

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge Geocache Card

When you have completed at least 10 stations,
 visit the information desk at the National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center for a prize.
 If you are unable to use the embosser at a station, write down the code to receive credit.



Atlantic White Cedar Forest
 Moderate Wet
 N 35° 46.858' W 75°51.2558'
 What caused the forest's demise?

Cypress-Gum Forest
 Rough terrain for vehicles
 N 35° 48.441' W 75° 51.559'
 How high do the trees grow here?



Cropland
 Easy
 N 35° 49.851' W 75°50.347'
 Principal crops grown here:

Low Shrub Pocosin
 Moderate Wet
 N 35° 37.423' W 75°47.192'
 How high do the shrubs grow here?



Pine/Hardwood Forest
 Moderate
 N 35° 36.878' W 75°49.935'
 What type of pine tree are here?

Brackish Marsh
 Moderate Wet
 N 35° 46.188' W 75°44.513'
 What types of water are here?



Pond Pine/Shrub Pocosin
 Easy
 N 35° 51.789' W 75° 51.576'
 What finds shelter here?

Freshwater Pools
 Moderate Wet
 N 35° 50.267' W 75°55.253'
 Why is the water dark here?



Administrative
 Easy
 N 35°51.283' W 75°51.754'
 Prominent bird found here:

Pond Pine Cane Pocosin
 Moderate Wet
 N 35° 46.621' W 75°49.107'
 What can be found here?



Shrub/Marsh Transition
 Moderate Wet
 N 35° 55.017' W 75°47.218'
 Which wildlife species like it here?

Non-Alluvial Hardwood Forest
 Moderate Wet
 N 35° 54.596' W 75°56.467'
 What trees are dominant here?



Instructions for Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge Habitat Geocache

Welcome to this new and exciting program at the refuge! Geocaching is a high-tech scavenger hunt that is now being modified to help you enjoy national wildlife refuges in eastern North Carolina.

Traditional geocaching consists of hiding and seeking a physical cache: coins, logbook and more. Burying, placing or removing a physical cache is prohibited on national wildlife refuges because sensitive natural or cultural resources could be damaged. After you print off this clue sheet, it's time to head out to the refuge. You will navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache post at that location. Once you find the post, answer the question on the report sheet. You will then open the top of the post and use the attached embosser to "collect" an embossed image of the habitat type in the corresponding box on the report sheet. If for some reason the embosser isn't working, write down the code from the front panel. Once you complete at least 10 of the stations, stop by the National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center on Roanoke Island to receive a refuge pin. The Visitor Center is located on Business Hwy 64 and Conservation Way just west of Fort Raleigh and the Lost Colony. Call 252-473-1131 for directions.

IMPORTANT additional information:

The refuge is open during daylight hours only. All refuge regulations are in effect while you are on refuge land. Please take a refuge leaflet with you so you are aware of open and closed areas.

To be safe, always tell someone where you are going and when they should expect you back! Depending on the time of the year, you may encounter knee-to-waist-deep muck, biting or stinging insects, poisonous snakes, thick vegetation, or other natural challenges. Always be careful and look where you are putting your hands and feet.

Please contact the refuge at 252-473-4180 or alligatorriver@fws.gov with any questions or suggestions. If you find that any of the sites have been damaged or vandalized, please let us know so we can correct the problem.

This is a new program at the refuge, and we welcome all comments!