



# Mason Mill Geocaching Adventure

During the 2023 Atlanta Science Festival, you are invited to participate in two scavenger hunts in the forests of Mason Mill, Medlock, and Ira B. Melton Parks. First, a series of geocaches are hidden throughout the park. Second, two Adventure Labs that, once completed, will unlock the location of a bonus geocache for you to find.

## How to participate:

1. Download two free apps published by Groundspeak, Inc.:



**Geocaching**



**Adventure Lab**

2. Create a username to be used on both apps.
3. Be sure to allow both apps to use your location when you are using the app. This adventure will not work otherwise.

### Geocaching Instructions

- Open the app and find your location on the map. Tap the cache icon you want to seek.
- Read information about the cache. Note the difficulty, terrain, and size. Read the description. Check the hint.
- Then click Navigate to seek the hidden geocache. Use the map view or compass icon to guide you.
- Once you arrive at the “geozone” (roughly +/-30 feet from the actual cache), use the clues and your wits to search for the container.
- When you find it, congratulations! Open it, sign the log with your Geocaching username, and read any information inside. Click the Log button on the app and record your find electronically.
- Finally, carefully replace the cache exactly as you found it. This is highly important or the next player won’t be able to enjoy finding it as you did.

### Adventure Lab Instructions

- Open the app and use the Explore tab to find the two Adventures at Mason Mill Park on the map. Choose one and tap to begin.
- Read *About This Adventure* and scroll down to review the map of the locations you’ll be seeking, then tap Start.
- The locations can be found in any order you want, so choose the one closest to you and tap *See Details*. Read *About This Location* and use the compass icon in the upper right corner to help you navigate to the location. Once you are close to your destination, the challenge question will be activated. Tap *Answer* to read the question and provide your answer.
- Once you have navigated to every location and successfully answered each challenge question, you win and you will receive the coordinates for a bonus geocache that can be accessed in the Geocaching app.

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### What is geocaching?

Geocaching is the world's largest treasure hunting game. Over 3 million cleverly hidden containers called geocaches are hidden all over the world just waiting to be found.

### What am I looking for?

Geocaches come in all shapes and sizes—geocache creativity is endless! Some will be large reusable containers, others will be micro canisters the size of your fingernail. Make sure to read the size in your app to get on the right path. (Geocaches never require digging).

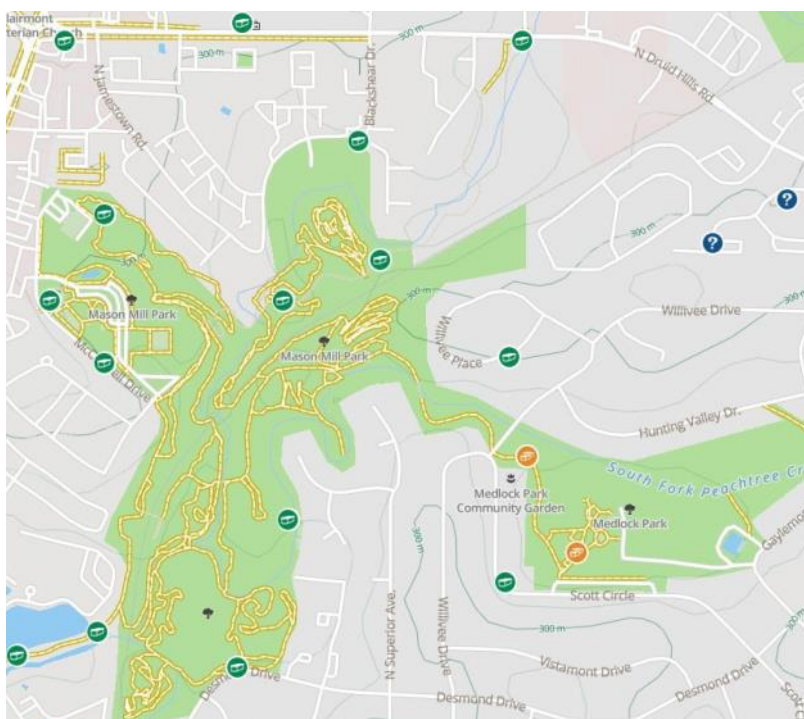
### When I find a geocache, do I get to keep it?

No, geocaches are meant to remain hidden so that others can find them. When you find a geocache, sign the log, then put it back where you found it. Then log your find online to let other geocachers know you were there! Some geocaches contain small items called “swag” that you can take with you. The etiquette around geocaching SWAG is simple: if you take something, leave something behind of equal or greater value.

### What if I can't find a geocache?

This happens to everyone sometimes, even experienced geocachers. Check your app for previous logs and you might find clues from other users. Continue your search or log a Did Not Find (DNF).

### What geocaches can I find at Mason Mill, Medlock, and Ira B. Melton parks?



#### Near Recreation Center and Library:

- Woodland Cove Hunt
- Mason Mill Enrichment
- A Park for Everyone

#### On PATH towards Emory:

- South Fork Peachtree
- Staying Dry

#### Ira B. Melton Park:

- Mr. Melton's Park

#### Medlock to Mason Mill:

- A Walk to Somewhere (multiple stages, starts in Medlock)
- Field of Dreams (multiple stages, in Medlock)
- Don't get flattened on the curve
- The Peanut Butter Solution

#### N. Druid Hills PATH:

- Burnt Fork Cottonwood
- Don't Bark Up the Wrong Tree
- Beaver Patrol
- PATH: South Peachtree Creek Trailhead