



Virtual Geocaching the White Sands Way



Are you a novice or avid geocacher? Feel like playing a bit of “hide and seek” for treasure? Whether it is a virtual cache or a real one, using a GPS unit to find these secret locations is a fun and exciting pastime. This virtual geocache will help you explore and learn more about the monument. Enjoy, and please remember that **physical geocaches are prohibited in the monument.**

Before heading out into the dunes, please take a moment to make sure you have everything you need for a hike through the monument.

What to take with you:

- *Plenty of water*
- *Food*
- *Sun hat and sunscreen*
- *Layers to keep you warm if the weather changes*
- *A GPS unit & extra batteries*
- *A camera for pictures*
- *Tell someone where you are going and when you'll be back*

Location One:

N 32 46.779 - W 106 10.324

- What does the sign say?

Location Two:

N 32 46.770 - W 106 34.1

- What kind of plant is it?

- What were the roots used for?

Location Three:

32 46.774 - W 106 10.345

- What time is the sunset stroll?

Location Four:

N 32 46.780 - W 106 10.360

- When was White Sands National Monument created?
- Who manages the monument?
- When was White Sands Missile Range established?

Location Five:

N 32 46.772 - W 106 10.329

- How did the American Indians use this plant?

Location Six:

N 32 47-253 - W 106 11.184

- What desert are we in?

Location Seven:

N 32 47.527 - W 106 11.917

- What is the name and height of the tallest mountain shown?
- What mountains contain the gypsum that makes up the dunes?

Location Eight:

N 32 47.735 - W 106 12.696

- What is a “playa”?

Location Nine:

N 32 47.618 - W 106 12.759

- How many steep climbs will you encounter?

Location Ten:

N 32 7.746 - W 106 14.318

- This plant is a member of what family?

Location Eleven:

N 32 49.232 - W 106 16.415

- What is the Alkali Flat?

Location Twelve:

N 32 47.764 - W 106 13.060

- The predominate wind blows from what direction?
- This wind moves the dunes in what direction?