gileian (geocacher) (completed the series)**
- "TFTM and for a great History series" - **Hackettgroup (munzer) (completed the series)**



Statistics so far

- Number of Munzee captures: 156
10.4 per cache
- Number of online logs on Geocaching.com: 169
42.25 per cache
- Number logged on Opencaching.com: 2
.67 per cache
- Number who have completed all 15 and collected prizes: 15

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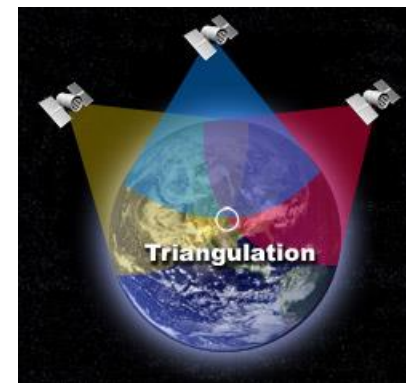
Costs

- 2 GPS receivers to checkout (including CityNavigator) \$537
- Professional card design \$375
- Professional card printing \$168
- Cache containers \$110
- Pencils, notebooks, baggies, munzees \$15
- Learning history while playing a game Priceless!

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What is geocaching?

- High-tech Hide-and-seek game
- GPS – Global Positioning System
- Selective Availability turned off May 2, 2000
- First cache hidden the next day



Devices you can use:

- Handheld GPS
- Car GPS that allows waypoints
- GPS-enabled smartphone or tablet



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Where can you find geocaches online?



Geocaching.com is by far the most popular

Basic caching rules

- Hidden on public land or private land with permission
- Cannot be buried underground
- Sign the log
- Trade items
- Put it back
- Obey laws and park rules
- BYOP



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Types of caches

Traditional 

Multi 

Puzzle ?

Event 

Virtual 

Earthcache 

CITO 

Sizes of traditional caches

Micro



Small



Regular



Large



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Virtual caches



No new ones allowed – now have Waymarking

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What would I expect to find in a traditional cache?

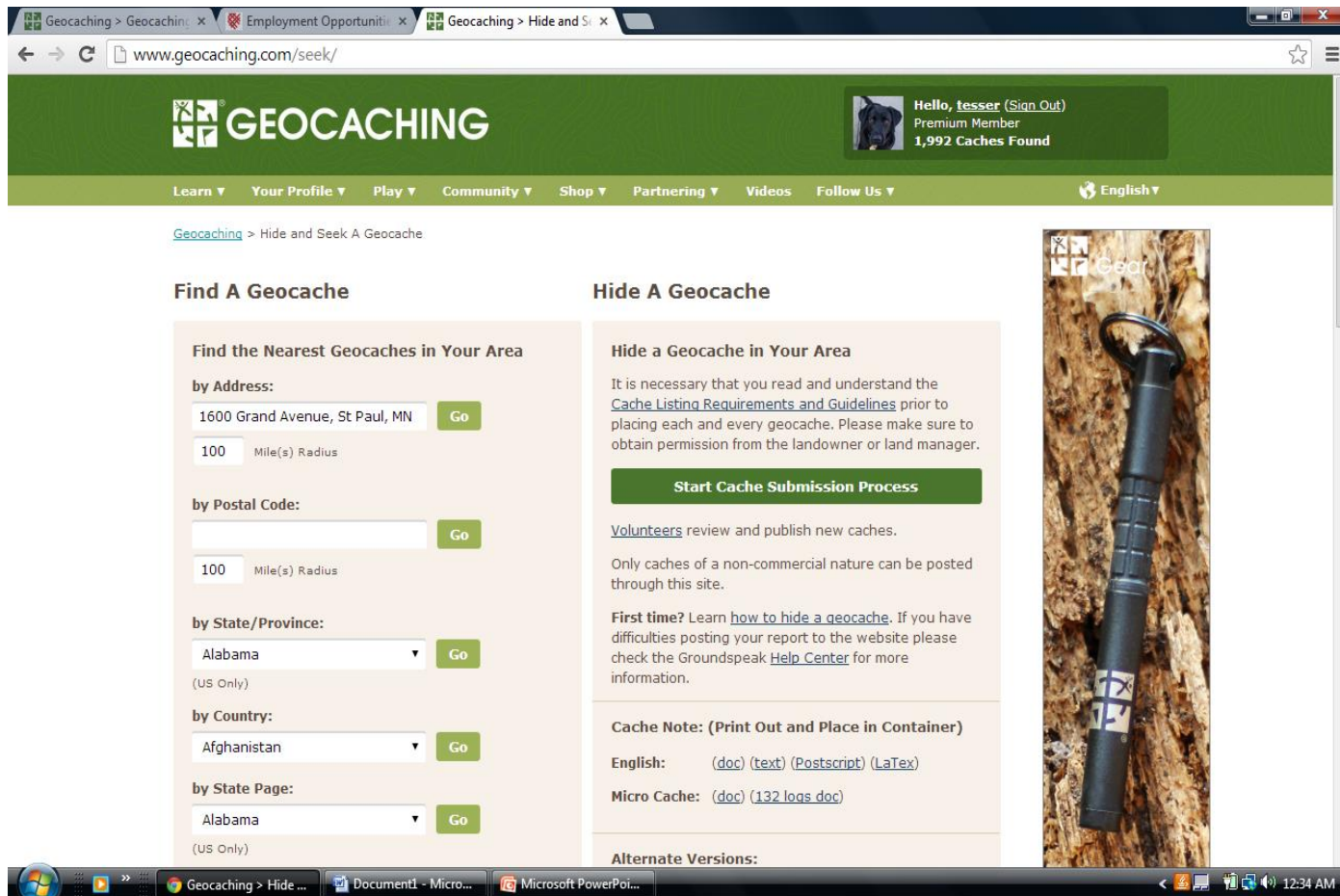
Log book/Pencil
Swag
Coins
Travel bugs



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Look up caches online

A search by address will narrow an area down for you



The screenshot shows the Geocaching website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Geocaching logo and a user profile for 'tesser' (Premium Member, 1,992 Caches Found). Below the navigation bar, there's a breadcrumb trail: 'Geocaching > Hide and Seek A Geocache'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Find A Geocache', contains a form to search for caches by address, postal code, state/province, country, or state page. The right column, titled 'Hide A Geocache', contains information about hiding a cache, including a link to 'Start Cache Submission Process' and a 'Cache Note' section. A vertical image of a geocache container is on the right side of the page. The bottom of the screenshot shows a Windows taskbar with several open applications.

Geocaching > Geocaching > Employment Opportunities > Geocaching > Hide and Seek A Geocache

www.geocaching.com/seek/

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Geocaching > Hide and Seek A Geocache

Find A Geocache

Find the Nearest Geocaches in Your Area

by Address:

1600 Grand Avenue, St Paul, MN **Go**

100 Mile(s) Radius

by Postal Code:

Go

100 Mile(s) Radius

by State/Province:

Alabama **Go**
(US Only)

by Country:

Afghanistan **Go**

by State Page:

Alabama **Go**
(US Only)

Hide A Geocache

Hide a Geocache in Your Area

It is necessary that you read and understand the [Cache Listing Requirements and Guidelines](#) prior to placing each and every geocache. Please make sure to obtain permission from the landowner or land manager.

Start Cache Submission Process

[Volunteers](#) review and publish new caches.

Only caches of a non-commercial nature can be posted through this site.

First time? Learn [how to hide a geocache](#). If you have difficulties posting your report to the website please check the Groundspeak [Help Center](#) for more information.

Cache Note: (Print Out and Place in Container)

English: [\(doc\)](#) [\(text\)](#) [\(Postscript\)](#) [\(LaTeX\)](#)

Micro Cache: [\(doc\)](#) [\(132 logs doc\)](#)

Alternate Versions:

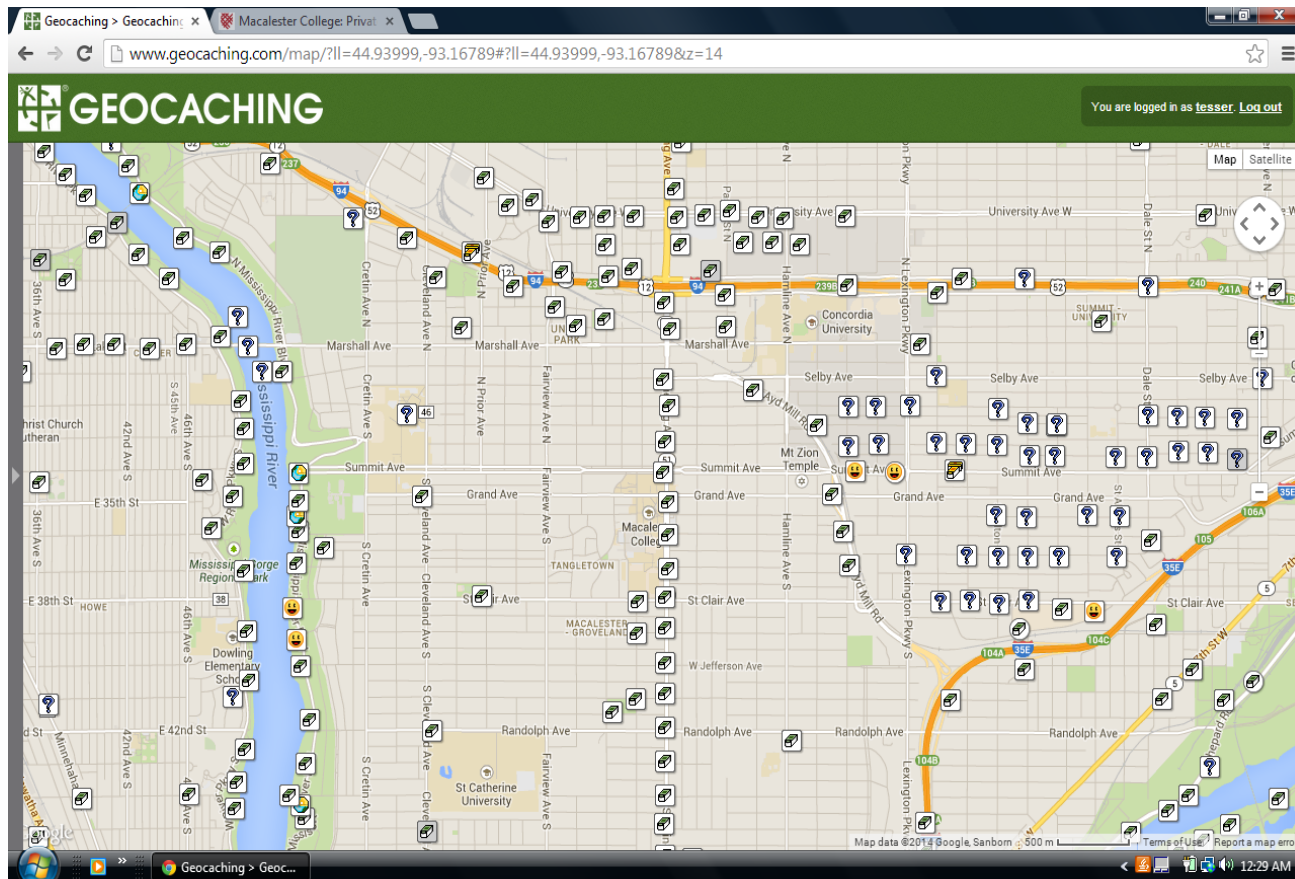
Geocaching > Hide ... Document1 - Micro... Microsoft PowerPoi...

12:34 AM

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Where are the caches?


They are everywhere!



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Log your find online


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[Geocaching](#) > [Hide and Seek A Geocache](#) > Geocache Details

GC4FF78 ▾

 **WBHC 15: WBL Fire Station 2**



A cache by [WBLAHS & RCL-WB](#) Hidden : 06/28/2013


Difficulty: ★★★★★ Size:  (not chosen)  0 Favorites ▾

Terrain: ★★★★★


N 45° 03.001 W 093° 00.322
UTM: 15T E 499577 N 4988506
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In [Minnesota, United States](#)
NE 3.4 mi from your home location

 **Print:** [No Logs](#) [5 Logs](#) [10 Logs](#)  [Driving Directions](#)





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 **Personal Cache Note** Click to enter a note 

Log your visit

 [View Gallery](#) (1)
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 [Ignore](#)

Admin Tools

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What is a munzee?



- Munzees are like 2-D caching
- No container
- QR codes that you “capture”
- A smartphone app
- Earn points



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Searching for Munzees online

Click on View Munzee Map

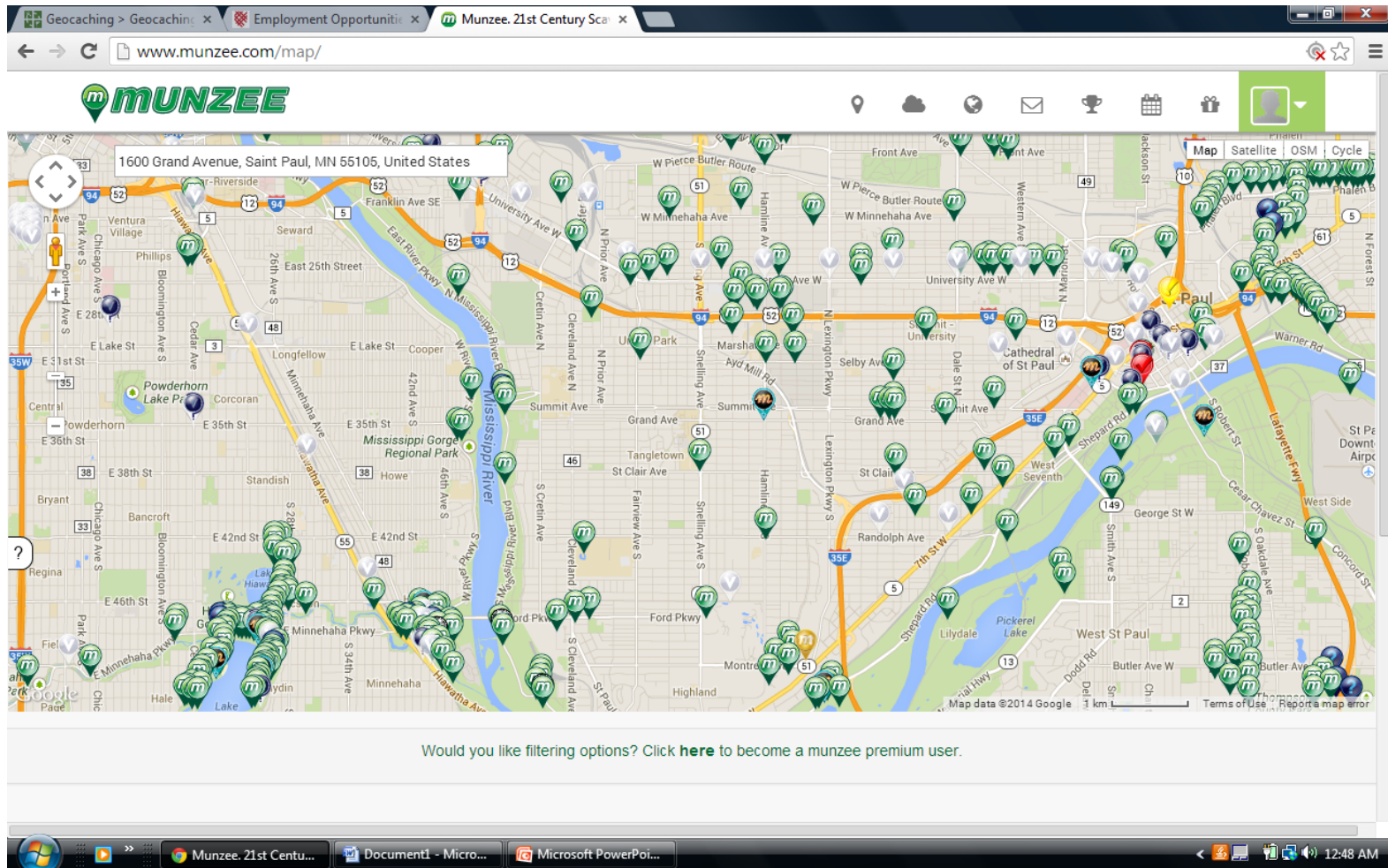
The screenshot shows the Munzee website profile for user 'tesser'. The profile includes a level of 20 and 9,549 points. A 'View Munzee Map' button is visible. Below the profile, there are statistics: 1,098 Points, 53 Captures, 19 Deployed, 2 Badges, and 682 Days Old. A navigation bar lists various categories: Feed, Captures, Deployed, Badges, Social, Specials, Kennel, Undeployed, Archived, and Maintenance Needed. The 'Recent Activity' section shows a progress bar and a legend for 'deployed' (orange), 'captured' (green), and 'deployed and captured' (green with orange). Two main sections are visible: 'Popular Deployments' and 'Recent Captures'.

Popular Deployments		Recent Captures	
	WBHC 13: Fillebrown House 9 months ago		2013 MWMB 019 (Go Colts) 5 days ago
	18 captures		5 points
	WBHC 1: WBL Library 9 months ago		Lucas oil stadium 5 days ago
	13 captures		5 points
	WBHC 10: Civil War Monument 9 months ago		Atwill's GO COLTS Virtual Munzee 5 days ago
	12 captures		5 points
	WBHC 6: WBL Depot 9 months ago		P-) V 206 5 days ago
	12 captures		5 points
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Where are Munzees?

They are everywhere!





If using a smartphone or tablet:

- Download apps from your iphone app store or Android Playstore
- geocaching.com –\$9.99
- Opencaching.com and c:geo are free
- Munzee.com (free)



Some caching jargon:

- Cords – the co-ordinates that make up a location
- Waypoints – a saved location to find again
- Muggles – non-geocachers
- TFTC – Thanks for the cache – found in online logs
- Logging – signing a cache logsheet, or adding a note online that you found it
- Smilie – the symbol you see online when you've found it!

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Let's go caching!

