

# News Release

## *National Wildlife Refuge System*



**Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge**  
Savanna District  
7071 Riverview Road  
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### **Curing Cabin Fever Geocaching Event - March 27**

Are you itching to get outside? Do you want to get your kids unglued from the TV and video games? Come to the Curing Cabin Fever Geocaching Event (GC22FNG) on March 27th at Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center located at 7071 Riverview Road, Thomson, IL. Some folks are versed in Geocaching while others don't even know how to pronounce it. For those not familiar, it's pronounced (JEE-oh-CASH-ing). It is a high-tech treasure hunt using a hand-held Global Positioning System receiver (GPSr) to find a treasure or cache. A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook and "treasure," usually toys or trinkets of little monetary value.

This Event is geared towards beginners, however all levels are welcome. You can log onto [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and sign up to attend or call the Refuge at 815-273-2732 ext. 16 to sign up for the event. You don't need to own a GPSr you can borrow one of ours for the event. If you do bring your own, please be sure to bring your cable to connect to the computer for downloading cache locations. We want to get you outside and cure your Cabin Fever.

We also need experienced geocachers to volunteer and help us with one of the Geocaching Activities. If you would like to volunteer either call or let us know by logging you'll help us on the [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) web site.

#### Event Schedule

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Meet and Greet

Come meet other Geocachers, share your geocaching stories, trade those travel bugs and share your special geocoins here!

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Introduction to Geocaching Class.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch available by the Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge or bring your own.

11:15 a.m. Geocaching With An Experienced Geocacher.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Introduction to Geocaching Class. (repeat)

New geocoins will be available for geocachers to pickup.

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Geocaching With An Experienced Geocacher.

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is the most visited refuge in the United States. The refuge extends 261 miles along the Upper Mississippi River from Wabasha, Minn. to Rock Island, Ill., protecting and preserving habitat for migratory birds, fish, and a variety of other wildlife. This 240,000 acre refuge was established in 1924.

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