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## “Pokeman Go Popular in City Parks”



Dominick Carr has played Pokemon since he was seven-years-old so he's an obvious candidate to play the crazy popular virtual game that an estimated 7.5 million people have downloaded in the US in less than two weeks.

Carr said that it's not just traditional video game players that he sees playing Pokemon Go in Norfolk's parks – a particularly popular place to find the games' Pokemons or virtual characters bouncing around in the grass.

“There all people of all sizes and shape playing. Some nights there will be 40-50 people in Central Park looking for Pokemons,” Carr said.

After a person downloads the Pokemon Go app - as they travel, a different Pokemon species may show up on their phone as if it's somewhere close by. To catch it, the person clicks on it and then has to “throw” a Poke Ball at it by using their finger to flick from the bottom of the screen up toward the Pokemon. Once the ball hits just right on the Pokemon, it's caught and the player gets points. The goal of the game is to find and collect all 151 Pokemon characters.

When Carr isn't in class at Northeast Community College or at his job, he likes to spend his free time looking for and helping others find Pokemons.

He usually hangs out in Central Park as it has two bases or “PokeStops” in them that are particularly popular with players.

Carr said he has had fun meeting lots of people because of the game. All he needs to do is see some one looking down at their phone as they're walking and he'll ask if they're on Team Mystic, Team Valor or Team Instinct. He then may join with them to take over a virtual gym – with their phones – another aspect of the game.

The Pokemon Go game is said to have been designed to get people moving and outside so that's why many of the Pokemons are found in the City parks and along the trails. Google maps are used by the game's designers to virtually place the Pokemons. Water Pokemons can be found at Skyview Park and Ta-Ha-Zouka Park.

Carr said there are even Facebook pages set up for Norfolk area Pokemon Go players – one that already has 334 members.

Carr's hints for new users? Be patient as the Pokemons are reset every five minutes. Also, carry around extra power packs for your phone. You don't want to lose power when there's a Dewgong in front of you.