

# Around The State



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*Bohemian Waxwings  
Rion Ward / RCWard.  
GC4BK5M Dabblers vs Divers*

# GeocacheAlaska! Updates

## President's Corner

By Wes Skinner / NorthWes



Fall has brought more than termination dust to the mountains, which means we're just a few weeks from having snow on the ground! That's good news for winter sports enthusiasts such as skiers and dog mushers. It also means we geocachers have to exercise good judgement when we take advantage of winter trails, checking to make sure trail user assignments allow us to be on that particular trail in the wintertime. It's important to understand that land managers dedicate entire trail networks to specific user groups in the wintertime, for both safety and equity reasons. For example, you may not be aware that the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage (NSAA) provides for the creation and maintenance of the bulk of the pathways traversing city parks, grooming the trails for cross-country skiing on a regular basis across the winter. NSAA members fund that work through their membership dues, and their equity investment is matchless and worthy of respect! Additionally, the damage created by foot traffic on groomed trails not only costs money to repair, it creates safety hazards for cross-country skiers. Worse, foot traffic on trails dedicated to winter dog sports such as mushing and skijoring not only makes safety hazards for the canine athletes, it puts the walkers at risk as well. Dog teams are quiet and quick, overtaking or surprising walkers 'in the way' on trails with little time to react or get out of the way. Be courteous, fair and concerned for other trail users – check the trail status before you just stroll on down that groomed pathway. Your correct behavior builds up a good impression of geocaching and helps keep winter sports trails safe to use!

## Editor's Note

By Cathy Wilmeth / The\_Firefly

Submission deadline for the next issue of *Around The State*:

**November 20, 2016**

Sending your time sensitive submissions by the deadline helps me to get your newsletter out to you in a timely manner! I'm happy to help with any questions or concerns you may have about submitting! Send to [editor@geocachealaska.org](mailto:editor@geocachealaska.org). Thank you!

## Off The Log

### Best Laid Plans – Disasters – Lessons Learned

Come and listen as GeocacheAlaska! brings Alaska Cachers to share their personal stories: funny, sad and sweet

There's always a place where Cachers gather and stories are told! This evening features true stories born from those moments when the best laid caching plans maybe turn into disaster and then lessons are learned! OR...when we just want to tell someone, "You'll never guess what happened..."

10 Cachers will each have 5 minutes to tell their stories!

The Best Laid Plans.....The Disasters.....and The Lessons Learned!

Yes! You have a story to tell!

Thursday, November 10th, beginning at 6:55 p.m., at the BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Blvd. Anchorage, AK.

Tonight's host is Louise Kempker (freeweez) who will have several cachers each presenting their own "Off The Log story" about geocaching adventures that went amiss and what was fun, and what was learned! This event is perfect for all cachers, regardless of age or experience level. Bring a friend, even a muggle, as the more the merrier.

If YOU have a geocaching survival story and would be willing to present it to the audience during this event, please contact (freeweez) right away via the messenger feature on her GC profile.

This event will be carried live over the internet via WebEx with audio over a phone line if you are unable to attend in person!

# GeocacheAlaska! Updates

## Monthly Giveaway for Sourdough Members

### New Monthly Giveaway for paid Sourdough Members

By: Sean Gaither / FTL-AK

#### Rules:

1. Only paid GeocacheAlaska! Members are allowed to participate. No need to do anything except keep your membership current!
2. You can only win 1 time per Calendar Year (Jan-Dec) per name – sorry, family accounts with multiple users you only pay for one membership so you will only have one name in the drawing.
3. If you became a paid member in any month you are immediately available to be in that month's drawing.
4. All prizes are selected by the GCAK Board and are not available to be changed or traded for something else. If you don't like your free prize you are more than welcome to place it in a Geocache for a FTF prize!
5. All prizes will be shipped or hand delivered to our members. This will be paid for by us and not you. Please make sure we have the most up to date info when you renew your membership.
6. If available, a picture of the winner with the prize will be posted in the newsletter. If I can't get a photo of me handing you the item I will make sure to provide a photo of the item so everyone can see what amazing item or items you got!

- March Winner: Meljo won a Limited edition Dutch Windmill Trackable.
- April Winner: Braveladd won a 15 Year Spinner Geocaching Coin.
- May Winner: Polgera won a 15 year Road Trip Crew coin!
- June Winner: twinkywalks won a Lego Ammo Can Cache Container. \*some assembly required\*.
- July Winner: MamaMouse won a 2015 Geocaching Lacey geo coin!
- August Winner - SM741 won a Signal The Frog Micro coin
- September Winner - questing won Cache Hunter Geocoin
- October Winner - frozen mist won a 7 Deadly ducks Geocoin

Only 2 months left of this trial. Did you enjoy the giveback? Would you like it to continue? Let FTL-AK know your thoughts.

## 2017 Board of Directors Elections

It's election time again! Here are your candidates:

Vice-President: Sean Gaither

Treasure : Roberta Bromlow

Member at Large:

1. David Thomson
2. Valerie Manfull
3. Michelli Warren
- 4 .Heather Fooks
5. Suki Patterson

### Vice-President

Sean Gaither - FTL-AK

Sean Gaither is my real name and FTL-AK (For The Love - Alaska) is my geocaching name. I started geocaching in 2008 when DR-AK showed me one hidden in plain view. It opened a whole new world to me finding treasures all over the US and soon the world! I hope to be your VP and help continue sharing my passion with all geocaches.

### Treasurer

Roberta Bromlow - Polgera

I am Roberta Bromlow, caching name Polgera. My background and career choice is in Accounting. I have over 35 years' experience, a Bachelor in Accounting and Finance, a Master in Business Administration, a Master of Science in Accounting and I teach accounting and business classes part time for Central Texas College at JBER. I am currently the accounting manager for the anesthesiologists at Providence Hospital. I, along with Mike Malvick (Ladybug Kids) and Wes Skinner (Northwes), was instrumental in securing the 501(c)3 designation for GeaocacheAlaska!

I was asked to tell why I "would like" to serve as the Treasurer for Geaocache-

# GeocacheAlaska! Updates

Alaska! That is a tough question to answer. I am not sure I “want” to serve! I guess I do because I nodded my head and said, “Yes, I will do it.” Although, I did not raise my hand and say, “Me, me...pick me!!”

That said, I feel that it is time for me to get back into the organization and there is a need. I was the Treasurer for several years and needed a break; now it is time to give others a break. I feel that this is a worthwhile organization and I feel that I have the skills to help the organization thrive and grow.

## **Member-at-Large:**

### David Thomson - davidaknz

I am interested in the board position on GCAK as a means to expand interest in GCAK toward Southeast Alaska. We have a small yet dedicated caching community in Juneau. I believe that goes for Ketchikan and Sitka. I have been caching for 9 years and don't see myself stopping soon. I say this even though the number of unfound caches for me in Juneau is small. Since I have retired from the State, I don't travel as often so I get my fix by checking on caches around Juneau to insure that the cruiseship cachers find success when they visit our town. I have met the Greatland Reviewer and Fuzzybelly when they travelled to Juneau and I have attended several events in Anchorage when my travels allowed. I appreciate the advocacy that GCAK provides toward negotiating permits with land managers, we see those benefits here in Juneau.

### Valerie Manfull - Valerieseaker

I am running for a Member-at-Large position. I was a member of the original GeocacheAlaska! board, when we drew up our by-laws and secured our 501(c)3 corporation status. It was a lot of work, but it has more than paid off. We have grown considerably since then, and I would like to help us grow further.

I've been caching since 2008. Caching has helped me get outside and explore. It's shown me so many places and things that I never would have know about if there hadn't been a cache there. I've seen pieces of the Berlin wall, and I have a new favorite mystery novel series, both thanks to caching. But most of all, caching has brought incredible people into my life. So many of you have helped me and supported me in so many ways, and I would like to give back to you. GeocacheAlaska! is a great organization. I would be honored to serve as a member

of the board.

### Michelli Warren - hockeychicks

Hi. I am Michelli Warren, the “short” chick of hockey chicks. I have been asked to be on the ballot for this years Geocache Alaska election. I am running for the position of Member-at-Large. I have been caching for 5.5 years and have developed a love of the game and a tenacious approach to puzzles. I know that I can bring new ideas, a fresh perspective, and caching enthusiasm to the position.

### Heather Fooks - hyfolks26

A little about me. I am Heather Fooks or hyfolks26 to all the cool kids! I have been on the game board coming on 39 years. I am married to a pretty great guy. I bring my brother just about everywhere I go to get him out of the house. I work for a local bank and working with other people's finances can be quite stressful. I have found that geocaching is a great source of relief to that stress. The sweet surprise of a well-placed geocache has continually brought a smile to my face.

I would like to volunteer my time to GeocacheAlaska because this organization has shown me that there is something worth giving my time for. Many times I have said “I'd rather give away my money more than my time. You can make more money, you can't make more time. Time is the one thing you can't get back in this world.” I haven't been the biggest steward of the planet in the past, but getting out onto the trails and into the parks in the last year has begun to change my view. Every time GeocacheAlaska has had a CITO in the last year, I have tried my best to attend and only do the trash out portion. I would like to lend a hand where ever it is needed or wanted. I know that there are a number of committees available that need a helping hand and I would like to be at least two of those hands whenever I can.

To anyone that has met me, you know that I like talking with people. I admittedly struggle with talking to large groups and I believe that the fine people that make up GeocacheAlaska are a very forgiving group and will allow me to grow with them, at least during the Off the Log Eduvents! I hope to be able to the same for someone else one day when it is their turn to stand up and ask for a chance.

Thank you for your consideration of the nomination of Member-at-Large.

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## Suki Patterson - BerrySeekers3

My name is Suki Patterson, aka BerrySeekers3, and I am running for Member at Large for GCAK. I am a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, aircraft and brewery mechanic, avid outdoors-person and a 20-year Juneau resident. I started geocaching with my team in 2010 and have found caches in Alaska ranging from Ketchikan to Fairbanks and Dutch Harbor, in addition to about 60 caches in the Yukon and BC as well as various caches in 15 other states.

When I'm asked about geocaching, I tell people that it's a sport, hobby, game and an obsession all rolled into one but each day it may be one or the other! I've mentored and "recruited" at least half-dozen muggles into the game and continue to help educate, advocate and promote recreating wherever I go. I strongly support Groundspeak's rules for the game and highly encourage cachers to tell their stories in their logs by writing more than, "TFTC!"

I am running for the Member at Large position on the board to help bring the messages and work of GCAK further into the state. At times, Southeast Alaska can seem to be fairly remote and I believe that having representatives in more diverse communities like Juneau will help further the mission of GCAK to support and foster our Alaskan geocaching communities.

## Membership Renewal Reminder!

Don't forget to renew your GeocacheAlaska! membership. Renewal/sign up information is always available on the last page of the newsletter, or on the GeocacheAlaska! website. Membership has its bonuses: make sure you're paid up and your membership is active. We are currently working on a membership giveback item! Don't miss out - make sure you're paid up today!

Save a stamp and renew your membership or join [GeocacheAlaska! online](#) today using your PayPal account or a major credit card. Alternatively, you may [click here](#) to download a printable membership form to mail. GeocacheAlaska!, Inc. is a not for profit 501(c)(3) organization, so your membership fee qualifies as a tax deductible donation.

Sourdough Members enjoy voting rights, are eligible for event and merchandise discounts, and can set up a geocachealaska.org email address. Download and read the [by-laws](#) (86k pdf) for more details. All paid Sourdough Members will be issued an official GeocacheAlaska! trackable Sourdough Nametag! To see these trackables in action, take a look at our [current member's traveling tags!](#) Sourdough memberships are now a rolling 12-month period based on your initial sign up date. (Unless you are on PayPal autopay subscription, you will receive a renewal notice near the beginning of the anniversary month of your initial membership with dues payable by the end of that month.)

Cheechako Memberships are free and allow you to "try before you buy" to see what the organization is all about. Adding your name to our membership list helps with negotiating park permits. Cheechako Memberships are available by printing and mailing the membership application form, or you scanning the form (or a legible picture of it) and emailing it to the [Secretary](#).





# Caching Tricks, Tips, and Tools

## Reviewer's Corner

By Michael Malvick / Greatland Reviewer



### Bots, Reservations, and Fall Reaping

Beginning a few months ago, Groundspeak started sending automated e-mails to Cache Owners of caches that may have maintenance issues. The e-mails are sent based on criteria established by Groundspeak after polling the Community Volunteer Reviewers for things they consider when looking for caches that might need the Cache Owner's attention. The system was extensively tested with the results being verified by the Reviewers before going live.

These bot-generated e-mails are merely friendly reminders to Cache Owners that they may be due for a cache maintenance visit in the near future. No further automated action will be taken and a living/breathing Reviewer will ultimately look at a cache page before a follow-up Reviewer Note is written to the page to seek clarification of the cache status or to begin the reaping (archival) process. This makes it possible for a dialog to happen between the Cache Owner and the Reviewer before any next steps are taken.

As more and more cachers try to fit more and more caches into some urban areas, some Cache Owners request a coordinate check before creating and placing their cache container. I'm happy to provide the coordinate check because it saves time and effort for both the Reviewer and the Cache Hider if there is a proximity error with the first location. Simply submit a new cache page with the desired coordinates and a Reviewer Note that states "Coordinate check only, do not publish." I will review the location, disable the cache page, and verify the location is available. If the location is available, the Cache Owner merely has to enable the cache page once the cache is ready to be found to return the cache page to the review queue. That said, Cache Owners are reminded that Groundspeak's [Guideline](#) states "geocache listings should be submitted for review within three months of creation," so a location cannot be reserved indefinitely.

A sample of one of these e-mails follows:

From: "Geocaching" <[noreply@geocaching.com](mailto:noreply@geocaching.com)>  
Date: October 2, 2016 at 7:54:35 PM AKDT  
To: <REDACTED>



Subject: Your geocache might need maintenance.  
Reply-To: [noreply\\_maintenance@geocaching.com](mailto:noreply_maintenance@geocaching.com)

Hello <Cacher Name Redacted>,

Your geocache, REDACTED, looks like it might need some attention. The recent logs may contain more details about what sort of maintenance needs to be performed. This could be anything from a new logbook to replacing a missing container. Here are a few options for what to do now:

- **Maintenance:** Visit your geocache, make any needed repairs, and post an "Owner Maintenance" log so the community knows it's available to find.
- **Disable:** If you cannot check on your geocache within a reasonable amount of time, please disable your geocache listing. Once you perform maintenance, you can enable it and post an "Owner Maintenance" log.
- **Archive:** If you decide it is time for your geocache to be permanently retired, please archive the listing and retrieve all physical stages.

For tips about how to perform maintenance and to learn why Geocaching HQ sends occasional geocache maintenance reminders, please see this [Help Center article](#).

Thanks,  
Geocaching HQ

# Caching Travelogues

## The Quest for Relaxation

*By Melanie Stone / Green M&M*

Feeling pretty stressed, I figured a trip to Hawaii just might help. So to start my trip, of course I had to start solving puzzle caches so I was prepared. I had a few hiccups and sought out help from COs. Some were helpful and some were not. A couple had offered to host an event (but more on that later).

I'm not sure stressing out over solving puzzles was the right way to approach my relaxation but somehow it is what I did. I also had to find an EarthCache to locate since EarthCache Day was going to fall within my trip dates.

Off I go. My friend and I were geo-caching demons. Neither one of us are too good, but we got 11 in one day. That was the day we drove all over seeking my puzzle caches. We were feeling great. We also got an EarthCache. The one we found was really fun because we had to do an arts-n-craft project to claim the cache. It was to gauge the wind direction and speed. I'm not sure we needed the tool as you can see from the pictures. Our hair pretty much told us which way it was going and how fast. But we had a blast.



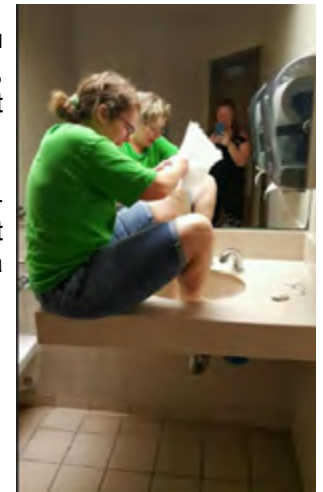
The next day we decided to just stay close and see how many we could get. We got 21 before 1 PM. Pretty awesome.



The local cachers hosted an event and it was a huge success. I had enough Alaska Geo-sweg for everyone and they loved it. There was even some visitors from Australia.

Now here's a picture that is a result of a cache. If you want to know more about what caused this scenario, you're gonna have to come to the storytelling event on Nov.11

As for the quest for relaxation, well I think I succeeded. I got a Spa Day and rode in a Tesla and went Ziplining. I also got to complete an Escape Room (a must do for puzzle lovers). Success all around.



# Caching Travelogues

## Caching Canada

By Sean Gaither / FTL-AK



3 Day weekend? Let's make it 5. How our geocaching trip through Canada can go.... I would like to start by saying I absolutely love Canada. They have some very friendly people and other fun oddities like a coffee candy bar and ketchup-potato chips.

TheLastFrontier and myself (FTL-AK) decided to venture into Canada. Why? Because \*week-end\* and it is just down the road. We spent a few days in Whitehorse geocaching along the way; we also spent some time in Skagway, AK which we drove to because well we can.

This was an amazing adventure with a lot of twists and turns.

On Friday we set out, planning on getting as close as we could to the border. We ended up sleeping in the car somewhere before Tok.



The next morning we woke have breakfast in Tok and made it through the border. We ended up in Whitehorse and snagged a few very fun geocaches. Then after well-deserved nights sleep in a hotel we had a great breakfast based on a recommendation from a friend at "Burt toast" - this was the day I became a vegetarian (previously I was vegan). I couldn't say no to Croissant French

Toast. This began the downward spiral of eggs and cheese.

Geocaching southward towards Skagway, we came across some fun geocaches and future campsites. We even came across in old abandoned settlement from the pioneer days. There happened to be a geocache nearby.

Once we made it to Skagway, we were happy to get some earthcaches and virtuals, and grabbed as many of the local Green boxes as we could. We did some window shopping and walked around town. Skagway was a lot of fun. It reminded me of the smaller Seward, like a fourth the size.

Eventually we made our way back to Whitehorse for some more adventures. I was happy and surprised to find an earthcache by GeocacheAlaska's very own ONESPIRIT555. This was so cool to see a local name I knew!

The earthcaches and geocaches on this trip brought us to a graveyard, a parking lot, a recycle center, a town hall, the Visitor Center, the courthouse, and some all-around amazing views. I was very impressed with the placement and care of many of the geocaches. It helped remind me it's not about quantity but quality. Thank you to all the Canadian and American Geocachers who have hidden so many wonderful geocaches for us to find.

On the way home we ran into some trouble (as you can see from my spare tire photo) 50 miles from the border. Also, Adventurphal - being a geology major - always ask me for rocks when I am on vacation. Well, the one that shot through the plastic of my turn signal wasn't a very interesting rock, but she still got her rock.

Please enjoy the photos. I have remained vegetarian, but still tend to eat vegan 80% of the time.





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By Sean Gaither / FTL-AK

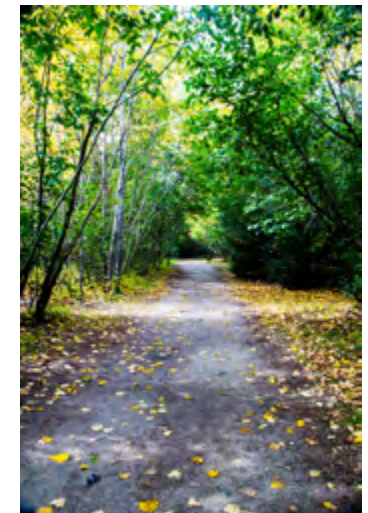




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# Recent Events

## Campbell Tract CITO

By Wes Skinner/ NorthWes



The first Saturday of fall found GeocacheAlaska! at the BLM Campbell Tract. We began the day with an event to welcome cachers to the Tract and its wide array of geocache placements, and ended the day with a CITO Activity as part of the first-ever Global CITO Week. In between the two events, members of GeocacheAlaska! Inc. provided hands-on instruction about geocaching to visitors attending National Public Lands Day activities at the BLM Campbell Science Center.

The morning event provided orientation regarding the Campbell Tract and safe use of its trails. Equipped with a wide variety of facilities, including an active runway, the Campbell Tract is a BLM installation supporting land management activities on federal lands across the state (including fighting wildfires). Twelve miles of well-marked and maintained trails spread across the Tract's 730 acres of wildlife-laden forested lands on Anchorage's east side, including Campbell Creek. The BLM Campbell Science Center is an educational campus now celebrating its twentieth year of providing outdoor education to Alaskans. In partnership with a wide range of outdoor organizations (including GeocacheAlaska! Inc), publicly-accessed activities here include observation of the National Public Lands Day, operation of a wide variety of day camps for children, and training talks regarding wildlife, botany and geology of Alaska.

The afternoon event gave attendees an opportunity to participate in the September 2016 CITO Week sponsored by Groundspeak, with a souvenir awarded to participants' online profile. Land managers at BLM



Campbell Tract sincerely appreciated the wide-ranging CITO effort put on by more than three dozen cachers at the two most-used trailheads and across the area used by the National Public Lands Day participants. While the haul was not heavy, there were plenty of small items collected and hauled away by GeocacheAlaska! Inc's members and guests at the Cache In Trash Out event.

Members volunteered to man an information station which introduced National Public Lands Day attendees to geocaching. Participants were shown how to operate a GPS loaded with the coordinates of 3 temporary caches and one actual geocache. Members often accompanied attendees to help them learn along the trail, and touted the virtues of the newly-upgraded cell phone app for geocaching too. While supplies lasted, member-volunteers received t-shirts and bandannas for their participation in the day's activities. There's no better way to explore Public



## Recent Events

Lands than with a GPS in hand looking for geocaches!

At BLM staffers' request, CITO participants split up into four different groups to target two main trailheads and the connecting trails. The Campbell Tract is delightfully clean, but enough trash was found to fill the back end of a pickup truck bed!



The day's work was made sweeter with friends on the trail, and nice dry weather conditions...

## It's Almost All Downhill...

*By Louise Kempker/ Freeweez*

...which is a good thing when there are close to 20 eager cachers ready to ride the 7 plus miles from the Johnson Pass Trailhead to the Hope Junction. Of course, even though the day began overcast, and threatened rain.....that did not dampen the spirits of young to old bikers. (We're not saying who was who!) Some biker/cachers set off down the paved trail –yes Virginia--there IS a paved trail for this section of the Seward Highway! So, some bikers/cachers took off first and planned to bike the miles without stopping.

Shortly after everyone was underway, the sun broke through the clouds and stayed out for the duration of the ride! The rest of the group was happy to have brand-new cacher friends Fern 22 and his lovely wife, as well as Team Sussifar. dk from Denmark join in the fun!

There are over 10 caches along the Seward Highway between the 2 locations, so the group stopped for each one, searched and found, laughed and logged, and moved on to the next one!

Everyone enjoyed a very fun time on this biking and caching outing!





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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 a few ways you can join GeocacheAlaska! at the Sourdough level for \$20/year.

1. Navigate to the [GeocacheAlaska! webpage](#) and:
  - A. Click on the "Subscribe" button to set up an automatic subscription which will renew annually. Please enter your caching name in the provided box. OR
  - B. Click on "Add to Cart" to purchase an annual membership. OR
  - C. Download a membership form you can print and mail with your payment.
2. Attend one of the upcoming GeocacheAlaska! events and speak to any Board Member.

Find us online at:

1. GeocacheAlaska! Website: <http://www.geocachealaska.org>
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3. Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/geocachealaska/>
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Questions? E-mail to [contact@geocachealaska.org](mailto:contact@geocachealaska.org)

## JOIN US ON FACEBOOK, Twitter, and Instagram!

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Follow us on Instagram! [@geocachealaska](#)

## STATE PARKS PERMITS

Caches may be published within Alaska State Parks! All caches must have the permit number on the inside of the cache along with the cache owner's contact information. On the outside of the cache, you must write "Alaska State Parks Permit #15-KA-1994 Geocache AK" in permanent marking. The cache listing must state "Cache placed under GeocacheAlaska! Park Use Permit #15-KA-1994" within the description section. Before submitting a cache listing within one of the parks, please thoroughly read the complete list of stipulations in the permit, which may be [downloaded](#) from the GeocacheAlaska! website.

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The editors of *Around the State* would like to hear from you. Submit articles or suggestions to [editor@geocachealaska.org](mailto:editor@geocachealaska.org) Previous editions of *Around the State* are now on our website. If you have missed previous newsletters, check out the series [here](#).

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