




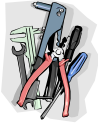




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**Geocaching TOTT
FUNdamentals**


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Tonight's Topics: 

- ▶ Let's Talk Tweezers
- ▶ Did we mention you need a GPS?
- ▶ Smart Phones for Dummies
- ▶ Construction Zone
- ▶ Magic - Magnets & Mirrors
- ▶ Let It Snow!
- ▶ Let there be Light
- ▶ Going caveman... Natural Materials
- ▶ Pets: Not just for fetching sticks






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What is TOTT? 


“Tools Of The Trade”

Any tool, object, device, gizmo, gadget, wiz jig, thing-a-ma-bob, widget, contraption or other item that assists with getting a specific task or “trade” accomplished.







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Let's Talk Tweezers



- ❖ They come in all shapes and sizes from Eyebrow Pluckers to Needlenose Pliers
- ❖ Leather Man, Hemostat, or Chop Sticks
- ❖ Long or Short – Plump or Slender
- ❖ Retrieve cache containers from tight spaces
- ❖ Pull the rolled logs from Bisons or Nanos

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Did we mention you need a GPS?




- Calibration
- Navigation
- Waypoint Averaging
- Projecting Waypoints




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Smart Phones for Dummies



- ▶ Android, iPhone, BlackBerry, or iPad
- ▶ WiFi or Data access to Geocaching.com
- ▶ Geocaching Apps
- ▶ QR & Barcode readers
- ▶ Instant Notifications
- ▶ PAF (phone a friend) or TAQ (text a question)
- ▶ A great Muggle Disguise



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Construction Zone




- o **Becoming a Muggle:**
 - o Safety Vests
 - o Clip Board
 - o Hard Hat
- o Look like you're supposed to be there and the real muggles won't even notice you exist!

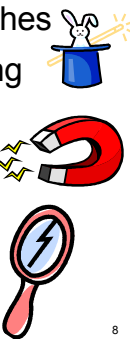



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Magic - Magnets & Mirrors



- Magnets for retrieving caches
 - Not so good for replacing
- Can be mounted on a rod
- Can be hung from a cord
- Inspection Mirrors
- Metal Detectors



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Let It Snow!








- ❄ Shovels
- ❄ Snow Shoes
- ❄ Skis
- ❄ "Skaching"
- ❄ Probes
- ❄ Geo-Trails



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Let there be Light







- **Light:**
 - Flashlights 
 - Headlamps 
 - UV Lights 
- **Can be helpful any time of day or night**
 - Searching inside dark places such as pipes or holes 

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Going caveman... Natural Materials



- Walking Sticks
 - Probes 
 - Cache retrieval
 - Cache replacement
 - Attach wire or hook to end 
- Rocks 
- Homemade Tools 

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Pets: Not just for Fetching Sticks



- ⊕ Our Best Friends 
- ⊕ Sniffing out caches 
- ⊕ Protection or Early Warning for Moose, Bears, and Muggles 
- ⊕ Carrying all the TOTT
- ⊕ Transportation 
- ⊕ Good Muggle cover for why you're pacing around off the trail, "Go potty, Fido... come on boy..." 


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Join GeocacheAlaska! 

- A basic **Cheechako** membership is Free!
- Your paid **Sourdough** membership keeps the organization running!
- **Get Involved!** Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors! Elections will be held in early November.





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Join the party 

Grab your Cameras!

- ❖ The annual Calendar Photo Contest is underway!
- ❖ Open to all **Cheechako** and **Sourdough** Members
- ❖ Look for details in the [Forums](#), [Newsletters](#), and on the [GeocacheAlaska!](#) website
- ❖ All valid submissions will be posted to a new photo album on our website as they come in!



Send all entries via email to: 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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Resources 

- GeocacheAlaska! Inc. Website: www.geocachealaska.org
- GeocacheAlaska! Forums: geocachealaska.proboards.com
- Groundspeak Help Center: support.groundspeak.com
- Geocacher University: geocacher-u.com




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