



We have two Geocaching Adventure Labs to tour in the Summerland Ornamental Gardens. To access these geocaches, you must be a member of Geocaching ( <https://www.geocaching.com/play/search> ) and be signed into the Geocaching Adventure Lab app on your smart phone, using your Geocaching name and password. There is no cost to register at Geocaching or to download the geocaching and the Adventure Lab apps.

**Introduction to Geocaching:** For those of you unfamiliar with Geocaching, this is a treasure hunt-like game played by people across the world, using their smart phones or hand-held GPS (Global positioning system) to search out containers hidden by fellow geocachers, by following location coordinates posted online at <https://www.geocaching.com/play/search> . These containers are hidden following specific rules and will contain a logbook and, if the container is big enough, some trade items. The idea is that you use your phone or GPS to find the location of a cache, search/find the cache itself, sign the logbook, replace the cache, and document your find on the geocaching webpage for that cache. There are many videos on the geocaching link that help people to get started. The Okanagan has some very active geocachers and is home to hundreds of fun caches to find. There are no physical caches to find in the Summerland Ornamental Gardens, because Geocaching rules require specific consent from property owners, even when the owners are the Federal Government. There are, however, Adventure Labs.

Adventure Labs are a new aspect to geocaching. There is no physical cache to find. For each “Adventure Lab” there is a theme. Once you bring up the Lab on your phone you will be introduced to that Adventure Lab via a short summary. You will then be shown a map of usually five sites per Adventure. Each site will have some specific information. As you get closer to the coordinates for the site, a question will pop up. You must be at the coordinates of the location to see the question. The question will be related to what you see around you, or from the specific information posted for that site. Once you answer the question correctly, a congratulations screen will pop up and you can move onto the next location within the Lab.

**Adventure Labs at Summerland Ornamental Gardens:** There are two Adventure Labs within our Summerland Ornamental Gardens. The first one, “Summerland Ornamental Gardens”, will take you on a walking tour to five popular areas within the garden. It also provides some information on the history of the gardens as well as sharing information about xeriscaping and pollinators. The Second Adventure Lab is called “Special Trees at Summerland Ornamental Gardens”. You will be introduced to special trees as you visit popular spots within the garden.

There are so many treasures to see in these special gardens and the Geocaching Adventure Labs just add to the experience.