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## Maryland Municipal Geocache Trail Set to Launch Jan. 5, 2013

**49 Sites Throughout Maryland Connect for a Treasure Hunt Through the State Annapolis, Md.**—Looking for a fun and interactive way to explore the unique history of Maryland's cities and towns? The Maryland Municipal League (MML) is set to open the Discovering Maryland MML Geotrail on January 5, 2013. "Geocaching," pronounced "geocashing," is a free, interactive outdoor treasure hunt. Participating players seek to locate hidden containers, called "caches" using their smart phone or Global Positioning System (GPS). This is the League's second state-wide trail.

The trail's theme, Discovering Maryland, is designed to promote awareness of and visits to Maryland's municipalities. Visitors and residents alike will get to know Maryland's cities and towns' rich history as they travel towns along the trail. While searching, cachers, are often guided to various attractions like museums, parks and main streets so they can experience as much of the town as possible.

MML was the first state municipal league to harness the burgeoning high-tech tourist trade in 2009 with its first state-wide trail, "America in Miniature." Since then, other municipal leagues have joined the initiative, including Georgia. "MML has proven that a geocache trail is a great way for cities and towns to expand tourism by attracting visitors from amongst the thousands that participate in geocaching throughout the United States," said Scott A. Hancock, MML Executive Director. "The new trail offers a few brand new participating towns and all new cache locations from previous participants. It's a new adventure for new and veteran cachers alike."

Geocachers can access the coordinates, anytime after 1 p.m. on January 5, by registering at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). Basic registration is free. A trackable collectible coin will be awarded to the first 200 geocachers who locate at least two caches within each of the participating MML districts. To be eligible for the commemorative coin, geocachers must record the location, date and code, of their find, in the Official MML Geocache Trail Passport and post a picture at each cache. The official Passport can be downloaded at [www.mdmunicipal.org/geocache](http://www.mdmunicipal.org/geocache). The trail is sponsored by Magellan GPS, L.L. Bean, Maryland Geocaching Society and City of Havre de Grace Economic Development Office.

Nearly 1,000 geocachers explored MML's first trail, which hosted 78 cities and towns. For more information on the Discovering Maryland MML Geocache Trail and kick off events, visit: [www.mdmunicipal.org/geocache](http://www.mdmunicipal.org/geocache) and [Geocaching.com](http://Geocaching.com). Locally, the Town of Leonardtown has established a new cache and welcomes participants to take on the challenge!

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