



Create a Quest

Creating a Quest is a great way to show your fellow neighbors some of the best locations Lake Linganore has to offer. You can take them on a guided tour with a Letterbox or let them find their own way with a Geocache. Whichever option you choose, this article will teach you everything you need to know to make a great Quest!

There is an abundance of information at www.atlasquest.com and www.geocaching.com that will walk you through creating a Letterbox and Geocache with plenty of example boxes and caches for you to reference. For a Letterbox, I recommend picking your theme, gathering all of your materials, and preparing your box before you head out to create your directions. You will need:

- a waterproof Tupperware box
- a pen
- a small notebook,
- an inepad
- some freezer Ziploc bags
- a paper towel (to wrap around the stamp)
- a store bought or hand carved stamp

The Lake Linganore Association office has stamp carving kits that can be loaned out to anyone with a valid Lake Linganore I.D. You will also need to print out the following message and tape it securely to the lid of your Letterbox:

“LAKE LINGANORE LAKEQUEST. XYZ LETTERBOX. PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY. Enjoy the contents, and replace where found, hidden from view. To learn more about Letterboxing visit Atlasquest.com. If contents are damaged or missing, please email LLALakeQuest@gmail.com.”

Unlike Letterboxing, it is a good idea to know where you want to hide your Geocache before you do your container preparation. The reason for this is because Geocaches range in a variety of sizes from extra-small (a container the size of a thumb nail) to extra-large (an old ammo can), and you won't be entirely sure what size cache you want to use until you have picked your hiding spot. You can also use non-traditional or devious types of containers such as a hide-a-key rock or small metallic container that looks like a bolt. Also, keep in mind when picking your container

how easy it will be to hide it; if you use an extra-large container it will be obvious if you just cover it with some rocks and sticks, but if there is a hole in a tree stump large enough to hold it, then you will give Questers a little bit of a challenge. Your container at minimum needs to have a logbook/sheet, and if it is big enough you should include a few little trinkets (toy soldier, stickers, etc.) that Questers can exchange over time. Like the Letterbox, you should indicate somewhere on the outside of the container that Questers (or non-Questers) have found a Geocache, so if it is a small container find a way to write Geocache, and if it is large enough, tape this message securely to the lid:

“LAKE LINGANORE LAKEQUEST. XYZ GEOCACHE. PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY. Enjoy the contents, and replace where found, hidden from view. To learn more about Geocaching visit Geocaching.com. If contents are damaged or missing, please email LLALakeQuest@gmail.com.”

Please be mindful of where you place your Letterbox and/or Geocache. Make sure that it is in a safe place, following Lake Linganore guidelines, and not on anyone’s private property (unless it is your own and you want lots of people to come visit you). Once you have completed creating your Quest you will need to email it to LLALakeQuest@gmail.com for review. The Quest Keeper will review your Quest by first reading and then completing it, so please make sure that your Letterbox/Geocache is already in place by the time you email it. If you need any help along the way please do not hesitate to reach out to us at the LLALakeQuest@gmail.com email address.

Happy Hunting!

The Quest Keeper