


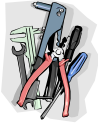






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**Geocaching TOTT  
 FUNdamentals**

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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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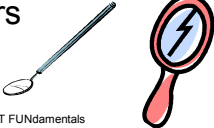
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### Magic - Magnets & Mirrors



- 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!
- **Coming Soon!** Trackable Sourdough member name tags will be provided to Sourdough members!





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**Coming Events...**

- **June 28** – “pi-2, or is it two pies”  
**Anchorage** [GC3MY3J](#)
- **July 15** – “Let’s Make A Deal. Sunday CITO”  
**Girdwood** [GC3J4N2](#)
- **July 29** – “Caching On The Kenai – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic”  
**Kenai** [GC3EN6B](#)





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**Join the party**

- ❖ 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!

**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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## 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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