

**Geo-Challenge Instructions**

1. Go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com), create a log-in and find the GPS coordinates and information for the 12 NHC Parks & Gardens geocaches. The caches are named for the parks where they are located. You may also search by "Hidden By Username: nhcparks&gardens"
2. Start your search and locate all 12 caches using a hand-held GPS device or smartphone. The caches are located in 10 of New Hanover County's parks and are marked OFFICIAL GEOCACHE.
3. There is a fee for admission to Airlie Gardens. Geocachers may gain complimentary access in order to complete the Geo-Challenge IF & WHEN they have found all 11 of the other Geo-Challenge caches (you must show your completed passport to the Ticket Agent to gain free entry). New Hanover County residents are admitted free of charge on the first Sunday of every month.
4. When you find a geocache, log your name and any comments in the logbook inside the cache and stamp your passport with the unique stamp for that park. Please leave the stampers in the container for the next geocacher. Be sure to log your find on [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com). (if you do not log each find, you are not guaranteed a prize)
5. Once you have found all 12 caches and completed your passport, bring it to the Parks & Gardens office to receive your prize (the prize is for children).  
**Parks & Gardens Office/New Hanover County Government Center**  
 230 Government Center Dr, Suite 120 (behind the big fish tank)  
 Wilmington, NC 28403 Phone: 910-798-7620 Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm
6. If you complete the challenge at Airlie Gardens, you may return your passport to the Ticket Agent to receive your prize. Hours: Mon-Sun 9am-5pm. **Entrance to the Gardens ends at 4:30pm. You cannot enter to look for the geocache after 4:30pm.**
7. Groups participating in the Geo-Challenge must contact the Parks office at (910) 798-7629 prior to beginning the challenge. (A "group" is any group of people larger than an individual family, such as a school, daycare, summer camp, etc)

**Please complete the following information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Geocaching Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Airlie Gardens	Blue Clay Bike Park	Cape Fear Museum Park	Kings Grant Park
Northern Regional Park	Pages Creek Park Preserve #1	Pages Creek Park Preserve #2	Parkwood Park
Riverside Park	Smith Creek Park Preserve #1	Smith Creek Park Preserve #2	Summer Rest Trail

## Geo-Challenge Park Addresses & Daily Hours

<p><b>Airlie Gardens</b> 300 Airlie Road Wilmington, NC 28403 Hours: 9am-5pm*</p>	<p><b>Blue Clay Bike Park</b> 3840 Juvenile Center Drive Castle Hayne, NC 28429 Hours: 8am-sunset</p>	<p><b>Cape Fear Museum Park</b> 814 Market Street Wilmington, NC 28401 Hours: Dawn-Dusk</p>	
<p><b>Kings Grant Park</b> 5027 Lord Byron Road Wilmington, NC 28405 Hours: Dawn-Dusk</p>	<p><b>Northern Regional Park</b> 4700 Old Avenue Castle Hayne, NC 28429 Hours: 8am-sunset</p>	<p><b>Pages Creek Park Preserve</b> 1215 Middle Sound Loop Rd Wilmington, NC 28411 Hours: 8am-sunset</p>	<p><b>Parkwood Park</b> 4827 Canetuck Road Wilmington, NC 28411 Hours: 8am-sunset</p>
<p><b>Riverside Park</b> 6710 Old Bridge Site Road Castle Hayne, NC 28429 Hours: 8am-sunset</p>	<p><b>Smith Creek Park Preserve</b> 633 Shenandoah Drive Wilmington, NC 28411 Hours: 8am-sunset</p>	<p><b>Summer Rest Trail</b> 423 Summer Rest Road Wilmington, NC 28405 Hours: 8am-sunset</p>	

**\*Airlie Gardens CLOSES at 5pm. You must enter BEFORE 4:30pm to look for the geocache. Airlie is closed on Mondays Jan-Feb.**