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**Forums & Website  
 FUNdamentals**

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**Tonight's Topics:** 

- ▶ GeocacheAlaska! Inc. (GCAK)
- ▶ GCAK Website
- ▶ GCAK Forums
- ▶ GroundSpeak Forums
- ▶ Internet Safety
- ▶ Online Resources


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**Join GeocacheAlaska!** 

- A basic **Cheechako** membership is Free!
- Your paid **Sourdough** membership keeps the organization running!
- Geocache Alaska! Trackable Sourdough member name tags are now issued to every Sourdough member!

  
 YOUR NAME HERE  
 Join us at GeocacheAlaska.org      ARK 12345



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**Sourdough Members!** 

If you haven't done so yet, please **Renew your Membership for the 2013 caching year!**

Go online to our website to access the PayPal renewal process or download and mail a membership form with your payment.

GeocacheAlaska! also needs help on our standing committees (Advocacy, Education, Events, & Fundraising) from anyone who has some time and/or talent to lend to the cause.

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**Coming Events...** 

- **April 20-21** – Various EarthDay CITO's
- **May 4** – Various World Wide Flash Mob Xs
- **May 17-19** – "HOB0 CITO" A bunch'a bums camping and cleaning the Kenai – **Homer, Soldotna, Cooper Landing, Girdwood**
- **June 20-21** – H.E.L.P. Summer Solstice Campout – **Eklutna Lake**
- **July 13** – Caching on the Kenai Picnic **Kenai Municipal Park**



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**Join the party** 

- ❖ It's time to start thinking about the Calendar Photo Contest!
- ❖ Open to all **Cheechako** and **Sourdough** Members
- ❖ Take pictures while out caching and submit them to the contest
- ❖ All valid submissions will be posted to a photo album on our website plus they will all be part of the GeoFest Slide Show!

**Grab your Cameras!**



Send all entries via email to: [PhotoContest@GeocacheAlaska.org](mailto:PhotoContest@GeocacheAlaska.org)

Include your name, the Alaskan cache it was taken at, the category, and the title or caption you've given to the image.

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**GCAK Website** 

- ❖ Go to [www.geocachealaska.org](http://www.geocachealaska.org)
- ❖ Our site contains current [Land Manager](#) information about open caching areas and permit caching areas
- ❖ Of note, permits for Mat-Su/Copper River Basin and the Chugach/Kenai State Parks areas are available for downloading to see all the cache placement stipulations
- ❖ Caches in these areas must follow permit requirements to include notation of the permit number on the exterior of the cache and on the logbook
- ❖ Also note that an annual cache check is required with a log entry in written in the physical logbook

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**GCAK Website** 

- ❖ Our site contains all previously published editions of our GCAK [Newsletter](#) for downloading
- ❖ Our Newsletter is always in need of additional content, so please consider writing an article to submit
- ❖ Articles can be practically anything geocaching related from a How To article to a story about your favorite geocaching adventure, complete with pictures
- ❖ Submit articles to our Newsletter Editor, Scobey by sending them to [editor@geocachealaska.org](mailto:editor@geocachealaska.org)
- ❖ Any member may submit articles of interest to the newsletter, so feel free to share your stories!

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**GCAK Website** 

- ❖ Our site contains most of the presentations from previous GCAK [Education Events](#) for downloading
- ❖ These are listed in chronological order with links to the GC listing for each event site that was hosted
- ❖ The thumbnails to the right allow you to download a PDF copy of either the full-size or handout versions
- ❖ These presentations may be downloaded for personal use or to use for delivering your own small group presentation to other geocachers
- ❖ Contact the Education Committee for an original copy of a PowerPoint presentation for hosting an EduVent

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## GCAK Website



- ❖ Other areas of our current site include our store (when products are available), the photo gallery, and a contacts page with your Board of Directors members
- ❖ You may join or renew your Sourdough Membership
- ❖ Note that your Webmaster is working on a complete site update to bring the site up to modern CSS/HTML5 standards while providing an overall visual facelift
- ❖ The work on that project is tedious and slow, but we're hoping for a transition to the new site this summer
- ❖ Suggestions for what you want to see on our website may be sent to [webmaster@geocachealaska.org](mailto:webmaster@geocachealaska.org)

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## GCAK Forums



- Go to [geocachealaska.proboards.com](http://geocachealaska.proboards.com)
- A menu link is also located on our website
- Our forum is hosted by ProBoards and we recently upgraded the software package
- An updated browser is needed to properly view the forums, which now use CSS/HTML5 styles
- You can view most of the forums as a "guest" but you'll need to register an account to see it all and to participate in the discussions

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## GCAK Forums



GeocacheAlaska! - Geocaching in the Great Land

Home | Site Map | Calendar | Members | Profile | Helpdesk

GeocacheAlaska! - Geocaching in the Great Land > Home > (141 members)

[New User Here!](#)

Visit the GeocacheAlaska! website for Latest Access Info, our Newsletter Archive, and Software Presentation Downloads!

Quickly see the most recent threads or posts to catch up on the latest activity!

Home > 18 April 2013 > Board & Website Administration > Announcements & Website Services

Forum	Threads	Posts	Last Post
<b>Geocaching in Alaska</b> Discussion board for geocaching in Alaska	37	452	Geocaching in Alaska by <a href="#">BjornBjornson</a> Wed, 18, 03:14 PM '13
<b>Links and Site Map</b> A meeting place to discuss the website to see how for geocaching	14	48	Links and Site Map by <a href="#">BjornBjornson</a> Wed, 18, 03:14 PM '13
<b>General Discussion</b> The general geocaching discussion board - for all geocaching related topics	436	3,524	Geocaching in Alaska by <a href="#">BjornBjornson</a> Wed, 18, 03:14 PM '13
<b>Geocaching in Alaska</b> Discussion board for geocaching in Alaska - related to geocaching	43	324	NOV GCAK in Geocaching by <a href="#">BjornBjornson</a> Wed, 18, 03:14 PM '13

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## GCAK Forums

**GEOCACHE ALASKA!**  
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Membership & Newsletter
10 / 127
Registration for 2013

Discussion and announcements about the Geocaching community in Alaska
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Board of Directors

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**Legend**

**New Posts** **No New Posts**

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**Forum Information & Statistics**

<p><b>Threads and Posts</b> Total Threads: 1,135    Total Posts: 24,423 Last Update: 11:05 AM GMT-08:00 on Thursday, April 11, 2013 by <a href="#">Loren Wap</a> Recent: <a href="#">Fun</a> <a href="#">GSAW</a> <a href="#">GSAW</a> <a href="#">GSAW</a> <a href="#">GSAW</a> <a href="#">GSAW</a> <a href="#">GSAW</a> <a href="#">GSAW</a></p>	<p><b>Members</b> Total Members: 400 Recent Member: <a href="#">Loren Wap</a> Most Users Online: 111 (on 11/01/13) View Online Members</p>
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**Users Online**  
3 Male, 1 Female, 1 Guest, 0 Bots

**Users Online in the Last 24 Hours**  
1 Male, 1 Female, 301 Guests  
[View](#) [View](#) [View](#) [View](#) [View](#) [View](#) [View](#) [View](#)

**Statistics**

Over 4 Million Users Chat with anyone who is online right now, from anywhere on their browser!

Search for Geocaching Weblogs & Blogs at: [http://www.geocaching.com/boards/geocache\\_logs.php](http://www.geocaching.com/boards/geocache_logs.php)

**Help!** Check out the cool pages: [Home](#)

**SOC 2011** If only they could spell "Moose"...

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## GCAK Forums

**GEOCACHE ALASKA!**  
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GeocacheAlaska! - Geocaching in the Great Land

Home   Help   Search   Calendar   Members   Profile   Messages   Welcome Alaska!   Logout

GeocachingAlaska! - Geocaching in the Great Land   > Home   > Forum

Geocaching   > Introducing Geocache  
General Discussion   > Let's Go Geocaching  
Alaska Regional Discussion   > General Discussion  
Geocaching Our Own   > Introduction of Interest  
Geocaching News & Organization   > Geocaching Customer Support  
Ory   > Alaska in-Cameras

Go, our Newsletter Archive, and EduVent Presentation Downloads!  
Ideas or Posts to catch up on the latest activity!

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Home   >   Forum   >   July 12 - Geocaching on the Alaska 100 Annual Event - Ketchikan Municipal Park

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**Geocaching**

Board                              Threads                      Posts                      Last Post

The top navigation menus allow drop-down access to any board. A FTF icon appears on any board that has new posts since your last visit. Simply hover your mouse pointer over the menus to expand them. Sub-boards appear to the right of main boards that show an arrow symbol to the right.

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## GCAK Forums

**GEOCACHE ALASKA!**  
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Multi-boards

Board	Threads	Posts	Last Post
General Discussion Let's go geocaching or introduce us to each other	11	24	by <a href="#">Loren Wap</a> Wed, 05/01/13 10:25 AM
Alaska Regional Discussion 36 days ago	17	412	by <a href="#">Loren Wap</a> Wed, 04/24/13 11:10 AM

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**General Discussion**

Subject	Created By	Replies	Views	Last Post
<b>ASK!</b> Geocaching Relationships Receipt	Loren Wap	1	20	by <a href="#">Loren Wap</a> Wed, 04/24/13 10:25 AM
<b>ASK!</b> Geocaching Relationships Receipt	Loren Wap	1	10	by <a href="#">Loren Wap</a> Wed, 04/24/13 10:25 AM
<b>ASK!</b> Request for help with creating a Geocaching Trip	Loren Wap	1	21	by <a href="#">Loren Wap</a> Wed, 04/24/13 10:25 AM
<b>ASK!</b> Request for help with creating a Geocaching Trip	Loren Wap	1	21	by <a href="#">Loren Wap</a> Wed, 04/24/13 10:25 AM
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Hovering will show text of first post and clicking FTF will go to the next new post

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**GCAK Forums**

Sample of some posts in a thread with some quoted text

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**GCAK Forums**

Profile view page with the various tabs along the top

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**GCAK Forums**

In the Edit Profile view, you have settings that can be made to many features

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## GCAK Forums



- To get an email notification when a thread gets new posts, bookmark the thread from the Actions drop down box at the top of the thread
- You may edit or delete your own posts, but use caution as this may cause gaps in the thread
- The more folks who use the forums, the better the experience for everyone; if you see a question or topic of interest, please respond to it with your opinion or provide an answer
- Feel free to jump in and ask questions!

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## GroundSpeak Forums



- ❖ These are the international geocaching forums hosted by GroundSpeak
- ❖ Go to [forums.groundspeak.com/GC](http://forums.groundspeak.com/GC)
- ❖ A separate registration is required
- ❖ These forums are frequented by people from all over the country and the world, thus discussion will contain many geographic points of view on geocaching

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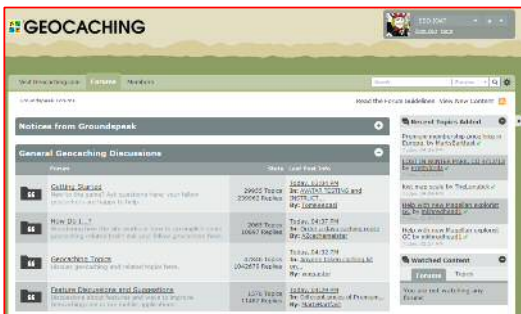
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## GroundSpeak Forums



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## GroundSpeak Forums





Sample of the General Discussion Geocaching Topics board with a list of recent thread updates. New topics can be added by clicking the button at the top right of the page. The little orange symbol to the left of the thread title will take you directly to the newest post that you haven't yet read.

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## Internet Safety



- Do not click on questionable links on forum postings, email, messages, or advertisements
- Run updated anti-virus software at all times
- The advertising banners on the top and bottom of our forums are not controlled by or benefit GeocacheAlaska! in any way. These ads are targeted via cookies placed in your browser when you visit other sites (e.g. Amazon), so you may see ads that appear to know where you've been. They do. It is best to ignore these ads.

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## Resources

- GeocacheAlaska! Inc. Website: [www.geocachealaska.org](http://www.geocachealaska.org)
- GeocacheAlaska! Forums: [geocachealaska.proboards.com](http://geocachealaska.proboards.com)
- Groundspeak Help Center: [support.groundspeak.com](http://support.groundspeak.com)
- Geocacher University: [geocacher-u.com](http://geocacher-u.com)





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