

- Find routes that minimize ecological impact.
- Leave places looking as if seekers were never there.
- Never bury caches. Never leave food items in a cache.
- Obey local laws. Follow regulations governing roads and other public areas, and always get permission before entering private property.
- Clean up litter along the way, and don't leave any behind.
- Respect the geocache. Replace the container exactly as you found it.
- Log your find. Sign the logbook. Share about your experiences online.
- If you take something from the cache, leave something of equal or greater value.
- Trackables: Keep them moving! Only take a trackable item if you are willing to help it travel from geocache to geocache.

## GEOCACHING ETIQUETTE

## EXPERIENCE THE STEUBEN COUNTY SOIL SCIENCE GEOTRAIL

**What's with the rubbings?**  
 The earth gives life to nearly everything, and the 2-3 letter combination of each etching corresponds to the soil type on which you stand at each geocache location. Learn more about the earth below your feet and gain an appreciation for this precious resource at each stop!



Get Started

Earn your GeoTrail Prize

[www.stubenswcd.org](http://www.stubenswcd.org)  
[www.extension.purdue.edu/stuben](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/stuben)

## LET'S GEOCACHE! STEUBEN COUNTY!

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who positively impact their community and world. The 4-H program is open to youth in grades K-12, providing a variety of subject areas and opportunities for participants. Interested in joining or volunteering? Contact the Steuben County Purdue Extension Office by calling 260-668-1000 Ext. 1400.

It is the mission of the Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) to provide leadership and assistance in the proper use and management of soil, water, and related natural resources in Steuben County. For more information, call 260-665-3211 Ext. 3.

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## HOW TO PLAY

## SOIL SCIENCE GEOTRAIL PASSPORT

1. Get a free account at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).
2. Download the Geocaching® app for your smartphone or grab a GPS device.
3. Search for "Steuben County Soil Science GeoTrail Cache #1" to find your first cache.
4. Make a crayon or pencil rubbing on your GeoTrail Passport in the square corresponding to the township you are exploring. (The cache etching is located on the outside of the cache.)
5. Record your find on geocaching.com. Find all 12 caches on the GeoTrail Passport (each is named "Steuben County Soil Science GeoTrail Cache" #1 through #12).
6. Complete all the crayon or pencil rubbings on your Soil Science GeoTrail Passport.
7. Drop off your completed GeoTrail Passport at 317 S. Wayne Street, Suite 1A, Angola, IN 46703 to collect your prize!

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

Prizes for completion of the Steuben County Soil Science GeoTrail Passport are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. You must present your completed passport to receive your prize at:

**Purdue Extension--Steuben County**  
 317 S. Wayne St., Suite 1A  
 Angola, IN 46703

Participants assume all risks in seeking geocaches. Purdue Cooperative Extension of Steuben County reserves the right to limit or revoke this offer at any time.

Additional terms and conditions may apply.

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