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**Signature Items and Pathtags
 FUNdamentals**


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Tonight's Topics: 

- ▶ What are Signature Items?
- ▶ Examples of Signature Items
- ▶ Pathtag Basics 
- ▶ Designing Pathtags

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What are Signature Items? 

- ❖ Personal items that are left in caches as a way of saying, "I was here" (in addition to signing the log).
- ❖ Can be just about any small trinket, which can be generic or customized to reflect the cacher
- ❖ These are usually left as "SWAG" in a geocache; unlike trackable items such as geocoins and travel bugs, signature items become standard trade items
- ❖ Many cachers drop their signature item in every cache that has the room and frequently do not take anything in exchange for the item as it is just a sign of their visit
- ❖ You may trade SWAG for signature items left in a cache

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Examples of Signature Items 

- Laminated Business Cards (*must be waterproof*)
- Customized Baseball-style Trading Cards 
- Customized Poker Chips 
- Customized Wooden Nickels 
- Customized Bottle Caps
- Customized Buttons 
- Small toys or key-chain style trinkets

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Pathtag Basics and Design
www.pathtags.com

So you found a little coin
 with a hole in it....
 What does this mean?

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What Are Pathtags? 

- Pathtags are personal trading items. Used most often in Geocaching, they are also very handy for Scouting, Military and Promotional use. The online gallery displays thousands of tags which have been designed by individuals and produced by Pathtags.com.
- The physical Pathtag integrates with an online community to enable collecting and trading of tags with others from all over the world. 

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Online Video Tutorials (YouTube)



- [Creating A User](#)
- [Ordering A Starter Kit](#)
- [Fast Labels Tutorial](#)
- [Wishlist Trading Tutorial](#)
- [Editing A Tag Profile and Name](#)
- [Multiple Tag Logging](#)
- [Initiating a Trade](#)
- [Redeeming and Using PathCash](#)
- [Logging Pathtags](#)
- [Using Tag Editor Version 2](#)

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The Forums is an area where members can communicate with each other and participate in contests, conversations and games. This is a quick rundown on exploring the site.

Using The Pathtag Tag Editor Version 2

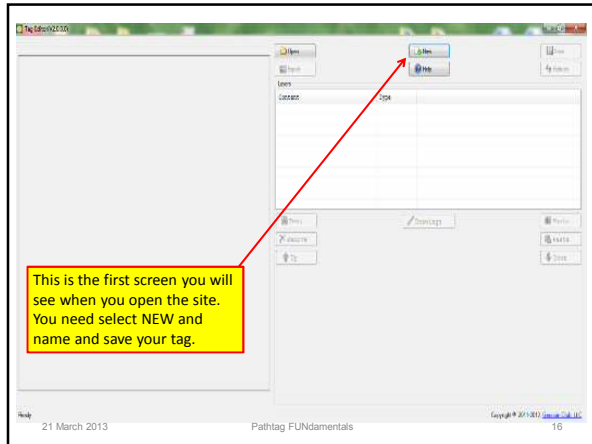


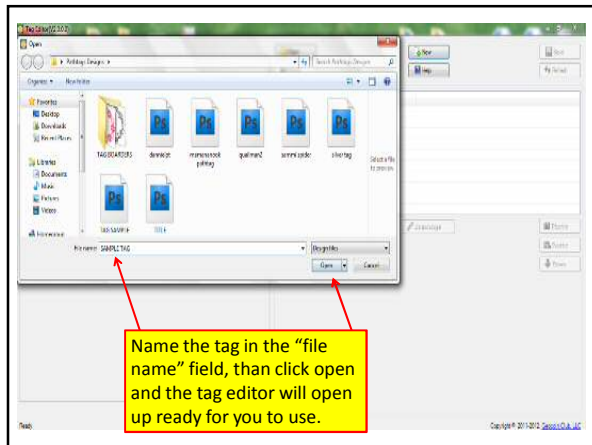
- There is a great free design tool called, Tag Editor. You can download it free from the web site (login required).
- We will look at the process of creating you own tag using the Tag Editor.

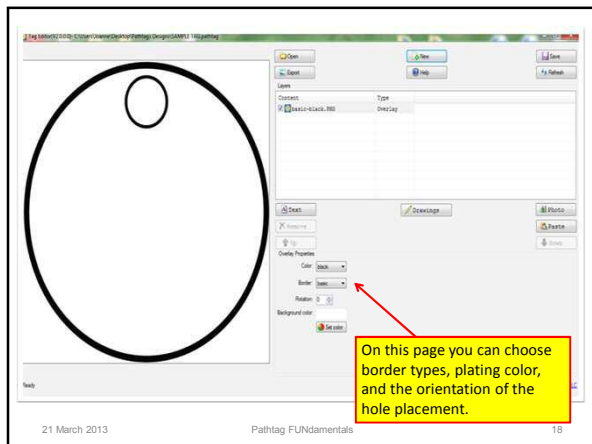
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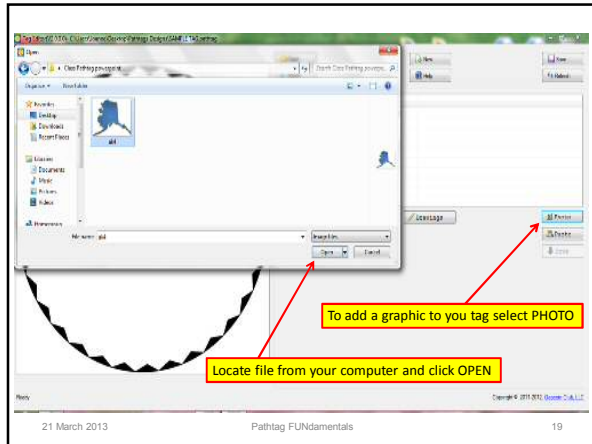
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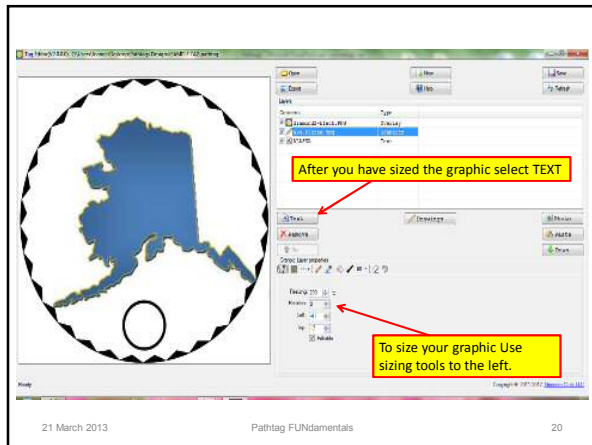
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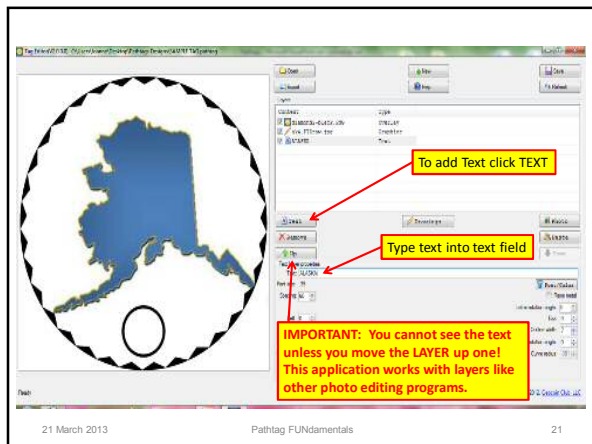














PathTags

You do not have to use the Tag Editor to create a pathtag. You can use any editing tool. Photo Shop, Gimp, & Paint... will all work. You just need to save the final art in a jpeg format to upload when purchasing your tag and submitting your design. To best use the site I advise relaxing with a cup of coffee and just explore the different areas within the site. It is a user friendly site and the video tutorials are great!

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Sourdough Members: Please Renew your membership for the 2013 caching year!

Our online Forums have been completely redesigned with a major software upgrade. If you haven't been to our forums lately, drop in and check it out. Join in the discussions!

GeocacheAlaska! needs your help with on our standing committees. Join any committee of interest in the Forums!

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Resources

- GS Knowledge Books: support.groundspeak.com
- GeocacheAlaska! Forums: geocachealaska.proboards.com
- GeocacheAlaska! Website: www.geocachealaska.org
- Pathtags Website: www.pathtags.com
- Pathtags Forums: forums.pathtags.com/forum.php
- Join or Renew GeocacheAlaska! Sourdough Membership: www.geocachealaska.org/join_geocachealaska.htm

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