

## Weird Digital Hobbies you just might Love

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Hobbies are what we do regularly in our spare time. Having a PC, Tablet or smartphone opens up a whole world of new hobbies for us to get into. Everybody knows about sharing photos on Social media or blogging about your analog hobby but there are plenty of digital hobbies out there you likely don't know exist.

These hobbies won't have you chained to your desk either. Some will mix the real world in with your digital experience whilst others will actually help you make some money. Others will see you actively making the world a better place through your regular participation. They all sound good don't they. Well, let us not waste any more time and get straight into some of the best digital hobbies you'll find.

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#### 1. Taking Surveys

Who said a hobby couldn't make you money? There is absolutely no reason at all why you can't turn your spare time into spare change. Even if you're not doing it to make money, filling out surveys can be a fulfilling pastime that sees you making active contributions to the society you're a part of.

There are all sorts of surveys for you to fill out. You can let companies know what you think about their products or you can help people gage what your society thinks about a certain issue. If you've done this before and think it'd be something you'd like to do again or if you would like to earn a couple of quid you should check out sites and apps like Surveys on the Go, Toluna, Swagbucks, Valued Opinions and Crowdology.

#### 2. Being an Online Admin

The internet can be a volatile place. Unfortunately, internet trolls have been around for almost as long as the internet and if they were left unchecked, the internet would be a molten mess of vile bigotry. All the useful information would be lost in a sea of meta-hate and nobody would have the energy to search for it.

This is where a particular type of valiant internet warrior steps in. The online admin monitors activity that occurs in community forums to ensure that everybody's chat falls within the community guidelines. They are the line that stands between unlimited chaos and reasoned debate amongst equal peers.

Sites like Reddit and other specialist online forum sites are in constant need of upstanding internet citizens to monitor the chat being had on their sites. Wikipedia is a community run project also, which means official editors are a valued commodity that the world's greatest ever depository of human knowledge needs if it is to continue its great work. Even Facebook pages need monitoring to ensure no laws are being broken or people being bullied.

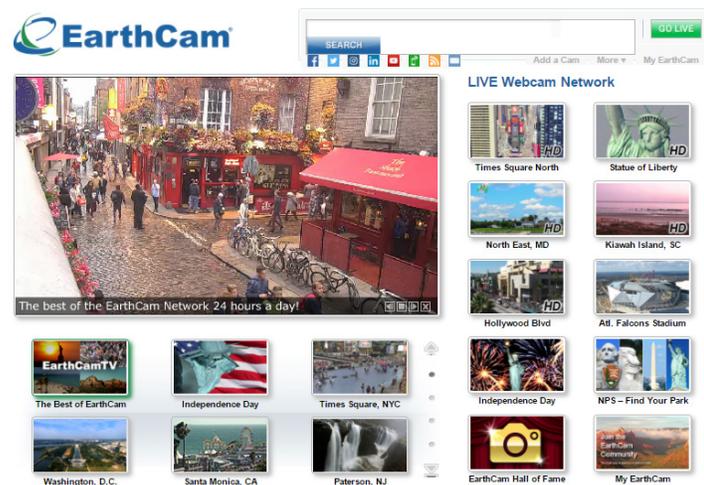
Do you think you have what it takes to be an online moderator?

#### 3. Geocaching

Do you know that there are thousands, if not millions, of treasure troves hidden all over the world just waiting for you to find them? They are there right now and all you need is to know how to find them. We're not talking pirate treasure maps here, we're talking geo-tagged caches full of all sorts of goodies left by geocaching enthusiasts.

Geocaching is real world treasure hunting with players all over the world. The rules are simple enough and it takes no time at all to sign up and get started. Then all you have to do is start looking for some treasure or thinking about a great place to hide something special for others to find. If you think this sounds like something you'd be into you'll want to start here, where you'll find all the answers to any questions you might have.

Good luck.



#### ***4. Saving the World***

Here we get to one of my favorites. Saving the World might sound like too lofty an ambition for you to do in your spare time but it really is possible. If this sounds like something you'd want to do in your spare time then you should head over to the World Community Grid.

The World Community Grid has helped scientists identify new drug candidates to fight types of cancer that affect children, discover new compounds to harness solar power and nanotechnology that could help provide clean water to millions. Not a bad use for your spare time is it.

#### ***5. Digital Sightseeing***

There are 2 sides this digital hobby. The first is you'd expect it to be. You can see the world from the comfort of your own home using the power of the internet. Obviously programs like Google Earth and Street View can give you a window to the world. Another great service you can use is [EarthCam](#), which gives you access to live webcams all over the world. You can even zoom in on the live images that are being beamed direct to you.

The flip side of this digital hobby is being a digital tourguide. Using [EarthCam](#) you can beam live images of where you are around the world but you can also go deeper by signing up to the Google Maps Local Guides program. If you've any local spots you're proud of or that you really love the Local Guides program allows you to upload photos and information about the spot directly onto Google maps. Not only that but Google will offer you prizes and incentives to do so. Not bad at all.

#### ***6. Restaurant and Food Critic***

Some see this as just another form of internet trolling whereas others see it as a great way to hone their photography and writing skills whilst enhancing their eating out experiences. If you think being an amateur food critic is going to help you bag a job being paid to eat you're probably kidding yourself but you should at least check out this letter from renowned British food critic Jay Rayner.

There are now more sites than ever where you can post your reviews of places you've eaten at meaning there is good chance people will read what you've written. If you're not quite sure what to write here is a handy guide to help get you started. Most importantly, remember to be fair and honest and make your reviews engaging and enjoyable to read.