

Geocachers of West Tennessee

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A Message from the Leadership Committee

With Fall approaching, temperatures and leaves will be dropping soon, making for a better caching climate. As you are caching take the time to view the fall colors.

Caches of the Month By Prontopup

Green Frog Multicache (GCQXHQ)

This cache, located between Brownsville and Humboldt, is memorable for every cacher who has found it because of the special place where the cache is located. All stages of this cache are located in a reconstructed, turn-of-the-century community called Green Frog Village. Admission is free. Situated along Highway 412, this "community" includes an old church, a train station, log cabins, an old barn, old stores, and antique farm equipment. The stages of this multicache will take you through much of the village but not all of it by any means. This is one of those caches where you want to take some extra time to look explore and see all there is to see. Try to look in every building - you will find things of interest in each one. Be sure to check out the church, where weddings are still held, and the old cotton gin (which definitely pre-dates OSHA!). The cache itself can be quite challenging thanks to the muggles which usually are around at every time of the day. When I hunted it, it took a long time to reach the final stage because people continually wandered by. This definitely is a "must-do" cache because it takes you to such an interesting location which many people do not know exists.

SCS #1: Sanderlin Place (GC153KN)

If you are in the mood to challenge your sanity, then this is a cache you will really enjoy. It is a "puzzle" cache but requires no special knowledge of inane subjects not does it require hours of decryption of text. Instead, you simply drive to the shopping center and count objects, such as light poles. But counting those objects is a challenge! As you circle the center it is easy to get confused - *did you count that object yet or not?* The first time I tried this cache, I came up with coordinates which put me in the front yard of a house behind the shopping center (the cache is not there). I had to count object three times before I found the container and signed the log. Take your "patience pill" with your sense of humor and you will enjoy this fun challenge!

FEATURED CACHER PROFILE: Canoe Guy



How did you come up with your caching name?

I have been an avid canoeist for many years. I took my first trip down the Arkansas Buffalo when I was a toddler and haven't quit since. It is one of my favorite ways to get outside. When thinking up a caching name, it was just one of the first things to pop into my mind. I think I was looking forward to finding a bunch of caches by boat.



How did you hear about geocaching?

The Jackson Sun featured an article about caching back in the summer of 2005. It seemed to combine a couple of my favorite things; the outdoors and technology. I got my love of the outdoors from my parents and from Scouting, my love of technology and gadgets I picked up in college, and caching gave me a reason to get outside and have an adventure while playing with high tech toys!

After I found my first cache, which was “Up on a Heal” in Brownsville, prior to even owning a GPS, the owner of that cache, Primofam, left me a GOWT coin hidden in an alley near my place of business and sent me the coordinates. He got me hooked with his warm welcome and I have since adopted “Up on a Heal”.

What do you do for a living?

I am a cosmetic and family practice Dentist, but my practice offers many things that are not found in your average practice, like laser dentistry, computerized operatories, sedation, digital x-rays, and total mouth reconstructions using EKG data, which to my knowledge is only done at one other office in the whole state. So I get to play with high tech toys all day at work, too! Check out our website at www.premdent.com. You will also find a lot of articles there that I have written for various publications.

What are your favorite caches and caching area?

I love to cache when I travel to courses around the country, and some of my favorites are the spot where the first Gold Rush shipment from Alaska landed in Seattle, WA, The Grassy Knoll in Dallas, TX where Kennedy was assassinated, and various ones on the Vegas Strip. I even found some in British Columbia. Locally, I like caches that take you to some place special, like Ladyfinger Bluff on the Tennessee River or The Sugarloaf

Mountain cache in Arkansas. I also love it when a cache takes you to a great restaurant or unusual local landmark I may have never known about. And, of course, I love anything I can paddle to!

Do you have any short or long term caching goals?

Get back out there! I recently moved to a new house and my free time has been eaten up with home improvements. My four year old and two year old limit my mobility also. Somebody hide a few new ones around Jackson for me! I am not very numbers focused. I just like it when caching takes me somewhere interesting! For me, it is all about the location. The hide is secondary, but I appreciate creativity.

Do you have a funny caching story you would like to share?

Feeling the need to go somewhere scenic, I decided to go hike up to the top of Ladyfinger Bluff. The cache had not been found in five months, so I wasn't even sure it was still there. After hiking to the top and finding the cache, I turned to come back down the mountain. Only 200 feet down the trail, I spied two people coming up. It turned out to be two other cachers, Dalls and Volnut. After five months of no activity, we all show up at the cache within 20 minutes of each other! I got to watch and laugh as they stumbled around hunting the cache and then followed them to several others. It was actually the first time I ever cached in a group!

CELEBRATING CGEEK'S 3000!



On a warm Saturday morning in mid-August more than thirty people came together to help congratulate Cgeek on finding more than 3,000 caches during her caching career so far. The group includes cachers from all across the GOWT region as well as cachers from other states.

After an initial period of "meeting and greeting" the event started officially with a few "geo" games. The games pitted two cachers against Cgeek in trying to determine the distance, bearing, and coordinates of a distant object. Prizes were given to each of the three winners (Cgeek lost each game but had more fun than anyone).

Then several cachers asked for a few minutes to talk about Cgeek's accomplishment. Hoot Owl, Pcseenn, Abiectio, and Prontopup all noted how difficult Cgeek's achievement really was. And each thanked Cgeek for her contribution to the sport by her hiding 280 caches and by showing others how to cache. Finally, Cgeek was presented with a 3,000

caches-found geocoin. She also was given by GOWT three silver charms (each representing 1000 finds) - one a compass, one a computer mouse, and one a smiley face. The event wound down with the awarding of door prizes. A brand-new cacher, Janice, won a particularly notable prize - a book called "Geocaching for Dummies." Everyone had a good laugh and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Following the end of the formal event, a group of more than a dozen cachers walked through Johnson Road Park to find the six caches hidden there. The group actually found two different containers for "Frisbee Flyway" (only one was put back in place) and Pcsenn lost a pair of glasses somewhere along the caching route (despite a lot of looking no one has found it yet).

A good time was had by all. Congratulations to Cgeek!

MILESTONES

Titansfan	1900
Netinator	1700
Abiectio	1400
gonaem	300
BootsAndDora	100
Mindless Focus	100

ABOUT GEOCACHERS OF WEST TENNESSEE

GOWT is intended to be a family-friendly organization whose purpose is to promote geocaching in West Tennessee in a positive manner. We seek to welcome and respect the diversity of our membership and at the same time adhere to the principles expressed in the Geocacher's Creed which GOWT members helped to develop.

The organization shall strive to develop, through membership, an interest in and appreciation of the West Tennessee Area as related to the use of its natural and wild greenspace, parks, and recreation areas for our outdoor recreation and activities pertaining and related to geocaching, benchmarking, waymarking, and GPS usage, and to cooperate with other organizations that are working toward the conservation, preservation, and development of wilderness areas and recreational parks and greenspace.

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**The Leadership Committee for 2008:
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