

WHAT IS GEOCACHING?

Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunt using a GPS unit or smart phone app to help you find hidden "caches" placed by people all over the world. Geocaches are not buried, and with over 1.3 Million in the world, they are everywhere - from just down the street to the most remote wilderness areas. They range from extremely small containers (35-mm film canister or smaller) to large ammo-style boxes and can contain many different things, including a log book to sign your name, tradable items called "swag" for kids, adults, and more! See www.geocaching.com for more info and to sign up for a free membership.

****Membership is not a requirement to participate in our Geocaching Challenge.**



GEOCACHING CHALLENGE:

The Challenge is to locate a number of interesting and historical locations by Coordinates throughout Port Orford and our surrounding community and answer specific questions about each location. You'll be taken to points of interest around Port Orford to answer these questions and will be treated to outstanding beauty along the way. Once you've successfully answered all the questions, return the brochure to the Port Orford Visitors' Center located in Battle Rock Park to receive a commemorative Myrtlewood GeoCoin. 300 coins have been produced by Woods of the West and each come with an activation code for tracking on www.geocaching.com. The challenge kicks off during our 4th of July Jubilee Weekend and goes until the last coin has been claimed.



We invite you to Enjoy Port Orford!

For contact information of our generous sponsors, please ask our Port Orford Visitors' Center Volunteers.

PORT ORFORD GEOCACHING CHALLENGE



**Port Orford & North Curry
Chamber of Commerce**



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THE STORY OF MYRTLEWOOD COINS

The story of Myrtlewood coins begins on February 11, 1933, when North Bend, Oregon's only banking facility locked its doors. This was more than a month before President Franklin Roosevelt ordered a nationwide bank closure to end depositors' "runs" and to reorganize the banking system. According to bank officials, the sudden and unannounced local closure was to be temporary, giving the institution time to gather additional resources.

Among depositors of the locked bank was the city of North Bend. Lacking access to funds, officials were unable to pay employee salaries and other bills for the city of nearly 4,000. The city was by no means insolvent; it just could not get its municipal hands on the monies needed.

At the March meeting of the city council, Ordinance #653 was read and passed authorizing the issuance of \$1,000 worth of myrtlewood discs to be used temporarily to pay salaries and bills. The tokens were to be redeemed by the city from June 15 through July 15 of that year.

For years, the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York displayed a complete set of these coins, which punctuated a unique occasion in the United States' economic history.

As part of the city of North Bend's Celebration of Oregon's Centennial in 1959, the Chamber of Commerce promoted souvenir tokens with a \$.50 redeemable face value. The discs were sold to the public with the Chamber receiving the profit. Although easily confused due to the myrtlewood used, printed design and sponsor distinguish the 1959 issues. Only the 1933 coins are still redeemable and recognized currency within the city.

YOUR CHALLENGE STARTS NOW!

Answer the following questions & return this list to Port Orford Visitors Center at Battle Rock Park for your commemorative geo-coin. There are a total of 300 coins available, with codes for tracking on geocaching.com.

42° 44.590 N 124° 29.572 W	How many men originally landed here?
42° 44.664 N 124° 29.566 W	What heavenly symbol graces this dungeon?
42° 44.618 N 124° 29.629 W	What year were the materials supplied for this old general store & dance hall?
42° 44.626 N 124° 29.709 W	This J.P. Lindberg house is known as The _____ Lady.
42° 50.480 N 124° 32.241 W	They called the river & the village at it's mouth _____.
42° 50.539 N 124° 32.316 W	When was it built?
42° 50.465 N 124° 32.622 W	How much were teachers paid?
42° 50.209 N 124° 33.779 W	***Only the _____ & _____ remain.***
42° 49.707 N 124° 33.897 W	Who is it dedicated to?
42° 45.610 N 124° 30.911 W	Welcome to Paradise _____
42° 45.585 N 124° 29.860 W	_____ townsite on Oregon's Coast
42° 45.108 N 124° 29.872 W	How big are the tracks of the common snipe?
42° 44.770 N 124° 30.594 W	What year did Oregon's landmark "Beach Bill" go into effect?
42° 44.355 N 124° 30.622 W	What is the "name" of the boat?
42° 44.133 N 124° 30.650 W	How tall was the tower?
42° 44.346 N 124° 30.536 W	How many stairs descend?
42° 44.834 N 124° 29.932 W	The Oldest house in Port Orford is located at?
42° 44.557 N 124° 29.831 W	Who is the artist?
42° 44.485 N 124° 29.923 W	How many were lost on December 16, 2006?
42° 44.596 N 124° 29.508 W	When was it constructed?

***This location is open to vehicles Tue-Sat 10:00 – 3:30 only. You may still visit outside these hours if able to walk a ¼ mile to the location.

DISCLAIMER: Geocaching, hiking, backpacking and other outdoor activities involve risk to both persons and property. There are many variables including, but not limited to, weather, fitness level, terrain features and outdoor experience, that must be considered prior to participating. Always exercise common sense and caution to ensure safety and minimal damage to natural areas. Port Orford & North Curry County Chamber of Commerce is in no way liable for any direct, indirect, punitive or consequential damages as a result of participation in the Geocaching Challenge.

