

discover some **history**

Lac du Bonnet's historical geocache sheds light on the past

Geocaching is a very popular pastime for many Manitobans. Gord Emberley and Lyle Stevenson are hoping that people will come out to Lac du Bonnet this summer and try out their geocache.

The duo created the geocache as part of an initiative taken on by the Lac du Bonnet Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, which advises local councils on heritage-related matters in the community.

While many geocaches have tokens, stickers, or item

exchanges, the historical society has gone a different route.

"There are 10 sites and all of them have a cache that has a pin and also a card with a picture with local history written on it," said Stevenson.

Each card features a picture on one side, with an historical explanation on the backside.

The rich aviation history of Lac du Bonnet is showcased on one card with a picture of the Vickers Vedette

airplane that operated here from 1927-1933.

Another card showcases the first Canadian map of 1791 that includes the name Lake Bonnet by the famous northwest company explorer David Thompson.

"Gord and I talked about it in past years and it has been a lot of work and time finding the information on the internet and in books," said Stevenson.

Now with a little walking and a handy GPS device, you can discover the rich history of the area for yourself this summer.

Brochures have been created and printed out and a link on their website has been created for people. Brochures are available at the town office on Second Street, and the website can be found at lacdubonnet.com/mhac

A man stands in front of Lac du Bonnet's Royal Bank building circa 1921-22.

