

Geocaching at Kenfig

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS co-ordinates and then attempt to find the geocache hidden at that location. Geocaches are hidden all over the world and some could be right under your nose! A geocache is a hidden container that usually includes a logbook for geocachers to sign, plus trinkets that can be exchanged.



Bridgend Outdoor Schools
Ysgolion Awyr agored
Pen-y-Bont ar Ogwr

Five 'Bridgend Outdoor Schools' (BOS) geocaches have been hidden around Kenfig National Nature Reserve to encourage families explore the reserve and appreciate the various wildlife on offer. All you need to begin geocaching at Kenfig is the geocache app downloaded onto your smartphone and a free account (you can sign-up for one through the geocache app). Bring along some trinkets to swap, if you wish, and a pen to write in the logbook.

Once you arrive at Kenfig, it's time to find the geocaches. Here are some steps to help you on your way:

- Open the app and choose the GPS symbol or 'Find Nearby Geocaches' depending on your device's operating system.
- Allow time for the GPS to load your location and the caches located nearby.
- Locate one of the five 'BOS' geocaches by pressing on the green location points on the geocache map.
- Choose 'Start' or 'Navigate to Geocache' depending on your device and begin following the compass direction (or map) and distance on the geocache app to locate the geocache.
- When the app notifies you that you are within 10 metres or so of the geocache, use your phone less, and start searching with your eyes and hands instead. N.B. The geocache will not be buried, but will be hidden, so you will need to explore the surrounding area.
- If you're stuck and can't find the geocache check the 'Hint' section and 'Recent Logs' on the app for extra help.
- When you find the geocache sign the log book, trade any items if you want to and make note of the letter and number located within the geocache.
 - In each of the 5 geocaches there will be a letter. Collect all letters to solve the anagram.
 - Each geocache will also contain a number. Once you have made note of all the numbers in the 5 geocaches, simply add them up and try to work out what the number means.
 - Email your answers to heather@thinklearnchallenge.com to find out if you're right and receive a special 'Kenfig Geocache Challenge' certificate.

Once you have made note of the letter and number in the Geocache put the cache back exactly how you found it and use the app to write a log. Remember when trading items - trade equal or up and keep all items safe and legal.

Happy geocaching!

