are we a winter, cache fanatic? maybe. we live in the inland northwest and you have to at least tolerate winter to live here. that or you would go stir crazy for a few months of the year. well...we love winter as well as the other seasons too. we have always been skiers and winter brings us the joy of skiing down the slopes. we started geocaching in february 2013 and fell in love with it. so our winter caching time is relatively new. going for hikes in the snow with at times the snow falling from the skies is a great solitude from what sometimes can be a hectic life. the trails are less crowded and it really seems like you have the world to yourselves.

there is one piece of equipment that we did add as a necessity for our walks out caching during the winter. that is a set of shoe traction devices. we found a brand we really like that easily fits over our boots and really helps with slipping on those icy trails and parking lots.

in our area there are terrains that get hot (central washington) and have snakes and those lovely ticks during the warmer seasons. winter time brings out nice cool weather with no worries of rattlesnakes and no ticks trying to latch on to you.

just because it is winter time is no reason to hold up in your house and wait for spring. there is beauty out there to see and caches to find. winter can truly be the best season to find some of the caches.

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