

Our Geocache Locations:

For this project we've hidden 6 Geocaches for you to find. These caches are all hidden along the DeKalb Nature Trail, including the branch that heads off toward the NIU East Lagoon. If you find all 6 Geocaches you'll hike about 1.25 miles. The Geocaches are near the trails and you won't have to walk far off the path, however be aware of these potential hazards:

- Poison Ivy – we were careful to place caches in clear areas, but there is some poison ivy along the trails in some spots, so be aware. Leaves of three, let them be!
- Burs – there are some burdock plants in the area. These are harmless, but do contain burs that can easily get caught in clothing and hair and are somewhat difficult to remove.
- Thorns – there are several plants in the area that have thorns, including wild roses, wild raspberries, hawthorn, buckthorn, and others.
- Animals – most wild animals that you'll encounter will be harmless if left alone, but if an animal looks sick or distressed, give it extra space and stay cautious.
- Litter – there is sometimes litter along these trails that may include broken glass, sharp metal, or other hazardous materials. Please be cautious.

These are not publicly listed Geocaches, so you cannot find them on Geocaching.com. They are private, just for this event. Therefore, you must enter these coordinates manually into your GPS unit or phone. The easiest way to do this on a phone is to just enter the coordinates in Google Maps, or use the links or QR Codes to go directly to the cache coordinates. When entering coordinates, do not include any symbols (degrees or minutes), so for the first coordinates, search for *N 41 55.751 W 088 45.880*.

DeKalb has a bunch of fun things to find. Keep your eye out for these and more while you're searching for geocaches!



Geocache 1

N 41° 55.674' W 088° 45.841'

<https://goo.gl/maps/iSW9xufcpGbApY3M7>

Found:



Frisbee golf is popular in Prairie Park. You may see some golfers throwing their discs!



Geocache 2

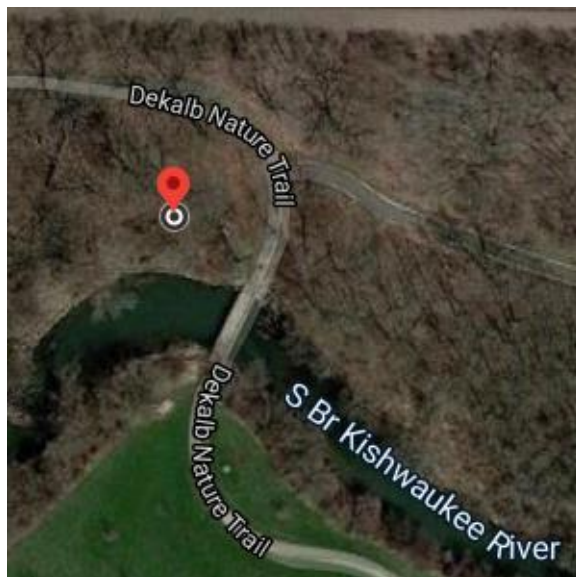
N 41° 55.751' W 088° 45.880'

<https://goo.gl/maps/Mqwf4Qjw6m7tYp3cA>

Found:



This cache is just past the bench overlooking bridge that crosses the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River. Look at the big shagbark hickory tree across the trail!



Geocache 3

N 41° 55.744' W 088° 45.830'

<https://goo.gl/maps/7YjHPiHcRXCoikTr6>

Found:



There are a lot of large trees in the area that provide homes to many different birds, squirrels, chipmunks, and other animals.



Geocache 4

N 41° 55.765' W 088° 45.618'

<https://goo.gl/maps/3C3Kj9i33sDkH77SA>

Found:



The trail crosses under the train tracks here. Do you see a strange face looking at you from the shield that protects the trail from debris that may fall from the tracks?



Geocache 5

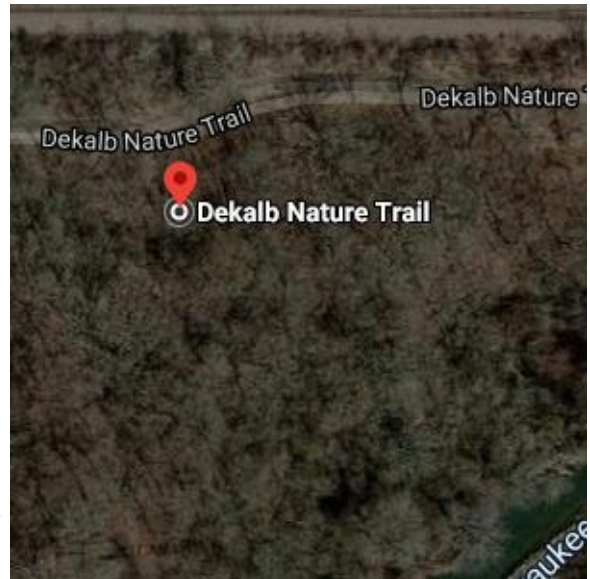
N 41° 55.754' W 088° 45.992'

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Found:



Look for a path that leads south off the main trail. There are many trails that criss cross these woods if you'd like to explore.



Geocache 6

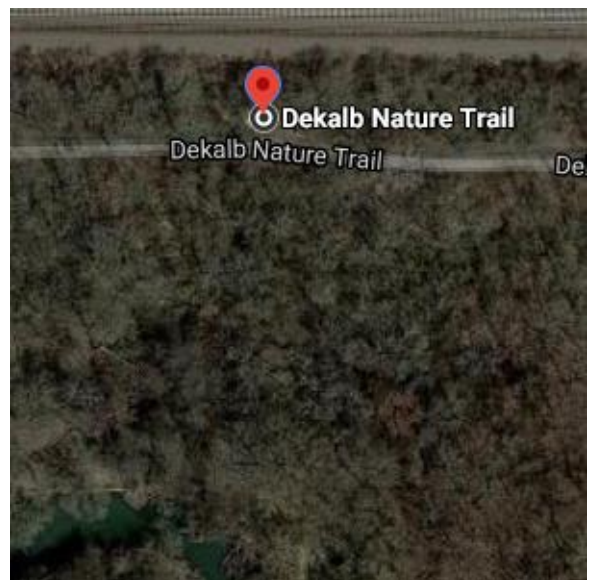
N 41° 55.769' W 088° 46.064'

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Found:



Look for the Treebeard wizards carved in the trees nearby!



Hints:

These hints will help you find the Geocaches if you need a little assistance. **Only read these if you need help!**

Geocache 1: In the roots of this tree is a perfect little hiding spot.

Geocache 2: Look for the rotten log. You may need to move some pieces of rotten wood!

Geocache 3: Look inside the V of the tree. An adult may need to help.

Geocache 4: Look for a pile of branches near some old railroad ties.

Geocache 5: A short way off the main trail on a smaller side trail you'll find a tangle of branches with the cache hidden within.

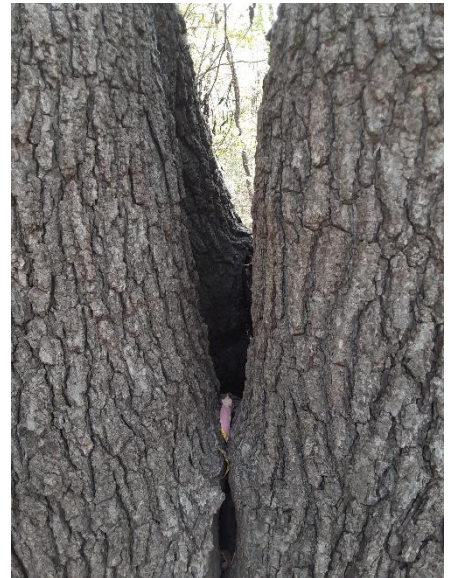
Geocache 6: Behind a larger tree with an interesting hole, you'll find the cache!



Geocache 1



Geocache 2



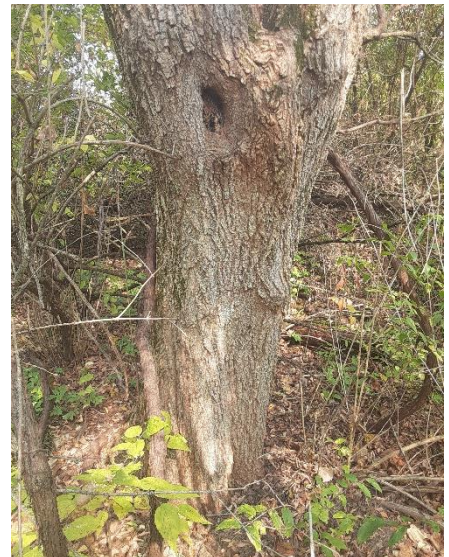
Geocache 3



Geocache 4



Geocache 5



Geocache 6