

Pokémon GO Comes to Tualatin!

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Pokémon GO! is a new free mobile game from Niantic that overlays a world of Pokémon over your real-life location. The Pokémon franchise turns 20 years old this year (the first games came out in 1996 for Game Boy), and has migrated from its video game roots to a wildly successful anime, many movies, a trading card game, and graphic novel series! The game encourages you to be active and explore your surroundings

There are Pokéstops located all over the community at significant locations (stores, public places, landmarks, art) at which you can pick up pokéballs and other items to help you catch Pokémon. Just click on these Pokéstops when you're close and spin it for items to drop, and it takes 5 minutes for these stops to refresh. Pokéstops can also drop Pokémon eggs, which you can hatch by incubating them and simply walking around. You'll definitely be walking around a lot looking for Pokémon, so you shouldn't have any trouble hatching eggs.

Pokémon are everywhere! In the lower right corner it shows how close they are to you, measured in footprints. Three footprints

is the maximum distance, representing around 200 meters, so move around in the area until you see the footprints decrease and you eventually find them. When Pokémon pop up on the map, click on

them and you can try to catch them by tossing Pokéballs. You can power Pokémon up and evolve them with the items you get from catching more.

Once you catch and power up your Pokémon significantly and level up your training skills, you can fight in Pokémon gyms (also found at places around town) to strengthen your team or fight other teams of Pokémon there. During battle, swipe left or right to avoid attacks and click on the opposing Pokémon to attack. You'll have to battle through gyms a few times to lower their prestige and take it over.

Those are the basics, now all you have to do is go outside, explore new places, and catch 'em all!



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