

Around The State



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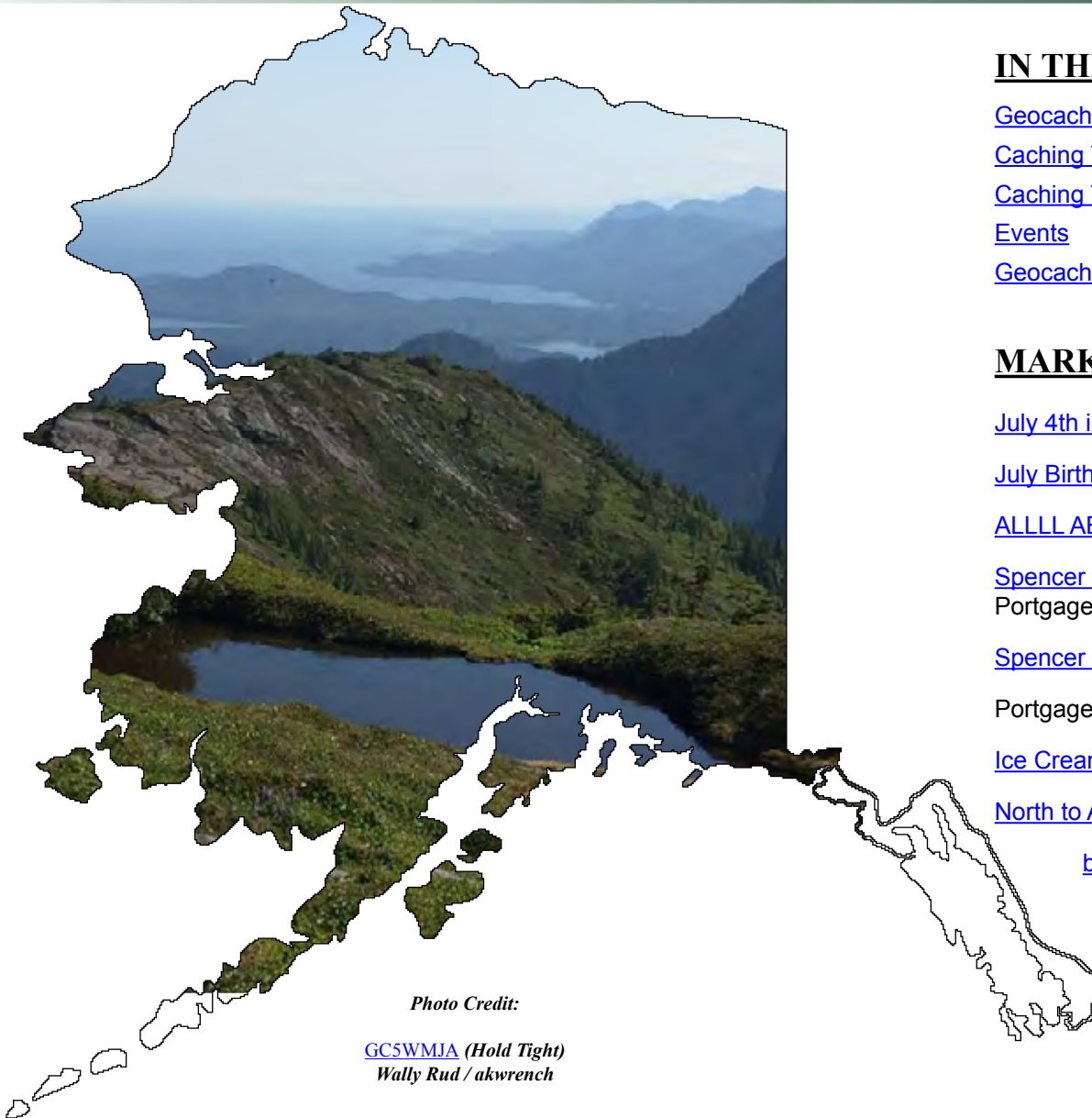


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GeocacheAlaska! Updates

President's Corner

By Wes Skinner / NorthWes



Interesting activities are perking away in the background as our members have been out enjoying one of the warmest and driest summers we've ever seen. An incredible number of event caches have helped us meet visitors and locals alike, and there's some challenging and fun events yet to occur in the next two months. Be sure to use the search function on the Groundspeak website to keep abreast of upcoming events (if a geo-buddy hadn't frantically messaged me, I'd have missed a chance to get a hug from a long-distance friend at her cruise crew's Anchorage event last week!)

Development work is edging forward to incorporate geocaching as part of the Anchorage Museum of Art and History's focus on life in the North. In partnership with the US Forest Service, geocachers will help provide photo evidence from cache sites which will be on display at a Museum exhibit designed to encourage visitors to Get Outdoors and experience specific locations around Alaska. Some earthcaches here in the state already promote this sort of continuing photographic evidence of particular locations like Mendenhall Glacier and Turnagain Arm. Sharing our perspectives and photos taken while out enjoying our passion for geocaching will contribute to a broader understanding of possible change occurring at some of Alaska's signature natural sites.

Another background activity is an effort underway to adopt trailheads along the west side of Chugach State Park. GeocacheAlaska Inc. has purposed to host CITO activities and eduvents at trailheads such as Prospect Heights, and is partnering with the very small (in numbers) park staff to target other areas where trash has become a problem. The Cache-In Trash-Out ethic that's a major part of geocaching has already impressed Chugach State Park rangers with its positive impact at some signature cache locations near trailheads, and has led staff to ask GeocacheAlaska Inc to help with other 'Get Outdoors' activities. One specific request was for help in providing field lessons in using the top-end GPS units that staff carries, but doesn't know how to use to the fullest. Of course, we'll show how geocaching helps refine GPS skills, but we'll also show off some of the technical aspects of GPS use that helps with backcountry travel and resource management. This kind of partnering helps pave the way for positive

actions by Park staff such as the long-term permit granted by Alaska State Parks for geocaching in state parks. So next time you see a CITO Event advertised, bring yourself along for a great time outdoors with like-minded cachers who want to give back to land managers who let us place geocaches on public lands!

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.

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](#).

GeocacheAlaska! Updates

New Monthly Giveaway for paid Sourdough Members

By: Sean Gaither / FTL-AK

So the GeocacheAlaska! Board voted to increase member support, and we will have a monthly giveaway for all paid members of GeocacheAlaska! Why are we doing this? We are doing this to provide some added value to your membership. I will be providing a list of who won on the newsletter for the year so everyone can see. Will it be you?

Rules:

1. Only paid GeocacheAlaska! Members are allowed to participate. I have that list and will look at it monthly so 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 5 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 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! Or I can give you my home address...
 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 is the proud winner of a Limited edition Dutch Windmill Trackable. (Two are Still Available in the GeocacheAlaska! Store.)
 - April Winner: Braveladd is the proud winner of a 15 Year Spinner Geocaching Coin.
 - May Winner: Polgera is the proud winner of a 15 year Road Trip Crew coin!
 - twinkywalks is the June winner of a Lego Ammo Can Cache Container. *some assembly required*. Thank you for being a paid member of GeocacheAlaska!

July's Giveaway winner is MamaMouse You have won a 2015 Geocaching Lacey geo coin!



Make sure your membership is paid: it's the only thing you have to do to be entered in to win!

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee is looking for fun and creative people. You're invited to join us and see what its all about. Join us for the next meeting which is July 6 at 6 PM in the Starbucks across from Target on 100th and C Street.

If you're unable to make this one but, are interested in joining us in the future, please send Sean / [FTL – AK](#) a message and he will make sure to keep you in the loop.

Editor's Note

By Cathy Wilmeth / [The_Firefly](#)

The submission deadline for the next issue of *Around The State* is **July 20, 2016**. I'm happy to help with any questions or concerns you may have about submitting! Send to editor@geocachealaska.org

Caching Tricks, Tips, and Tools

Reviewer's Corner

By Michael Malvick / Greatland Reviewer

JBER, DNF Strings and TB Inventories

Caches Still Banned on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson

Cachers are reminded that caches are still banned on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER). Cachers are also reminded that access to some caches in the front range of the Chugach Mountains near Anchorage and Eagle River require crossing JBER land which requires registration with the iSportsman system if you do not have military ID. For detailed information about how to access JBER lands and maps of military land boundaries, visit <https://jber.isportsman.net/Access.aspx>.

Caches with growing DNF strings

Beginning June 5, I changed how I manage caches with a growing string of "Didn't Find It" (DNF) logs. I will Disable caches with three or four consecutive DNFs and no prior Cache Owner Note to the cache page. Sometime later (at least thirty days), I will review any of those disabled caches that have not yet been enabled by the Cache Owner and post my standard Reviewer Note about the cache being Disabled for more than thirty days and failure to perform maintenance and enable the cache within thirty days may result in archival.



This will result in a time period of at least sixty days from the first time I look at a cache with many DNFs and when the cache will be archived. If extenuating circumstances prevent maintenance or verification during that time period, a Reviewer Note to the cache page from the Cache Owner is sufficient to "reset" the clock. I will do my best to apply "objective subjectivity" to those caches that are particularly evil and will naturally accrue DNF strings. However, I do encourage the Cache Owners of such caches to periodically check those caches and post an update to the cache page with a "Note" log assuring the caching public the cache is, in fact, still there.

The intent of this approach is to improve the playing field for ALL cachers by eliminating those caches that have effectively been abandoned by the Cache Owner. Let's all work together to assure positive quality caching experiences when Cachers play the game.



Cache Maintenance – TB Inventory

In addition to maintaining their cache containers and log books, Cache Owners should also periodically verify the trackable inventory of their caches is correct. Sometimes, Cache Finders pick up a trackable and never properly log in out of the cache. This results in the trackable showing on the cache page which leads other cachers to believe there should be a trackable in the container and leaves the trackable's owner wondering what happened.

To check on a cache's trackable inventory, log into your account, click on your player name at the upper right-hand corner of the cache page and then click on "Geocaches (Yours)." This will create a list of all your owned caches. Look down the "Info" column for the trackable item icon () or other custom trackable icon (such as ). Click on the cache name to visit the cache page (tip – if you are going to check more than one cache page, right-click on the cache name and select "open in new tab.") and you will see the list of trackables that have been logged into the cache in the "Inventory" box on the right-hand side of the page. Click on "View all Trackables" to bring up the list of the trackables that includes the "last log" history. Trackables that have been in the cache for an extended period of time (my alter ego, Ladybug Kids, will mark any trackable missing that has not been logged within three months to a year, depending on how often the cache is visited) without being discovered are candidates to be "Marked as Missing." To visit more than one trackable's page, right click on the trackable's name and choose "open in new tab." If the trackable is likely missing, under the "Actions" box on the right-hand side of the cache page, click "Mark Item Missing," "Go," then "Agree" when asked if you are sure you want to mark the trackable missing.

Don't be too quick to mark a trackable as missing if the cache was recently visited. Sometimes cachers who are traveling take a while to catch up on their trackable logs. If a trackable is marked as missing and eventually turns up, the next person who logs the trackable merely has to grab the trackable from an "unknown location" to move it into their inventory for subsequent logging.

Your local Reviewer can also mark trackables as missing for caches that are not being maintained by the Cache Owner. If you are aware of a cache(s) that has an incorrect trackable inventory, you can send the Reviewer an e-mail or message with the GC# of the cache and the list of trackables that appear to be missing.

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Stammtisch!

By: Sean Gaither / FTL-AK

Did FTL-AK really post the week of events? Is he crazy? Yes and yes. I wanted to challenge myself and see if I could get away with having a week of Stammtisch events a different location each day. Well, I'm happy to say I pulled it off. Saturday June 12 we had snacks, Monday we had mochas, Tuesday we had takeout, and Wednesday we had some wicked awesome hotdogs! We had a thirsty Thursday, followed by fried ice cream Friday, and we ended the week with Successful Stammtisch Saturday in Sunset Park. I did this to prove a point to myself that I could host an event every night of the week. I also love numbers so here they are.

Saturday 12th Snacks - 17 in attendance.

Monday 13th Mochas - 25 in attendance.

Tuesday 14th Takeout in Taku 22 in attendance (plus a bike-through from DR-AK & AW-AK.)

Wednesday 15th Wicked Awesome hotdogs - 27 in attendance.

Thursday 16th Thirsty Thursday - 24 in attendance.

Friday 17th Fried Ice-cream 22 - in attendance.

Saturday 18th Successful 22 in attendance.

I had 10 people not myself show to every event! I had a total of 159 logs! And 43 different geocaches in total over the 7 days! A huge thanks to GeocacheAlaska! for donating coins and money for donuts. Thank you everyone for coming to my events and having fun. Thank you FTL-AK, TheLastFrontier, Adventurphal, Bearmaul, Hockey Chicks, Nobznobe, noblecubz, green M&M, DMZLStones, AKLois&Clark, Tundra Tim, Hyfolks26, PolurisPrime10, AKladyPuffin, Pentrek, blazing pathways, tomonoble, capsheldon, wocm, pathmd, Meljo, Cavyguy, freeweaz, buffalo99507, nanook99507, moosey99507, Frodofoi, NorthWes, MrsWes, Alasken, RCWard, GeoZombie, *Skadi*, alaskavans, whiteraven1969, wolfmaster1, akfestue, ppanther, grumpyoldtexan, Valerieseaker, Ladybug kids, KL1ZC, RSPace. Also thank you Panther and Grumpyoldtexan for visiting Alaska and sharing your stories it was very nice meeting you both and I'm happy you were able to make it to a couple of events.

So we haven't had a Stammtisch every month this year: who wants to take on July?

5 Stage Multi - A Birthday Gift

By: Sean Gaither / FTL-AK



So, TheLastFrontier was going to be out of state for my birthday, but she left me an amazing gift. She planted a five stage multi that only I could find.

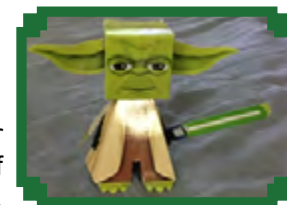
Stage one: phone call on my birthday explaining I would find my birthday card in the geocaching movie we watched. ([Splinterheads](#)) the movie is rated R so I don't recommend it with the kiddos. If you're an old school geocache you will laugh out loud when you see the website. This movie is not about geocaching it just has geocaching and it.

So I open my amazing card and discover very kindhearted note concordance... also the card was Yoda as seen in the photos.



Card 2 was at the set of coordinates I had. It was another very nice card with a gift card and some happy birthday confetti, in place of coordinates this time it had a trackable code ([G617W4](#)) well that's the trackable to my car and with no additional coordinates I went to my car and started looking around. Then I found card number 3, with another cute note, another gift card, and another set of coords.

Then I found card 4 and it directed me to find my gift hidden safely. Thank you very much for the fun filled day adventure. Now I really have to do something to top that!



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Ice Road Cacher II

By Michael Malvick / Ladybug Kids

Last month, I wrote about my experiences caching along the Dalton Highway, which was featured in a few seasons of the reality cable show, "Ice Road Truckers." I returned to the Land of the Midnight Sun for four days during the week following Summer Solstice and found four of the caches on my unfound list, including two on the way to a successful summit of the south peak of Mount Sukakpak, and placed five more caches for future adventurous cachers to find.

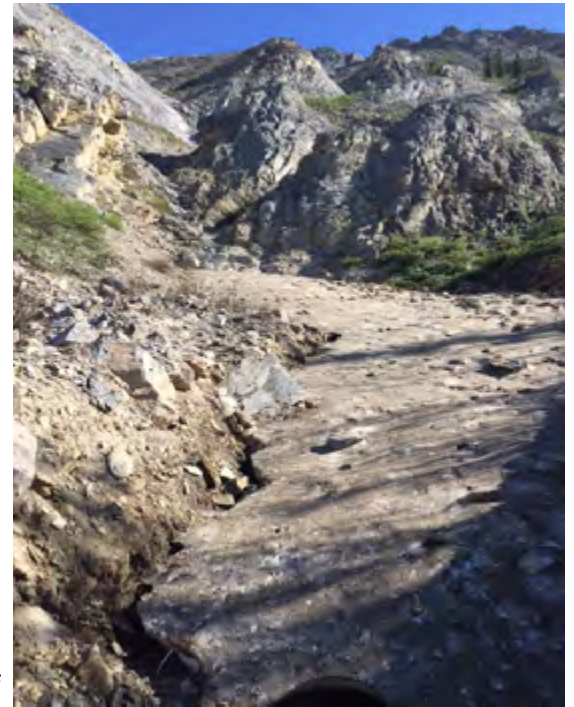


My first stop on the northbound part of the trip was to perform community maintenance for [GC2XGQD](#), **Yukon River Crossing**. Correspondence with another cacher confirmed for the distant Cache Owner that the cache was missing, so I fashioned a new container and retention mechanism for the unique, fun placement before leaving home. A

quick stop outside the BLM campground allowed me to place the replacement container and continue north to Pump Station 5 for some pipeline testing.

The next day was a free day for me, so after eating a hearty pump station breakfast, I left my trip plan with a dubious security guard and drove about seventy miles north to Dalton Highway Milepost 203, where there is a wide pullout opposite Mount Sukakpak. I'd done a reconnaissance hike around the southwest flank of the mountain about six weeks earlier, so I had a pretty good idea of the route to take for my best chance to find [GC5FBDR](#), **Mt. Sukakpak Lunch Spot**, and [GC4QX8J](#), **Mt. Sukakpak Final Ascent**. The former cache was found for the first time about a month earlier, but the latter cache was still awaiting a FTF visit.

As soon as I exited my rig, a rock slide came down the west face of the peak, with sounds of the tumbling rocks echoing off the cliffs for at least a minute. Climbing the west face of this limestone mountain is an extremely technical Class 5+ endeavor, but an approach from the south to the southeast summit ridge ends in a beautiful alpine ridge walk to the south and then the north summits of Mount Sukakpak. The route begins with a 0.9 mile walk over small tussocks and patches of taiga before climbing the south shoulder of the mountain in earnest. I learned during my earlier visit that staying low a little longer than intuition says in order to stay out of the frost heaves (palsas) and slope failure crevasses that appear closer to the cliffs. Once east of those terrain features, I was able to tackle the ridge head on and climb up through the black spruce its crest and pick up the game trail that leads above treeline and ends near the Mt. Sukakpak Lunch Spot cache. A little scrambling over scree led me to the cache where I became only the second person to sign the log.



With the Mt. Sukakpak Final Ascent cache serving as a waypoint, I stifled the urge to head straight up the scree toward the peak and instead dropped into the ravine, crossed the rapidly melting snow patch, and resumed climbing up through a willow-covered slope. Just as I climbed above the last of the trees, I checked my GPS and realized I was about 0.3 miles west of the next cache. I remembered the cache page said the location was a great place for a break before going for the summit, so I broke away from the direct route I was on and sidehilled to the east toward ground zero. Once I arrived, I looked with some consternation at the terrain because nothing about it agreed with the descrip-

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tion. Instead of a rock wall on my left and a rock outcropping on my right, I was on a gently sloping ridge covered with rich tundra plantlife including several varieties of wildflowers. I read the cache page description again and realized I just might have all the information I needed to find the cache using only the written words (this is sometimes called “letterboxing” the location). I walked up the ridge, circled around the rock outcrop,

and moved slowly along it, checking each likely hiding place. I had just about run out of outcrop to inspect when I found the container nestled in a “natural cave” exactly as described. I opened the container, extracted the blank log book, signed it, and added some comments about the warm, extreme blue bugless conditions of the day.

I replaced the cache as found and turned my attention to the final climb to the summit. The rock wall of Sukakpak presented the first obstacle, but moving through the saddle toward the Bettles River revealed an easy way up/through the feature and then I was on my way up a very stable scree slope on a route that zig-zagged uphill. The scree eventually gave way to solid rock which was especially nice during a twenty-foot long section on top of the ridge that was



perhaps four feet wide with a sheer drop to the left and a very steep slope to the right. I drank a lot of water during this part of the climb because conditions were like being in a reflector oven with the sun shining down from above and also bouncing off all the surrounding white limestone. The south and north peaks of Mount Sukakpak came into view and I knew I would stand on at least one of the summits shortly. The route continued up the ridge, rolling a bit to the right to find an easy way down a small rock band before leading straight to the south summit. The summit itself is a rough pile of rocks with a 360° view of the surrounding area that includes

Dillon Mountain, Wiehl Mountain, Poss Mountain, Bettles River, Middle Fork Koyukuk River, Dietrich River, Dalton Highway, the Trans Alaska Pipeline, and the eastern edge of Gates of the Arctic National Park. I could even see my rig from there!



Unfortunately, what I also saw (and later heard) coming down the Koyukuk River Valley was a thunder storm. The north summit was still 0.4 mile away, the route looked straightforward, but the prospect of dodging lightning bolts up here and downclimbing through the steep wet tundra in a rain storm prompted me to descend rather than push forward. My return trip was straightforward *except* I turned down the final ridge about two hundred yards too soon and found myself in the maze of palsas and crevasses, which significantly slowed my progress

as I wove around the ground obstacles and fallen spruce trees that had been uprooted by the shifting mountainside. My decision to turn back before visiting the north summit was validated when I drank the last of my water thirty minutes before I reached the rig and the sky unleashed a deluge complete with marble-sized hail stones five minutes after I stepped back onto the Dalton Highway. Statistics for the hike are 6.5 miles including



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the detour to the wrong ground zero for the second cache, 3500' total elevation gain, peak elevation of 4413', and a total trip time of 5.5 hours. Knowing the route now, I think I could easily shave an hour off that time which could have been used to reach the north summit and return. I look forward to returning to take care of some unfinished business.



Speaking of unfinished business, I stopped by MP 86 Outlook to find [GC15NRE](#), **Fireweed Valley**, on my way back to Fairbanks. A chain was across the road due to the hilltop being converted into a gravel and rock pit for Dalton Highway improvements. However, I was able to go up the road on foot, skirted a humungous gravel pile, and slipped into the alders for about fifty yards before emerging into the old burn area. I imagine the location was a lot more barren when PedalPushin originally placed the cache because young birch trees are popping up all over the slope. However, I easily found the ammo can once my GPS led me to a cool forest fire relic. After signing the log, I jogged back to my rig to continue my homeward journey.

During the final 85 miles of the drive, I placed a new cache near the beginning of the Dalton Highway, and stopped at the Wickersham Dome Trailhead for a quick trail run to replace our missing [Ski Loop Dome](#) cache before heading for the airport.

Weather forecasts for regions north of Fairbanks may be obtained here from the [NOAA website](#). Road conditions for Fairbanks to Prudhoe Bay along the Steese, Elliot, and Dalton Highways may be obtained by dialing "511" (while still within range of a cell tower!) and from the [Alaska Department of Transportation website](#).



Recent Events

Check out these recent Geocaching events!

[WWFM XIII - Anchorage AK - Town Square Flash Mob!](#), June 4, 9am, Anchorage

[TWICE AS NICE AS PI - PLUS A SOUVENIR!](#), June 11, 6:28pm, Anchorage

[Sunday Snacks Stammtisch in the park](#), June 12, 3pm, Anchorage

[Monday Mocha's Stammtisch](#), June 13, 5:30pm, Anchorage

[An Idahoan in Alaska](#), June 13, 6pm, Anchorage

[Tuesday Take Out Stammtisch in Taku](#), June 14, 6:30pm, Anchorage

[Hello, Hoonah!](#), June 14, 9am, Hoonah

[Wednesdays Wicked Awesome hotdogs Stammtisch!](#), June 15, 6:30pm, Anchorage

[Thirsty Thursday Stammtisch!](#), June 16, 7pm, Anchorage

[Fridays Fried ice-cream Stammtisch](#), June 17, 6:30pm, Anchorage

[Saturday Successful Stammtisch in Sunset Park](#), June 18, 11am, Anchorage

[Calling All Dads](#), June 19, 2pm, Anchorage

[Summer Solstice 2016](#), June 20, 6:30pm, Anchorage

[Team CSG is in Ketichikan. Stop by for some coffee](#), June 23, 8am, Ketchikan

[Bon Voyage Meet and Greet](#), June 23, 6:30pm, Anchorage

[Lost and Alone in Anchorage](#), June 26, 4:30pm, Anchorage

[Juneau the Way to the Event? 2](#), June 26, 7pm, Juneau

[Let's go Meet and Greet with Lydia](#), June 27, 4pm, Skagway

[The Rock Solid Meet and Greet](#), June 29, 4pm, Ketchikan

Recent Events

Prospect Heights CITO

By Michael Malvick / Ladybug Kids



Sixteen GeocacheAlaska! members kicked off the 4th of July holiday weekend with public service at the Chugach State Park Prospect Heights and Upper Huffman Trailheads. Fuzzybelly, hyfolks26, and polarisprime10 took on cleaning up the Upper Huffman Trailhead while the rest of the group dispersed to clean up the Prospect Heights parking lot and sections of the nearby hiking and single track mountain bike trails. There wasn't much refuse to collect, but the omonra team, capsheldon, and Ladybug Kids scooped a fair amount of dog poop in the parking area and first few hundred yards of the trails leading from the lot.

Alaska State Parks volunteer Chris Zundel caught both groups in the act as he did his routine Saturday morning patrol and restroom maintenance. He thanked us for our efforts before continuing on his way. Camerae added to the team's notoriety by taking photos to post on the ILoveAnchorage Instagram account.

After an hour of effort, the group reconvened to partake in peanut butter cookies baked by the youngest junior ladybug and receive prizes distributed by random draw. Several pairs of Groundspeak sunglasses and an assortment of CITO trackables were awarded as KR-AK drew the names.

Many thanks to Buffalo99507 for coming out to her second CITO, to Lily for giving me my dog fix since I left my pack at home, to akgh519 for climbing down from his latest tree hide to lend a hand, to DR-AK for preparing the CITO bucket of supplies, to FTL-AK for compiling the prize kits, and to Tundra Tim and Klondike Kate for brightening up the morning with their smiles as they cleaned.



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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.

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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.

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