

**Mr Crow and Kitty!! invite you to the
2012 Goldhanger Meet and Cache Trails Launch
Event Cache GC3AHRP**



The hides won't be as hard this year!

What: A Social Meet followed by **optional** cache trails. The route options are:

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| 8 miles and 28 caches | 12 miles and 40 caches |
| 14 miles and 46 caches | 18 miles and 58 caches |

Where: The Chequers Public House **N 51°44.742 E 000°45.454**

When: Saturday, 19th May 2012 from 9 am

Why: Bacon butties (or veggie option), drinks and a meet up with fellow cachers. The event organisers will pay for one free breakfast for the first forty cache names registered as attending. Chat with fellow cachers and exchange tales and travel bugs whilst enjoying breakfast together.

Parking and Refreshments

The Chequers has its own car park opposite. However, due to the length of walk and out of consideration for the landlord, we request you find roadside parking.

The pub serves food between 12 noon and 3pm (and 6.30-9pm) so you could also enjoy lunch/dinner at the pub on your return from the trails.

Please take plenty of water with you. There should, however, be shops open in Tollesbury and Tolleshunt D'Arcy, which you will pass en route, to purchase snacks and drinks.

Starting the Cache Trail

Upon arrival you will be given GPS Coordinates/OS map references, and a map, along with hints, of all caches being published at 6pm on the day.

We appreciate that many will wish to set off as early as possible, especially those wishing to undertake the 18 mile route. Breakfast opens at 9 and will be served until 10 am. Eat breakfast, chat to cachers, enter coordinates into your GPSr and set off when you are ready. To help prevent bunching up, and to increase social interaction, we ask some cachers to consider undertaking the trails in reverse order.

First to Find

"First to Find" becomes somewhat unfair on event caches as much depends on starting times. We have therefore decided that in the interest of fairness, all cache finders on the event can claim joint FTF for their statistics.

Competition

In the hope that it will be a sunny day please bring a suitable sun hat – a prize will be awarded to the silliest – judged over breakfast.

A few prizes will also be awarded after the event and will include best uploaded photograph taken during the day and best logs posted within 72 hours. (Kitty promises New Improved Wondrous prizes for the winners!)

We like to give all children and canines participating in the event a memento so **please indicate in your "will attend" log the Number of children/ages and dogs that will be in your group.**

Kitty/Crow Rescue

Kitty and Crow will be around during the day. We will give you our mobile telephone numbers to call in case you need rescuing (non-medical emergencies!) If you find you have set out on a trail that has become too much we will come and collect you, provided you are roadside.

Kitty and Crow do, however, have lives outside the event and the phone lines/rescue/reception committee closes at 7.00 pm!

The Cache Trails

The caches launched at this event complete the Essex 100 Series, which comprises five linked trails of 40 miles and 120+ caches.

Trail 1 (Goldhanger West) - launched in May 2011.

Trail 3 (Tollesbury Wick Marshes) - launched in August 2009.

Trail 4 (Old Hall Marshes) - launched in May 2010.

Launching on this event are Trail 2 (Goldhanger East) and Trail 5 (Salcott & D'Arcy).

The two new trails can be undertaken as one circular walk or broken down into a choice of 4 optional routes starting and finishing at the Chequers pub, as detailed below:

- 1) Parts of Trail 2 and 5: ~ 8 miles and ~ 28 caches
- 2) Trail 2 and part of Trail 5: ~ 12 miles ~ 40 caches (warning – this includes a 0.5mile walk on a B road)
- 3) Trail 2 and extended part of Trail 5: ~ 14 miles and ~ 46 caches
- 4) Trails 2 and 5: ~ 18 miles and ~ 58 caches

After the 2011 event several cachers commented that we should charge a nominal fee towards our expenses on future events. However, over the years we have enjoyed caches set by others and this is our thank you for the hours of pleasure you have given us – so no charge! If, however, you would like to make a donation to one of our two chosen charities, Multiple Sclerosis and Alzheimer's Society, we will have collection tins available.

