

# Around The State



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**Pi Day, 3/14/2014**

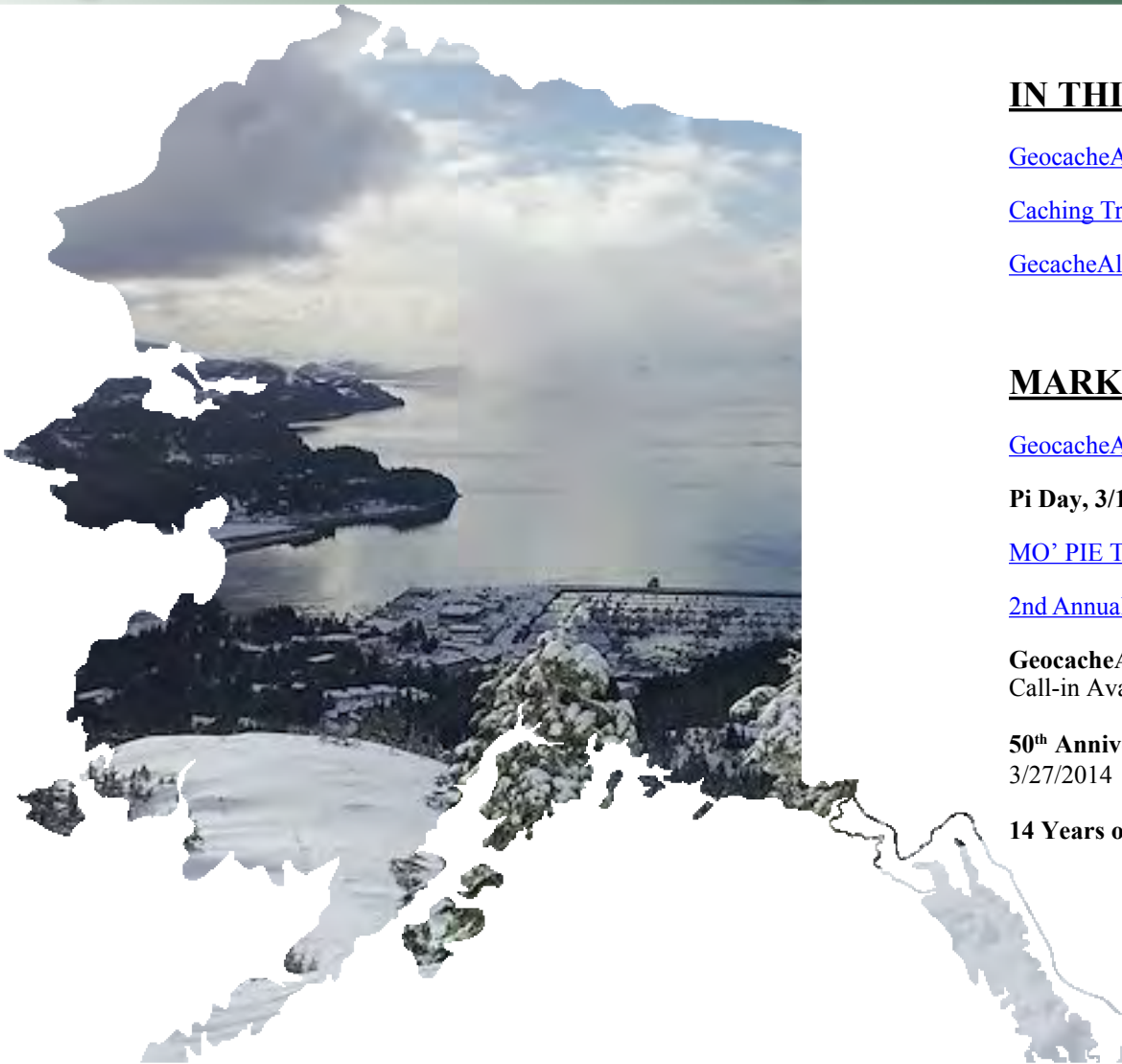
[MO' PIE TURNS IV!](#), Anchorage, 3/14/2014

[2nd Annual March Birthday Flash Mob](#), 3/15/2014, Seward

**GeocacheAlaska! Board of Directors Meeting**, 3/20/2014, BP Energy Center,  
Call-in Available by Request.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake Celebration**,  
3/27/2014

**14 Years of Geocaching**, 5/1/2014



# GeocacheAlaska! Updates

## President's Corner

*By Wes Skinner / NorthWes*



We're gaining nearly 6 minutes of sunshine daily – and we'll be experiencing spring equinox within the next month! If you've paid any attention to the antics of ravens lately while you've been out caching, you'll realize springtime's in the air. During a recent visit to Pt. Woronzof, my caching companions Captain Americache and Commander CacheAK (two of my grandsons) were thrilled to watch ravens close up at play in the stiff onshore breeze, diving and soaring along the bluff off the north end of the runway at Anchorage International Airport. It's refreshing to see ravens at play, and we had a good time scooping up a couple of caches in the bright sunshine before lunch and our 'worktime' in the afternoon. Get outdoors and enjoy the bright light of late winter / early spring – it's a terrific time to be caching!

March brings us several important celebrations this year. First, an event is being planned for GeocacheAlaska! Inc.'s five-year anniversary on March 11<sup>th</sup>, where we'll celebrate our organization's founding day. Later in the month, an event on March 27<sup>th</sup> will bring geocachers together to remember the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake. Watch the 'new caches' listings for more details about these two anniversary events.

Our Advocacy Committee's effort to finalize the details of our permit with Alaska State Parks is nearing completion. All that's left is a bit of discussion over some of the special terms of the permit as part of our effort to have the permit more closely conform with how geocaches are listed and maintained under Groundspeak's terms of agreement for publication. We'll make a special announcement to let geocachers know when that's completed.

Please join me in saluting Ladybug Kids (Mike Malvick) for his five years of service on GeocacheAlaska! Inc.'s Board of Directors. Mike has been with our organization from its infancy, and his vision, service and hard work has contributed significantly to its success. He is stepping away from service on the board for personal reasons, but is continuing in his role as our local reviewer (Greatland Reviewer) and will be available to us for consultation and good advice. Be sure to thank Mike for all his efforts the next time you see him at an event or on the caching / skiing / hiking / skijoring trails!

## Top Tens: Alaskan Cacher's Caching Achievements

*By Scott Aleckson / SSO JOAT*

This month's Top Ten list of Alaskan Cacher's Caching Achievements goes to those who have found the Most Caches in Alaska. Of course, we're not counting any of those caches that they found Outside of the Great Land...

- #1 Tundra Tim = 4,895
- #2 li1gray = 4,410
- #3 cavyguy = 4,041
- #4 AKbike&ski = 4,019
- #5 Ladybug Kids = 3,897
- #6 meljo = 3,604
- #7 tomanoble = 3,358
- #8 blazingpathways = 3,218
- #9 Karma! = 3,005
- #10 omonra = 2,717

There are currently over 5,600 caches in the State of Alaska. Some of these amazing Alaskan cachers have found most of them!

Look for another Top Ten list next month.

## Events

### 2nd Annual Seward March Birthday Flash Mob

*By Louise Kempler / Freeweez & Lisa Williams / WOCM*

It's time for another [March birthday party](#).....Geocachealaska! Style!!!

The flash mob celebrating anyone who has a birthday in March -- will be held in Seward on March 15th. Come and join the fun singing the birthday song with cupcakes and prizes to boot! Of course....any and all geocachers welcome to meet up in Seward and gain this smiley! Check the listings for coordinates to the party! See y'all there!

# GeocacheAlaska! Updates

## Sandbox Snippets

*By Joel Vos / NeverSummer*

Welcome back for more updates from the Sandbox! The new Board of Directors has been working hard, and we're all getting things ironed out, and new ideas produced for GeocacheAlaska!

2014 Pathtags are still in process, and you can visit [this thread](#) in the GeocacheAlaska! forums for contest details and updates. We have kept up the discussion about designs for 2014 Alaska Geocoins, but the big focus is on for a 2015 coin to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the grand city of Anchorage, AK. If you'd like to get involved, be sure to check in with the Fundraising Committee. You can learn more at [pathtags.com](http://pathtags.com) about how to design pathtags, and the GeocacheAlaska! forums have some resources about past contests and designs. Stay tuned for more news about a possible 2014 coin, and what might be coming for a special 2015 geocoin!

The Advocacy Committee is still working away on projects, and we are getting involved with some of the celebrations the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Coming up is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, and the BLM and USFWS are hoping to get some help with geocaches and events. There will be volunteer opportunities for all of us, and you should get in touch with [NorthWes](#) if you're interested. There are plans for the Anchorage area, caches with the BLM on the road system, and a likely April event in Homer with the Alaska Maritime NWR. If you'd like to help out with some advocacy work, please be sure to get in touch with someone on the committee. Remember: Our efforts help keep areas open for our use, and can open doors to new lands to play our game.

The Education Committee is prepping for the next set of EduVents. If you would like support from the Education Committee for your educational events, let them know. I, [Joel Vos/NeverSummer](#), am looking for willing presenters for upcoming EduVents! The next EduVent will be about Earthcaches and presented by NorthWes on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Keep your eyes on the [facebook page](#) and forums for the GC code! I also want to remind you that I am available to help out with creating your Powerpoint presentations or handouts if you want to hold a "How To" or "Geocaching 101" event in your area. Dates for the Education Events are posted in [this thread](#) of the GeocacheAlaska! forums.

The Events Committee, chaired by [Dana Rosso/DR-AK](#), is getting going on more event planning and support. Stay tuned in the forums to learn more about the big plans for the year, and also to share what you'd like to host around your area. GeocacheAlaska! is here to support members like you and me, and the committee will be happy to talk about how they can help. Don't hesitate if you have a need for support, or an idea for a fun event that your organization can work with you on.

The Communications Committee, chaired by [Scott Aleckson/SSO JOAT](#), is going to be working on how you see information from GeocacheAlaska!. We know that some folks prefer email, others use Facebook or Twitter, and others our website or forums. A survey will be coming out soon as we look to make things flow to our members more smoothly, the goal is to reach you in the way that you prefer.

The CACHE Committee is planning ways to recognize the next batch of cachers in Alaska. If you have an idea about how to recognize Alaska's geocachers, be sure to get in touch with the Cache Committee chairman [Victoria Noble/blazing-pathways](#). Don't forget that every cacher can be recognized for something. So, if you see something great, say something!

That's the update from the Sandbox. Keep coming back to see what's going on in your GeocacheAlaska! organization!

## Editor's Note

*By Cathy Wilmeth / The\_Firefly*

Down here in Homer, the weather can't seem to make up its mind. After a glorious week of snow and cold, we're back to spring-time temperatures with lots of rain and disappearing snow. It makes one start to think ahead to the caching adventures awaiting after the snow melts. Do you have a break-up caching story? Photos of you stuck in the mud, or knee-deep in slush? We'd love to hear about it! In the April *Around The State*, let's celebrate Alaska's unique transition from winter to not-winter. Send your break-up articles and photos to [editor@geocachealaska.org](mailto:editor@geocachealaska.org) by March 23rd, 2014. As always, everyone is also encouraged to send photos, caching tips, travel reports, etc. This is your newsletter, let's hear what you have to share!

# GeocacheAlaska! Updates

## GeocacheAlaska! 2014 Pathtag Contest Extended

By Scott Aleckson / SSO JOAT

Attention pathtaggers, artists, aspiring artists, and all members of GeocacheAlaska!

Get out your electronic paint brushes and set your sights on quarter-sized artwork. As with the previous couple years, GeocacheAlaska! is going to produce a set of custom themed pathtags for the geocaching community. The theme for this year is "Birds of Alaska" and we will produce a set of four pathtags, one for each quarter of 2014. These will be sold through GeocacheAlaska! as a fundraising item, with the proceeds going toward Geocaching Social Events in Alaska during 2014. The front of the tag must feature our website address and the year around the rim of the tag similar to our previously issued designs. Some artistic license is allowed.

This design contest is open to the public. All entries must include high resolution artwork with a PMS color coding table for all colors used in the art. These should be as close to ready for submission to Pathtags for production as you can get them. All entries will be reviewed by committee as they are received. Any entry that does not clearly fit within the theme "Birds of Alaska" will be rejected. Any entry that has inadequate artwork or without PMS color coding may be rejected. If a design is rejected, a single message will be sent to the submitter with the reason for the rejection. The artist may make any corrections or additions and resubmit the artwork to the contest prior to the official close of the contest. To be fair, any artwork rejected on the last day of the contest will have 24 hours after the official closing to resubmit their corrected artwork.

The contest is open immediately and closes at midnight, Alaska Standard Time on March 17, 2014. All entries must be submitted via email to a special email account setup for this contest at [pathtags@geocachealaska.org](mailto:pathtags@geocachealaska.org). Send an email from an account where we can contact you if needed. Put "Pathtag Contest" in the subject line. Include your full name and mailing address in the body of the message. Please name the bird species that appear in your image. And don't forget to attach your high resolution artwork!

At the end of the submission period, a low-resolution copy of just the tag face will be posted to our website photo gallery with announcements to the forums threads about this contest on [forums.pathtags.com](http://forums.pathtags.com) and [geocachealaska.com](http://geocachealaska.com).

[proboards.com](http://proboards.com). We will group designs by bird species and voting for the 4 winning designs will be done such that we do not have duplication of species on the winning tags. The final vote process will be determined by how many designs are submitted and how many species are represented. In any case, voting will take place within about one week of the closing of the contest.

Birds appearing on your pathtag design need to be on the list of Birds of Alaska that appears on the list at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_birds\\_of\\_Alaska](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_birds_of_Alaska). Individuals may submit as many designs as they wish, though each design should be submitted with a separate email.

Thank you for participating in this contest. We look forward to seeing your artwork!

To help inspire you, here are the 2013 winners:





# Caching Tricks, Tips, and Tools

## Finding & Fixing Bad Stats on your GC Profile

By Scott Aleckson / SSO JOAT

Have you ever accidentally logged a cache twice? Look at your [Statistics](#) page on your geocaching.com profile and then look at the first line under Your Caching Chronology to find out. Next to the cache icon it says, “You’ve found XXX caches (YYY distinct) since your first cache find on (date).” If the two numbers, XXX and YYY are not the same number, then you have multiple “Found It” logs on the same cache or maybe even on multiple caches.

You can easily fix this by going back to those caches and either deleting the duplicate log, or changing the log type to a “Write Note” log on anything after your original “Found It” log. But you’ve found hundreds if not thousands of caches, right? So how do you figure out which one has a double log? You’ll be surprised at just how easy it is to find out.



There are a lot of folks who will quickly jump in at this point to say that you can do this in GSAK ([Geocaching Swiss Army Knife](#)) software. And they would be right. Even though that is true, those who have bought GSAK and use it regularly probably already know how to make that happen. Well, there is a much easier way and you don’t have to buy or download any software to do it.

The solution can be found at a website called [Project-GC](#). When you go to this site, you’ll see a banner across the top and a button at the top right asking you to “Authenticate” with your Groudspeak account to get access (unless you’ve already logged into the site previously). Clicking on either link will take you to an [Authenticate](#) screen to log in. It explains what it means to allow the site to have access to your gc.com login credentials and how to shut that access off when you are done or don’t want it any more. If you are currently logged into geocaching.com, when you click the Authenticate button, it will take you to a screen showing your gc username and ask you to allow access. If you’re not logged into geocaching.com, you will have to do so to complete the process.

Once you are logged in, you’ll be brought back to the Project-GC Dashboard page where you can start searching for a wide variety of geocaching data. There are a lot of very powerful geocaching search tools on this site, but we’re

looking for just one particular search at this time. In the top menu bar, go to the “Profile” link and click it to bring a drop down menu list. Go down to the link for [“Find Bad Logs”](#) and click it.



On this page, you can enter your GC username (or just click the little blue man icon to the right of the box to enter your own username) and then click the “Filter” Button. And yes, you can search for the bad logs of any cacher by entering their username in the box. In a matter of seconds, you’ll be looking at a screen with 3 columns of info. The first column is “Dup logs on owned caches”. These are caches that you own. Any caches appearing on this list have multiple “Found It” logs by other cachers. The bar graph indicates how many duplicate logs there are. So you might find that other cachers have logged one of your hides 2 or 3 times. Hovering your mouse over the cache ID will pop up a window showing the name of the multiple logger.

The second column is “Dup logs”, and this is the one we are most interested in. If you see a big “None” here, congratulations! You have no duplicate logs out there. However, if the numbers on your Statistics page back at [geocaching.com](#) were off, then you should see caches listed here. Now, here is the really easy part; click on the cache ID and it will take you directly to the duplicate log entry on [geocaching.com](#). At the top right of the log entry, there are icons to Edit, Delete, or Upload Images for that log. You may delete the duplicate log, however it is sometimes better to just Edit the log. After clicking the pencil icon, you’ll be looking at a log entry screen where you can change the type of log from “Found It” to “Write Note”. This way, anything in the log stays with the cache listing, but it will no longer alter your found statistics or the found statistics for that cache. Work your way down the list of caches on Project-GC and you can fix all your duplicate logs in a matter of minutes.

The third column on that Bad Logs search page is called “Logged own caches” and refers to you having a “Found It” log on a cache that you own. Of course it is unacceptable to log finds on your own caches and this will allow you to go straight to those logs and change any “Found It” log to a “Write Note” or even an “Owner Maintenance” if that is what you were doing. The exception is

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when you have adopted a cache from someone else. If you adopted a cache, you probably had a find on it from when they owned it. That log is perfectly acceptable to leave in place.

After you make your edits, go back and run your Bad Logs search again. You should see that big “None” in the center column that lets you know that your log statistics are now accurate. Now you can go play with some of those other statistics available through the site. Check out the various menus and statistics generators. You can quickly and easily find out stuff as trivial as the fact that NorthWes has marked 18 of Ladybug Kid’s caches with a favorite point, while Ladybug Kids has favored NorthWes caches 20 times. Oh yeah, spend a little time on this site and you’ll find out that there are no secrets out there.


## Reviewer’s Corner


By Michael Malvick / Greatland Reviewer



### Spring Cleaning and “Reserving” a Location

Spring cleaning for Alaska’s 5600+ caches is just around the corner. During late March and early April, I will take a look at caches that were “temporarily disabled” throughout most of the winter and caches that have extended DNF streaks. Unless Alaska gets a lot of snow during the next month, Spring break-up is going to happen quickly and most low elevation caches will be exposed by April 1<sup>st</sup>, so please beat me to the punch and spruce up your caches before the mosquitoes hatch and the tourists arrive.

There are currently 77 “temporarily disabled” caches in Alaska. In addition, there are 366 caches sporting the red wrench  or white cross “needs main-

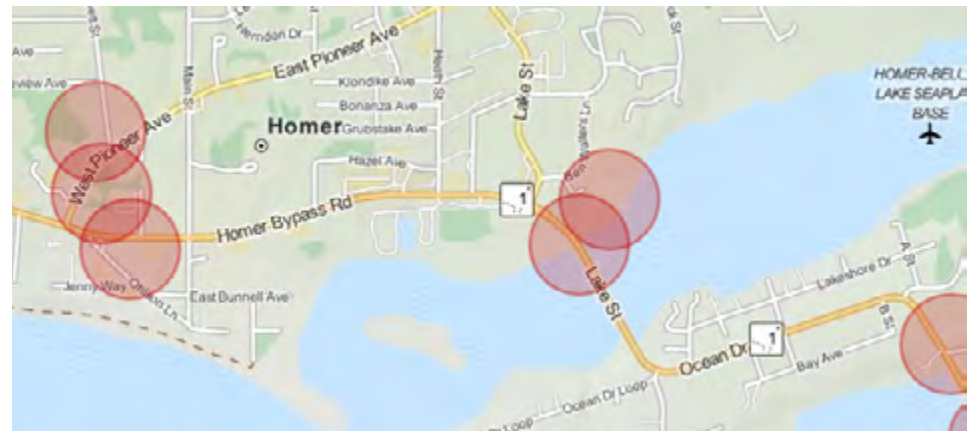
tenance” attribute . Cache Owners are encouraged to check their cache listings for those icons, visit those caches that have them, and post an “Owner Maintenance” log to clear the attribute and let the caching community know all is well with the cache. The “needs maintenance” attribute by itself will not lead to cache archival because it is intended to be a means for a cachers to let a cache owner know a cache has an issue without getting the local Reviewer involved. However, if the cache develops other issues, a long-standing attribute

is interpreted to mean the cache has been abandoned by the cache owner and will be considered in conjunction with other factors when the local Reviewer is deciding whether to archive the cache.

Some cachers will perform maintenance on behalf of the cache owner and will ask me to remove the attribute. I cannot do that because Groundspeak considers the Cache Owner the owner of the cache page content. So, without permission from the Cache Owner to edit their cache page on their behalf, I cannot make *any* changes to a cache page.

Finally, as more cachers try to shoehorn additional caches into already cache dense areas, the number of requests of me to perform proximity checks has increased significantly. From now on, I request that cachers wanting coordinates checked create a cache page, load the page with the coordinates and additional waypoints of interest, and checking the “ready to publish” box. The cacher should also include a Reviewer Note that reads, “Proximity check only, do not publish.” This gives the cacher a head start on their cache page, helps me keep track of who is trying to reserve what spot while they work up a puzzle or multicache, and saves me the effort of inserting the test coordinates into my own test cache page. Doing this also helps me keep cache correspondence straight because all “conversation” occurs via Reviewer Notes that subsequently get archived once the cache is published. In advance, thanks for your help with this.

Example of a proximity check in Homer:



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## Winter Caching with the Family

By Cameron & Marlys Gilchrist / AlaskaCariboozer & SnowySwan

“How do you do it? No, really, how do you do it?!” Caching with young kids can be rewarding and taxing all at the same time. We just completed our first year of caching and found nearly 500 caches in Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, California and Québec. Some of these were without kids, however most of them were as a family. We have come to realize certain truths about caching with children that should be shared. For a recap, the 5SnowyBous consists of 5 cachers – SnowySwan (Marlys), AlaskaCariboozer (Cameron), ReidRio (Reid – age 8), Cheese&Sprinkles (Drew, age 6) and the 3rdWLD1 (Brady – age 3). Reid has recently begun to log his own caches; however he hasn’t ponied up for Premium membership yet. Drew loves the find and searching through the swag. He and Reid often tussle over who gets to remove it, open it, and put it back. Brady is often on my back, however, that is coming to an end, too.

### 10 “Caching as a Family in the Winter” Truths

Truth #1 – If you can swing it, leave the children at home! Invest in a babysitter. Average that expense into your “cost per find.”



Truth #3 & #4 - PnG with FalconEyedFinders  
[New Years Day 1](#) GC4VYV5

When Marlys and I can get out on a Sunday afternoon on these warm, sunny, wintry days, we have a great time and benefit from the break.

Truth #2 – If you choose to cache without snacks, go ahead and DNF all the caches you hoped to find as a family. Blood sugar will drop, the grumpies will emerge, and if your 8-year old is anything like mine, he has a hollow leg that needs refilling on an hourly basis.



Truth #7 - Cache with friends  
[CAVY Finds a GIANT](#) GC2DZCP

Truth #3 – ALWAYS have a park and grab cache (PNG) in your back pocket if your woody hunt fails.

Truth #4 – Buckle them in and if your Geo-rig has a DVD player, use it. If it is too dark, cold, raining, snowing, or a cruddy weather caching day, go for a drive through midtown and downtown Anchorage. I guarantee you can have a successful caching adventure and they never leave their seats.

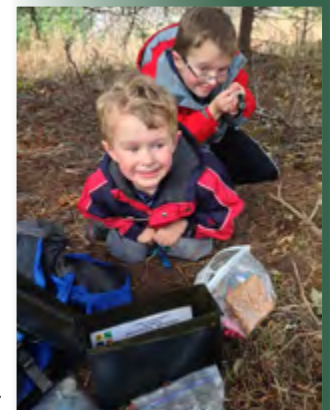
Truth #5 – Review a handful of caches before you go out. Have they been found lately? If it is winter, might there be a geotrail? Make sure it is bigger

than a micro/nano, as kids get tired of finding metal tubes hanging on a branch with nothing inside, except paper. Have them gather some of their own swag to leave in big ammo cans, and bring the snow shoes.

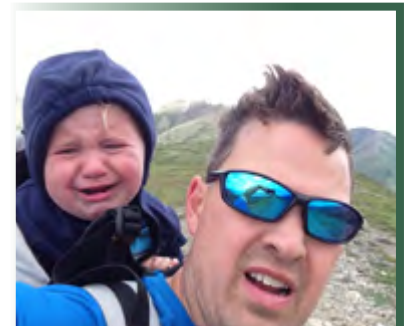
Truth #6 – Geo-trails and hints are a plus for kids. As a cacher, you probably want the challenge of no hints, geo-trails, or evidence of the GZ, so that you may find it as though you were the FTF. Well, kids don’t concern themselves with that. In fact, if there is evidence such as a geotrail or a hint, they are more likely to stay engaged and excited about hunting around for this one.

Truth #7 – Have your kids bring their friends. There is no better motivation for your kids to slog through snow than to keep up with their friends!

Truth #8 – Dress accordingly and pay attention to the weather. Wind isn’t a friend to the young ones. Kids want headlamps too.



Truth #5 - Cheese&Sprinkles & ReidRio with swag  
[Section 36-Heights Hill](#)  
GC16WK9



Truth #9 - 3RDWLD1 doesn't like the wind on Baldy  
DNF [Baldy Eagle](#) GC782C



# Travel Caching



Truth #9 – If they are not having fun, you won't be having fun, so it is probably time to call it a day.

Truth #10 – Caching in the winter with kids can be tough. The summer can be so much easier!!!

Truth #10 - Caching in San Diego  
Cheese&Sprinkles & ReidRio  
[Neighborly](#) GC3H67B

## Sub-Zero Caching in Minnesota

*By Joel Vos / Neversummer*

My wife and I departed the warm, spring-like weather of Alaska to visit family and finish moving our belongings from Minnesota. Departure temperatures in Homer were in the high thirties, and arrival temperatures in Minneapolis were in the single digits below zero. No big deal for us Alaskans...or so we thought! Firmly in the grip of "Arctic Vortex II", Minnesota was seeing some very cold temperatures. Our skin felt like it cracked when we walked from the baggage claim to the waiting car. My in-laws helped us get our bags in the truck, and the heated seats were on full for the ride to their house. There wasn't much time for geocaching, but I knew that I'd make some time to get out and about while I was there. My wife and I were in the process of finalizing the move of our belongings from Minnesota to Alaska now that my federal job had become permanent with the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Homer. The weekend was going to be filled with packing, lifting, and freezing our buns.

It wasn't until Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> that I was able to get out from the moving prep. I went on a walk around [Purgatory Park](#) with my wife and a couple of friends, where temperatures were a balmy 6 degrees with a 5-10mph wind on top of that. Clear skies, however, made for a nice hike around the Park.

I made a stop at one of the most frustrating "easy" finds in the Park: "[In Honor of](#)

[R.J.](#)" That cache has been a four-time DNF, and is nearly in the backyard of my in-laws. No matter how many times I've been there to visit, I've been stymied by the 1.5/1.5 micro. This time was no exception. With 4 sets of eager eyes (we were able to stay warm by continuing to look—crawling on and around a footbridge can really get your core temp up!) we still came up empty. Alas, I gave up yet again. This time I emailed the owner and previous finder to discover that the cache is likely missing—and has likely been missing for many months based on what the owner said about where we should have been looking.

Next up in the park was the only other traditional cache still unfound during my visits. "[Micro in the Woods](#)," a 2/2 regular cache, was always just a bit too far off the trail for me to grab it when walking with my family. This time the snowcover meant for hard ground, and no ticks! A cache with 43 favorite points (36% of premium visits), this cache had us guessing what we might find. We didn't read beyond the 3-line description, so the find was a good laugh—and a great first find for my friend (and new geocaching addict)! It's a clever play on words, and the container is listed correctly in the description. With a good laugh and frozen fingers, we post-holed back to the trail and to the house to warm back up.

That evening, with temperatures dipping back below zero again, I had to burn up some gas in the car's tank before it was loaded on a container bound for Homer, AK. This meant a great opportunity to finish up the local "[Baker Road South](#)" power trail. Having already tackled most of the North portion, the South had been left for another visit. That night was the night! With a solo rapid-fire approach, I was in and out of the car as fast as possible to keep from freezing my hands to open each of the bison tubes. With 3 DNFs out of the 12-cache string, I felt accomplished on two fronts: I found more caches, and I burned some more gas so the car could be loaded for Alaska.

This southwestern side of Minneapolis is a great place to go geocaching. With its history as former farmland and cabin country for the booming Twin Cities, Lake Minnetonka and the surrounding areas are covered with rail-to-trail hike/bike caching options, beautiful views, amazing homes and mansions, and even some island caches. The history of the Lake Minnetonka area is very interesting, and small cities like Excelsior, Wayzata, and Mound provide some high-end sights and experiences while traveling and geocaching. From creative and difficult puzzles, to interesting traditional caches around town, to some great biking trails around many of the 10,000+ famous lakes of Minnesota, be sure to add Minnesota to your stops for a fun geocaching adventure!



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## GEOCACHEALASKA! MEMBERSHIP

There are two membership levels at GeocacheAlaska! Inc.

Sourdough Membership (formerly known as Premium Membership) affords you discounts in the GeocacheAlaska! online and traveling stores and events that have an entrance fee (Geofest, etc.), voting rights in Board of Directors elections and a warm fuzzy feeling for helping underwrite the organization's operating expenses that include web hosting, printing, banners, post office box fees, event prizes and lots of other things that are required to make things happen. Because GeocacheAlaska! is an incorporated 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization, your membership dues are tax deductible.

If you cannot join as a Sourdough at this time, you may support GeocacheAlaska! by joining as a Cheechako (formerly known as Associate) Member. This will allow you to receive the monthly newsletter and e-mail announcements. More members at any level gives GeocacheAlaska!'s more clout and credibility during land manager conversations, so sign up today!

There are four ways you can join GeocacheAlaska! at the Sourdough level for \$20/year.

1. Navigate to the [GeocacheAlaska! webpage](#) and click on the "Subscribe" button to set up an automatic subscription which will renew annually. Please enter your caching name in the provided box.
2. Navigate to the [GeocacheAlaska! webpage](#) and click on "Add to Cart" to purchase an annual membership that will run through December 31, 2014.
3. Navigate to the [GeocacheAlaska! webpage](#) to download a membership form you can print and mail with your payment.
4. Attend one of the upcoming GeocacheAlaska! events and speak to any Board Member.

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1. GeocacheAlaska! Website: <http://www.geocachealaska.org>
2. GeocacheAlaska! Forums: <http://geocachealaska.proboards.com/index.cgi>
3. GeocacheAlaska! on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/geocachealaska/>
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5. Interior Alaska Geocachers: <http://alaskageocachers.org/>

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