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Cache Placement FUNdamentals

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Outline



- So you want to hide a Geocache!
- Location, Location, Location!
- What makes a good container (Creative Hides)?
- What to put in the container?
- Mark your territory.
- Resources.

So you want to hide a Geocache?



- Read and understand the Groundspeak Guidelines.
- Cache Types
- Do you have a container?
- Saturation
- Cache Maintenance
- Remember: Your cache may end up being the first experience a member of the general public has with the world of Geocaching.



Location, Location, Location



- Why am I here?
- Permission and Education!
- Where to hide a cache.

What make a good container?



- Is this the right container?
- Will this ammo can fit under this lamp post?
- Is the container animal resistant?
- Is the container water tight or protected from the elements?

What to put in your container.

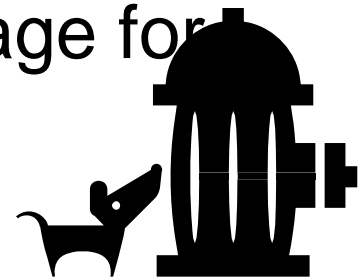


- Do I really want to leave yesterday's lunch?
- Log Sheet (absolute minimum)
- Pen/Pencil
- Swag
- NO scented items

Mark your territory.



- Mark the cache location
- Averaging
 - Many units will automatically average
 - Manual process (take an reading, walk away, take another reading, 3x, then average)
 - Check your result with Google Maps
 - Check your result on the cache page for proximity issues



Proximity Check



GC2DDKG Bird Bed and Breakfast (Traditional Cache) in Alaska, United States created by [user]

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address http://www.geocaching.com/seek/cache_details.aspx?guid=093ac469-bc92-4775-bb5a-31a15f62693e

Note: If you aren't bicycling on the Bird to Gird trail, you may turn off the Seward Highway onto Toadstool Turnpike and park in the wide gravel area without blocking the residential driveways.

Bulk Remove | [Show Hidden Waypoints](#)

Find...

- ...other caches [hidden](#) or [found](#) by this user
- ...nearby caches of this type, that I haven't found
- ...all nearby caches that I haven't found
- ...all nearby waymarks of Waymarking.com
- ...all nearby benchmarks
- ...nearby Hotels

For online maps...

- [Geocaching.com Google Map](#)
- [MyTopo Maps](#)
- [Google Maps](#)
- [MapQuest](#)
- [Bing Maps](#)
- [Yahoo Maps](#)
- [Rand McNally](#)
- [MSR Maps \(Formerly Terraserver\)](#)
- [Open Cycle Maps](#)
- [Open Street Maps](#)

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Viewing Chris Lau's Des...

Proximity Check (con't)



Geocaching > Hide and Seek a Geocache > Search for Geocaches - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: <http://www.geocaching.com/seek/nearest.aspx?lat=60.946700&lng=-149.184717>

Direction	Distance	Checkmark	Icon	Progress	Date	Cache Name	Author	Age	Actions
Here				(1.5/1.5)	14 Aug 10	Bird Bed and Breakfast	Ladybug Kids (GC2DDKG)	Alaska	Yesterday*
N	0.2mi			(2/2)	14 May 10	Tenacious T	OMGCrew (GC28HDW)	Alaska	5 days ago*
E	0.2mi			(1.5/1.5)	16 Aug 10	Next Stop BB&B	cavyguy (GC2DKNH)	Alaska	Yesterday*
SW	0.2mi	✓		(1/1)	3 May 10	GRF#94	Capra Hircus (GC27Z0Z)	Alaska	08 Aug 10 08 May 10
NW	0.2mi			(2/3)	14 May 10	Switchback Mountain	angelfire25 (GC28HEN)	Alaska	Yesterday*
S	0.2mi	✓		(2.5/1.5)	25 May 10	Chugach State Park - Seward Highway Cache Tour	cohofive (GC28BHG)	Alaska	08 Aug 10 11 Jul 10
NE	0.2mi			(1.5/2)	14 May 10	True Big Gnarly	hixfromthestix (GC28HEB)	Alaska	5 days ago*
SE	0.3mi	✓		(1.5/1.5)	13 Jan 08	So This is Girdwood!	scobey (GC18KH0)	Alaska	08 May 10 02 Nov 08
W	0.4mi	✓		(1.5/1.5)	8 May 10	A cirque is born	Tinman4x & OMGCrew (GC285YD)	Alaska	Yesterday* 08 May 10
NE	0.4mi			(2/4)	14 May 10	Tree'd by a bear	Tinman4x (GC28E7Y)	Alaska	5 days ago*
SE	0.5mi	✓		(1.5/1.5)	15 May 10	Adopt A Highway GeocacheAlaska! Inc - SHCT	cohofive (GC28GEN)	Alaska	5 days ago* 11 Jul 10

Creative Hides



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Resources



- Geocaching.com Guidelines:
<http://www.geocaching.com/about/guidelines.aspx>
- Contacting Land Managers:
<http://www.geocachealaska.org/landmanagers.htm>
- Geocaching Knowledge Books:
<http://support.groundspeak.com/index.php?pg=kb.book&id=1>
- Geocaching.com Forums
<http://forums.groundspeak.com/GC/>
- GeocacheAlaska! Related Links:
<http://www.geocachealaska.org/relatedlinks.htm>
- GeocacheAlaska! Forums:
<http://geocachealaska.proboards.com/index.cgi>
- Cool Cache Containers Thread:
<http://forums.groundspeak.com/GC/index.php?showtopic=62421>