

2014 Earth Day EcoExpedition Clues

Each box has a stamp, a logbook, and a stamp pad. Bring your own pen. Please replace items into plastic bags and make sure the box is snapped shut. Information needed to figure out what greenways to locate can be found at: <http://web.eecs.utk.edu/~dunigan/greenways/>

2014 Box #1: Littering Stinks

Keep Anderson County Beautiful has a mascot and the mascot doesn't like litter bugs. Find this box and check out the mascot. This Greenway is hiking only. Find the trailhead on West Outer Drive.

Geocache Coordinates: N 35.01788m W 84.24940

Directions: Hop on the trailhead at the headwaters of the Mississippi. You will go down the hill past the clearcut area. Not too pretty looking, is it? Follow the blue flags. Catch the view to the north - can you pick out Frozen Head State Park? As the trail makes a right turn you might see a nasty pile of tires near the power line in the distance. Not only is this bad for the environment, but it is a great place for mosquitoes to flourish. Keep going toward the pile of tires (way off into the distance) until you get to a trail sign on the right. There is a new trail on the right with white blazes on the trees. This is your trail. Follow the trail until you come to a storm drain on the left with a green cover. Start counting white blazes. When you get to the tenth blaze (count only the ones facing you as you walk), look for a three foot tall stump on the right side of the trail and leaning toward the trail. The old tree trunk is only about eight inches across. Behind this is the box, in front of a small log and under a flat rock. Watch out for poison ivy. There wasn't any at this spot when we planted but it is prevalent in the area. Please replace the box and rock when you finish. Keep following the trail and you will reach Illinois.

2014 Box #2 Name: Litter Bugs Us

Earth Day in Oak Ridge is brought to you by Keep Anderson County Beautiful. KACB is an affiliate of Keep Tennessee Beautiful. The KTB logo shows the three regions of Tennessee. This Greenway is good for biking and hiking. It has gentle uphill climbs. Be aware that sometimes the Greenways are closed on Saturday and Sunday mornings during spring and fall hunting seasons. Find this box and you will see this elegant logo.

Geocache Coordinates: N 35.97254m W 84.35420

Letterbox Directions: There is no frozen tundra of Lambeau in the vicinity of this trailhead. Instead you can park near a giant powerline tower off of Oak Ridge Turnpike. Follow the gravel road trail past the Gallaher Cemetery until you come to a clearing on the right that marks the start of a single track trail. There is a large tree in the clearing. With your back to the tree, face the other side of the gravel road. There are some flat rocks and a moss covered trunk. You might even spy an old quarry through the trees. Go to the flat rock on the left. On the back of the right side, under the rock is the box. Watch out for poison ivy in the area. The single track trail leads to the Greenway behind Whippoorwill, where a 2013 box is hidden or keep on the trail to the 95/58 junction trailhead.

2014 Box #3 Name: Planting the Seeds of Change

Earth Day in Oak Ridge has used this slogan for several years. This is the 2013 Event Day box,

so if you already have this one, you may just want to take this trail for a wild, mildly difficult ride. This Greenway is closed weekend mornings during hunting seasons. This trail has lots of uphill climbs but what goes up, must come down, so watch your speed on the return trip!

Geocache Directions: N 35.94963, W 84.39995

Letterbox Directions: No tricks on this one. The Black Oak Ridge is relatively new as a Greenway and you will get a decent workout on the trails. Park on the trailhead off of Blair Road. Follow the main trail until you get to Gate 1-E. Turn back the way you came and take 15 steps from the gate. On the left you will see a fallen log. Follow the log to a gravel mound. The box is on top of the mound to the right of the log.