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# c:geo Basics

This page describes some basics about Geocaching and about how to use c:geo to find Geocaches.

## What is Geocaching?

Explaining all details of Geocaching would be a little to much here. However there are some facts you need to know to start Geocaching with c:geo:

You have to learn about the different cache types, D/T-ratings, etc.

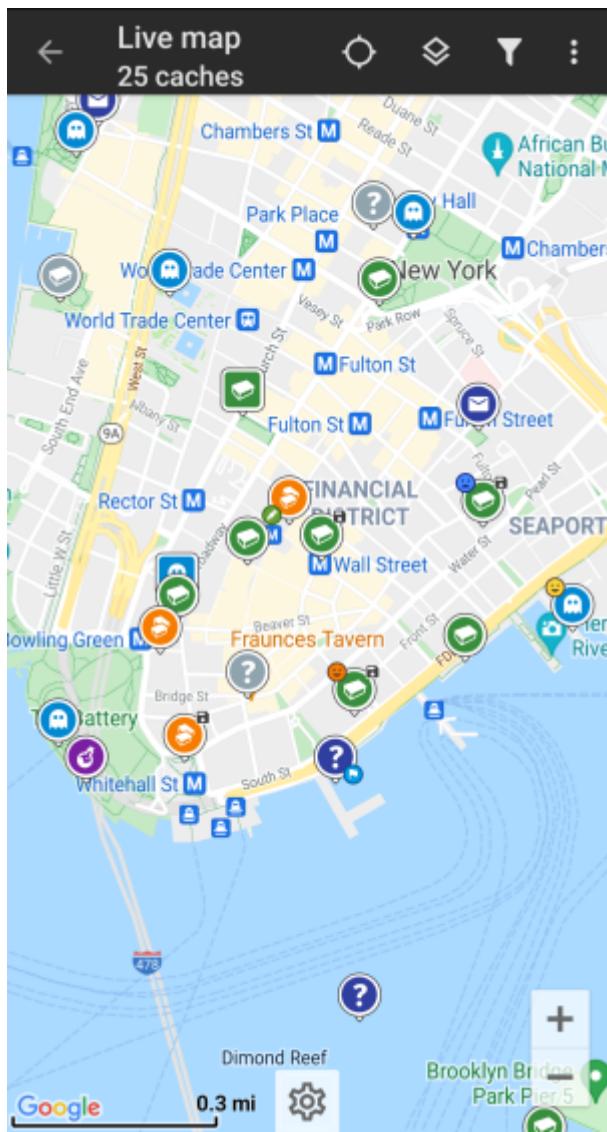
You might not be successful finding a cache by just selecting a random one in c:geo and navigating to it. There is a lot more which you need to know in order to pick a cache which is suitable for you.

Most of the geocaching platforms supported by c:geo offer detailed tutorials about how Geocaching works. We strongly suggest, that you read through these tutorials to learn what you need to know to find your first cache and how to log it.

Especially you should be aware of the different types of caches (You will typically not find a mystery cache at the given coordinates) and the T-rating (a rating of 5 means, that you need to climb/swim/dive to get the cache).

## Finding your first cache with c:geo

From c:geo main menu use the **Live**  **Map**  or the **Nearby**  menus of c:geo to see which caches are around you.



New York		11 caches
	Puzzle Cache	3764 mi 6
	GS Troop 3198 Bronze Award Series #1	3764 mi 0
	1776 Phase 1 Gathering Storm - Revolutionary War	3764 mi 30
	NYPL: New Amsterdam Travel Bug Hotel	3764 mi 15
	City hall park	3765 mi 246
	NYPL: Box + Letter = Letterbox	3765 mi 85
	An Gorta Mór - The Irish Hunger Memorial	3765 mi 64
	Reflection	3765 mi 757

After you managed to see caches on the [map](#) or in the [nearby list](#), pick a cache you would like to find (a traditional cache with a low D/T rating will be a good starting point) and open its details.

The screenshot shows the 'Original Stash...' cache details screen. At the top, there is a back arrow, a location icon, a diamond icon, and a more options icon. Below that, the cache details are listed:

- Name: Original Stash Tribute Plaque
- Type: Traditional Cache
- Size: Regular
- Geocode: GCGVOP
- Distance: 5127 mi
- Difficulty: 1.0 of 5 ★☆☆☆☆
- Terrain: 1.5 of 5 ★★☆☆☆
- Rating: 4.5 of 5 ★★★★★ (47)
- Favorite: 4133 (32%)
- Owner: Geocaching HQ
- Hidden: September 7, 2003
- Location: Oregon, United States
- Coordinates: N 45° 17.460' · W 122° 24.800'
- Recent logs: (8 icons)

Below the details are several icons: a teddy bear, 24/7, a gear, a wrench, a wheelchair, and a parking icon.

Under the icons, it says "Stored in device a few minutes ago" with a refresh icon. It also shows "Lists: [Stored](#)" with a pencil and trash icon.

At the bottom, it says "This cache is not on your watchlist (Watchers: 172)." with a binoculars icon.

At the very bottom, there are tabs for "WAYPOINTS (2)", "DETAILS" (which is highlighted in orange), and "DESCRIPTION".

Once you opened a cache listing you can swipe left and right to access [more information](#) about the cache (e.g. cache description, additional waypoints, log history, etc.). Read the listing text and pay attention to the D/T-ratings and attributes to learn more about how to find and log this cache.



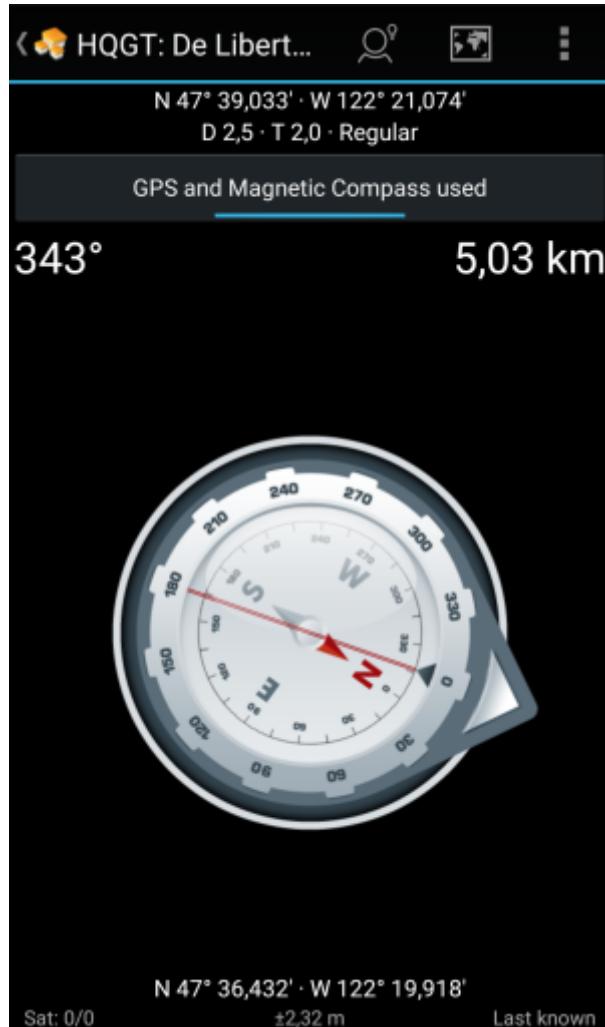
Once again:

You should make yourself familiar with the different types, terrain ratings, attributes, etc. before starting out to find a cache!

If you finally selected a cache and are good to go, press the Navigate icon  in the title bar of the cache details. You will have [several options](#) depending on your needs. Here is a brief description of the most important navigation methods:

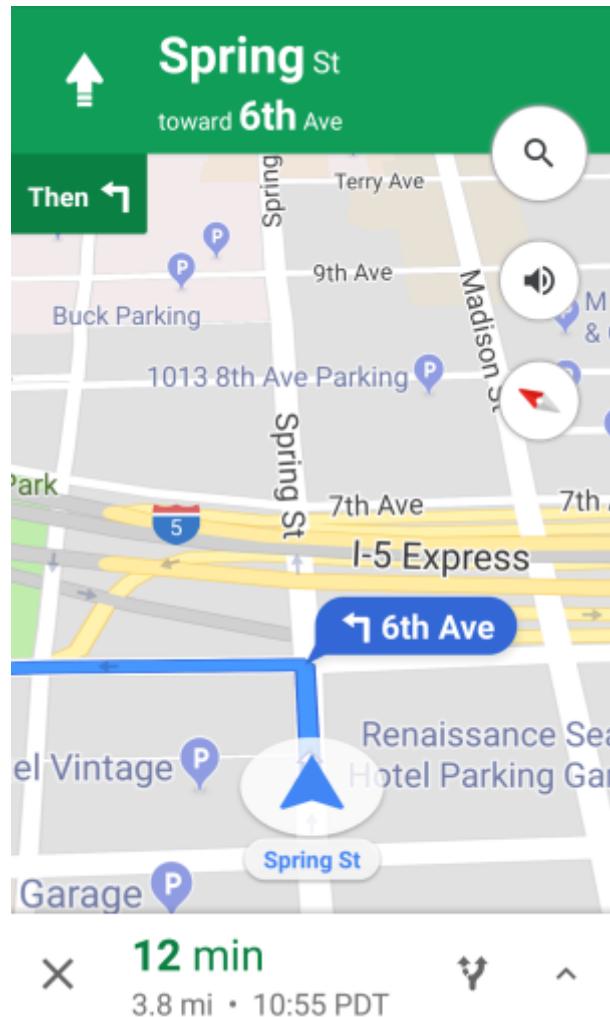
- **Compass:**

It will constantly show you distance and direction to the cache.



- **Navigation (Drive, Walk, Cycle):**

This will start turn-by-turn navigation using Google Maps



- **Radar (optional):**

If you installed [an app supporting radar functions](#) this will open radar screen. It is similar to the compass, but the working mode is a little different. You will typically see the cache coordinates as a marker on the radar. If the marker reaches the center, you reached the cache coordinates.



This is only a brief introduction of the functionalities in c:geo. To learn more about c:geo functions and menus, you should continue reading the [c:geo User Guide - How to use c:geo](#) sections.