Map@Syst Geocoin Adventure

The Map@Syst Community of Practice would like to invite you to join in our geocaching challenge! We’ve created a series of trackable geocoins that are hidden around the country (and maybe the World). The goal of this adventure is to spread the word about eXtension and the resources available to the public. The Map@Syst Community of Practice is supporting this effort through a fun and entertaining geocaching adventure.

What is Geocaching?
Geocaching is a type of recreational activity in which participants navigate to locations to find a hidden object or items referred to as "caches." The idea behind geocaching is that users across the globe participate by hiding and seeking caches. Navigation can be done through traditional maps or by using GPS technologies. Most geocaching is set up to be used with GPS units.

What is a Geocoin?
A geocoin is the name for a type of coin that is minted for the purpose of participating in geocaching. People place coins in caches, giving others the opportunity to find the coin and take it to a new location. The tracking number enables people to log their coin in Geocaching.com. The coin can then be "tracked" as it travels from cache to cache. Some people collect coins and do not place them in new caches, but the majority of people choose to continue the fun by taking the coins to new locations.

Each coin has a homepage that tells about the coin and it's mission. Geocaching.com maintains the trackable pages and manages the tracking and logging.

I Want to Participate in the Map@Syst Geocoin Adventure
Map@Syst geocoins are currently in caches and more are added each month. If you want to find out where the Map@Syst geocoins are, you can go to Geocaching.com and use the Trackable Items Page to find out which coins are in circulation and where they are. Type in “Map@Syst” under search items by name.

I Found a Coin, Now What?
When you find a coin, you should log it. If you choose to take it with you let us know by [http://www.geocaching.com/track logging it through geocache.com]. When you place it in a new cache, be sure log that too. Help us track the progress of our Map@Syst geocoins as they travel!

I’d Like To Get a Coin to Cache
We have a limited amount of coins minted through Map@Syst. If you are in a state with a Geospatial Extension Specialist (http://www.geospatialextension.org), you can request a Map@Syst Geocoin through them. If you are in a state without one, contact the Map@Syst Community of Practice leadership (http://cop.extension.org/wiki/Map%40Syst_Community_Page)