

The Great Northern Tier Geocaching and Letterboxing Tournament 2009

This is a two day event being held on Saturday and Sunday, August 15th and 16th based at the Doyle Reservation in Leominster, 464 Abbott Ave. 40 Letterboxes and over 50 Geocaches will be hidden in the Leominster-Fitchburg area. You will receive a scorecard, clues, and/or GPS coordinates when you register. A fee to cover the cost of the event will be charged.

Instructions on letterboxing and geocaching will be given at the beginning of the event for anyone new to the activity.

Come as a family, group of friends, or just as an individual. Whether you are an expert or amateur, you will enjoy this great weekend activity starting on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. with night hunts at 8:30 p.m. The tournament will resume on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Participants receive tickets based on the number of points they score during the tournament which can be used to win prizes in a Chinese Auction on Sunday afternoon after 2:00 p.m.

The Lazy Letterboxer said, "If you are interested in participating in the letterboxing aspect of the tournament please go to www.atlasquest.com and register for The Great Northern Tier Geocaching/Letterboxing Tournament on the events page.

If you are unfamiliar with letterboxing and wish to learn more about it, Atlasquest is a valuable resource with a clear explanation of what letterboxing is and good advice on the dos and don'ts of the hobby.

Letterboxers should bring their signature stamps, ink and logbooks to the event. In addition, a score sheet will be issued to each individual or team participating. The score sheet will be turned in at the end of each day and points will be tallied. Prize tickets will be awarded based on the number of points accumulated and the more tickets one has, the greater chance of winning a prize(s)."

You can visit the geocaching website to learn more about this activity at www.geocaching.com According to the website, "Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment."

Contact Judith Sumner at 978-534-7529 or The Trustees of Reservations at 978-840-4446 ext. 1900 for additional information on this tournament.