

# CANADA 150 GEOCACHING PROJECT

The Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission has established seven Geocaches in our community that develop awareness of Maple Ridge's history and heritage. **Canada 150** presents an opportunity to collaborate with the City and community partners on activities to celebrate Canada.

## WHY GEOCACHING?

Combining exploring with treasure hunting, geocaching is a great way for families to get outside. Are you ready to take your family on a geocaching adventure? Geocaching with kids is awesome! It combines the excitement and fun of a family treasure hunt, the great outdoors, nature and exercise of a hike, and the wonder of GPS technology.

For more information on how to get started Geocaching:  
[www.geocaching.com/guide/](http://www.geocaching.com/guide/)

En partenariat avec les célébrations Canada 150 de la ville de Maple Ridge, nous sommes fiers d'annoncer le:

## Projet géocache • Canada 150

La commission Maple Ridge Heritage a établi sept géocaches afin d'améliorer la connaissance de l'histoire de Maple Ridge dans la communauté. Les géocaches à saveur d'histoire ont débuté il y a de ça plusieurs années. **Le Canada 150** offre l'opportunité de collaborer avec la ville et les partenaires communautaires tout en célébrant l'anniversaire du Canada.



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### Cliff Falls

Cliff Falls is a hidden gem, with a pleasant hike, nice views of the waterfalls, no car noise, construction noise, or city noise to disturb you as you search for forgotten family history.

In 1980 the Provincial government gave 245 acres of crown land to the Greater Vancouver Regional District as an addition to Kanaka Creek Regional Park. This land is what makes up a major part of Cliff Falls Park.

At that ceremony a plaque was unveiled to recognize the past dedication of this land by its owners, Arnold and Nancy Cliff.

Over the years the location of the plaque and the story of the Cliff family have faded from memory, and most residents may not be familiar with the story. The goal of this geocache is to bring back a little piece of Maple Ridge history and at the same time spark an interest in the long and storied history of Websters Corners, and the surrounding area.

We have set this geocache up as a multi-cache. This means you will have to find the cache in one location where you will find the coordinates that will lead you to the plaque.



### Kanaka Creek River Front Trail

Located along the shore of the Fraser River in Maple Ridge, the lower section of Kanaka Creek contains a walk on a dyke and a short trail loop. Though small in area this location has many ties to the history, heritage and development of this community. The meandering creek at this location is a fine example of nature as it slowly creates an oxbow lake.

To find the geocache we have placed here, you will need to gather information and clues from the existing markers and signs. Along your journey you will learn about the indigenous people who were the original settlers in this area. Later the Polynesians (*kānaka ōiwi*) came to work for the Hudson Bay Company and were known as Kanaka. This park is named for the Polynesians from Hawaii. In addition, there are clues to the history of the Abernathy and Loughheed Logging Company.

### Thornhill Trails

Thornhill and the trails in this area are part of a large mountain biking, hiking and horse trail network. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy this trail network year-round. With this geocache we hope to spark an interest in a tragic event that took place there during the last months of World War II—a Liberator bomber aircraft crashed in the area.

### Maple Ridge Park

Maple Ridge Park is a popular family destination, with a playground, water park, open space to kick a ball or play

badminton. Visitors can also enjoy a scenic walk along the South Alouette River making this park an ideal destination on a hot summer day.

Join us in July when the Community Heritage Commission will participate in the unveiling of the Live 5-2-1-0 Playbox in Maple Ridge Park with more geocaches. A Playbox supplies parents and caregivers with ideas, games and sports equipment to play without barriers and to promote social connectedness for free. Another Playbox location is in Memorial Peace Park. For access to more resources visit [www.live5210.ca](http://www.live5210.ca).

### Memorial Peace Park

Memorial Peace Park was developed to be a true community gathering place.

Start your journey here and discover the heritage and history of Maple Ridge through its historical buildings and markers.

