



## Libraries Geocache Hunt Challenge

The Libraries **GEOCACHE HUNT CHALLENGE** is based on the International Geocaching activity, "a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game" where you get a location and clues to a hidden object and set out to find it!

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#LibrariesGeocacheHunt

### The Basics

#### What is a Cache?

A cache is a container that is camouflaged and hidden out of sight. The container has items such as a logbook to record who found it and items to trade or collect.

#### What is a Cacheport?

A Cacheport is like a passport for the Treasure Hunt! This booklet has all the information you need to find and locate each cache and information about each cache location.

#### How to Play

1. Pick a cache from the Cacheport read its description, and head to its location.
  - a. Read the description, coordinates, and hints to get a sense of where the hidden cache is located.
  - b. If you want, use a GPS or Map app on your phone (WAZE, Apple Maps, Google Maps, or MapQuest) to help you. Enter the coordinates of the geocache and let it direct you to the cache spot.
2. The cache will be hidden, so keep an eye out and look all around the area!
3. Caches can come in all shapes and sizes and maybe even camouflaged, magnetic, or hidden inside or

# Cache # 1

under another item like a birdhouse or stone on the ground.

- Once you find the cache, **sign the logbook with your name and date**. Then take one of the sweet swags inside. Collect all six!
- Seal up the container nice and tight, and place it back where you found it for the next person.

## What to Bring

- Your cacheport booklet and your phone or GPS. Be sure it's charged!
- A pen or pencil to sign logbooks!
- Sunscreen and water (for daytime hunts) or a flashlight/headlamp (for nighttime)
- Please take proper precautions and be safe if searching in the dark.

## Etiquette for Cache Finders

- To avoid tipping off others to the location, carefully remove the cache and then move away to examine its contents.
- Write down everyone participating name in the logbook. Don't write too big.
- Take one piece of swag per person.
- Carefully seal the cache with all the original contents you found inside and hide it exactly as you found it. Don't try to make it easier or harder for the next person to find.
- Share your geocaching stories and photos online!
- #GeoTreasureHunt2021 Facebook or Instagram
- If something is wrong with a cache (no swag, log is missing/full, etc.), please contact the DeLaMare Library staff at (775) 784-6945 or dlmlib@unr.edu

Want to find more Geocaches across campus?  
 Download the app at [Geocaching.com](https://www.geocaching.com) and find more!

Install the SafeApp for campus alerts and messages!

**Cache Name:** Earthquake Proof

**Cache By:** DeLaMare Library

**Difficulty/Terrain:** ◆◆◆◆◆

**Coordinates:** 39.5392558, -119.8145466

## Cache Description:

The original Mackay Mines building for the Mackay School of Mines was constructed in 1908. It's one of the original buildings on campus and is situated at the north end of the Quad and is named for John W. Mackay (1831-1902), one of the "Big Four" mining magnates of the Comstock Lode bonanza. This building and subsequent endowments were presented to the University in John Mackay's honor by his widow, Marie Louise, and his son, Clarence H. Mackay.

During the years of 1926 and 1956, significant structural alterations were made to the original building. Located in an earthquake prone area causing major structural issues and almost demolished, the building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. In 1990 the University received funds to restore the building with a unique method called Base Isolation. "To separate the building from the ground it sets on." The brick structure rests on 65 rubber cushions 8 inches thick to soften the jolt of a temblor or earthquake. It's one of only 7 structures in the world and the only historic building with an earthquake base.

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## Additional hint:

SNPVAT GUR DHNQ!

Decryption Key

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Letter above equals the letter below and vice versa

## Cache # 2

**Cache Name:** A Creek Runs Through It

**Cache By:** DeLaMare Library

**Difficulty/Terrain:** 

**Coordinates:** 39.539399, -119.813774

### Cache Description:

This geocache is in the heart of the College of Engineering, in a cool, tranquil place full of plant life. If you listen closely, you might hear the sound of a creek hidden in all the greenery. You'll find the cache in the same place, so be sure to leave no stone unturned..

Did you know that the University of Nevada, Reno is an informal arboretum? Established in 1974, the Arboretum Board made and maintained the campus for "receiv[ing] gifts of plants and moneys so that interested persons [could] learn their names and other horticultural information [...so that] a walk across campus [could] turn into a botany lesson." (University Memorandum, April 24, 1985). We hope you find some time to enjoy the wide variety of trees and plant lift that call our campus home.

### Additional hint:

SNXR EBPX

Decryption Key

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## Cache # 3

**Cache Name:** Blinded me with Mackay Science

**Cache By:** DeLaMare Library

**Difficulty/Terrain:** 

**Coordinates:** 39.5381083, -119.8137114

### Cache Description:

The Mackay Science Building was built in 1930 as a space to house the schools of Physics and Chemistry. Funded by university donor Clarence Mackay and designed by renowned Reno architect Frederick DeLongchamps, Mackay Science was praised as one of the most modern places to teach science in the western United States at that time. Today the building houses the Department of Geography. This Georgian-style structure, complete with iconic tall white pillars, was considered to be one of the most modern science teaching facilities in the West. The building today houses the Department of Geography and The State Climatologist.

Faculty research and teaching extend across the physical sciences and humanities, exploring issues of landscape, climate change, water resource management, urban and regional development, and social inequality, along with the application of GIS and spatial analysis. The Geography department has earned a reputation for its excellence in teaching, with four faculty members earning the F. Donald Tibbitts Award for the University's finest teacher, aka, "BEST" instructor across campus.

### Additional hint:

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## Cache # 4

**Cache Name:** A Glimpse of the Past

**Cache By:** Special Collections and University Archives

**Difficulty/Terrain:** 

**Coordinates:** 39.5435817, -119.8157043

### Cache Description:

Welcome to Special Collections and University Archives! We hold the stuff that is old, rare, valuable, or in weird formats, and can't live with the rest of the library collection. We have books, periodicals, manuscripts, images, videos, architectural records, and much more. We even have a cuneiform tablet and an elephant's tooth! Anyone can come visit us and use the collections. You don't have to be in a specific department or level of study. In fact, we encourage everyone to make use of these unique collections. Our stuff doesn't circulate, so you do have to use it here, but there's so much to explore that it's well worth the time. We hope to see you soon!

### Additional hint:

HC ZNVA FGNVEF

Decryption Key

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## Cache # 5

**Cache Name:** "Basque-ing" in the Sun

**Cache By:** Jon Bilbao Basque Library  
@BasqueLibrary

**Difficulty/Terrain:** 

**Coordinates:** 39.542778, -119.815611

### Cache Description:

The Basque Country is located in Southern Europe, between the Bay of Biscay and the Pyrenees. Its 7,700 square miles are home to three million people, members of an ancestral population thriving in the area for thousands of years. The Basque language, or Euskara, is the most striking feature of Basque culture, being the only non-Indo-European language in Western Europe, with its roots in the Neolithic.

Basques have been part of the Nevadan cultural landscape since the middle 19th century. A good example of chain migration, the first arrivals attracted relatives, neighbors, and friends leaving the Basque Country due to economic reasons and political persecution. While sheepherding was one of the first occupations for most, social diversification quickly happened, and Basques occupied themselves in various businesses.

Initially purchased by John Ascuaga in 1998 for the Sparks Nugget Casino, Doug Van Howd's 10 ½ feet tall Basque Sheepherder bronze sculpture is a tribute to those migrants arriving in the West.

The Jon Bilbao Basque Library at the University of Nevada, Reno (*Renoko Euskal Liburutegia*) is a research library for those interested in Basque Culture and the Basque Diaspora. The library is affiliated with the Center for Basque Studies and is home to one of the world's largest collections of Basque-related materials, currently at 55,000 volumes. It is also a memory institution for the Basque Community throughout North America and a comprehensive portal providing access to Basque studies in English for researchers and institutions.

### Additional hint:

*Second Hint - Sheepherding can be rocky!*

*Decode this! - Cngu pbeare, haqre ebpX*

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## Cache # 6

**Cache Name:** Novel Newcomers

**Cache By:** Access Services

**Difficulty/Terrain:** ◆◇◇◇◇

**Coordinates:** 39.5436052, -119.8153097

### Cache Description:

Access Services manages a variety of public-facing services for students, faculty, staff and members of the community. Located on the second floor of The Knowledge Center, this is where you can check out books, course reserves, and other study materials such as dry-erase markers, calculators and headphones. If you are trying to find a particular book, curious about checking out a locker for the semester, or are having trouble with printing, we at Access Services are here to help!

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### Additional hint:

Not all of our books are in MARS! We have over half a million books shelved throughout the building and are adding new items to our collection all the time!

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## Cache # 7

**Cache Name:** The Eagle has Landed!

**Cache By:** Outreach Committee

**Difficulty/Terrain:** ◆◆◇◇◇

**Coordinates:** 39.543640, -119.815970

### Cache Description:

- 5th main library on campus, other locations include (in order) -
  1. 1st floor of Morrill Hall, 1885
  2. Jones Center, 1914
  3. Clark Administration, 1927
  4. The Nobel H. Getchell Library, 1962
  5. Mathewson IGT-Knowledge Center, 2008
- No more than 2 paragraphs. Information you want participants to know about the site, a service, an event, whatever the Cache is tied to or about.
- This cache is in a comfortable study location. This space has a prominent view of northern campus and would be described by some as circular. This space is in doors, but high enough for an eagle's perch. Though this floor is peaceful, it is not quite quiet.
- The Knowledge Center offers students and the community a large amount of comfortable and quiet study spaces and access to a wide variety of technology. The entire 5th floor is designated quiet study space. Our 1st floor features several specialized technology labs and offers many different tech devices for reservation and a VR space. The floors in between are full of many study environments including; Whiteboards, collaborative study rooms, peaceful study spaces, and open computers. On the 2nd floor, there are many help desk services; our Computing Help desk to assist in netID issues, setting up wifi in dorms, and web campus help; our Access Services desk which assists in book check out, popular reading titles, and a monthly themed book display info. Remember you can always get one on one help from a librarian specializing in your major with your projects and papers. The UNR Libraries are a partner in your academic success! We wish you the best in your college career!

### Additional hint:

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# Cache # 8

Follow us and share what you found  
on your social media!

**Cache Name:** Surfin GSA

**Cache By:** Graduate Student Association

**Difficulty/Terrain:** ◆◇◇◇◇

**Coordinates:** 39.54476637438014, -119.81628294322714

## Cache Description:

In 1903, Joseph Williams made history by becoming the first student to earn an advanced degree from the University with a Master of Arts in Social Sciences. Since then, countless students have followed in his footsteps, achieving advanced degrees in various fields, including: Engineering, Science, Business, Education, and Public Health.

In 1966, a group of forward-thinking graduate students recognized the need for a united voice and advocacy representation, mirroring the efforts of their undergraduate counterparts. This led to the establishment of a governmental student body, comprised of elected representatives from each college.

Our office, located in the Joe Crowley Student Union, offers a range of resources and services designed to promote graduate student support. From our travel award, spring awards program, and over all student advocacy we seek to improve the graduate student experience. We invite you to explore the many resources and services we provide.

## Additional hint:

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[www.library.unr.edu](http://www.library.unr.edu)

Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center  
Insta, FB - [@unevadalibraries](https://www.instagram.com/unevadalibraries)  
Twitter - [@unevadalib](https://twitter.com/unevadalib)

DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library  
(Mackay Mines Building #57)  
Insta - [@delamarelibrary](https://www.instagram.com/delamarelibrary)  
FB - [@dlmlib](https://www.facebook.com/dlmlib)

Jon Bilbao Basque Library  
(Take the elevator/staircase next to Bytes/Pete's to the 3rd floor in the Knowledge Center)  
FB - [@BasqueLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/BasqueLibrary)

Special Collections & University Archives  
(3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Knowledge Center)  
Twitter, Insta - [@unrspc](https://www.instagram.com/unrspc)  
FB - [@UNRSpecialCollections](https://www.facebook.com/UNRSpecialCollections)

Graduate Student Association  
(Mackay Mines Building #57)  
Insta - [@nevadagsa](https://www.instagram.com/nevadagsa)

## Find them all!

- Cache #1
- Cache #2
- Cache #3
- Cache #4
- Cache #5
- Cache #6