

GCPC EPISODE 661 - Geocaching

Deadly Sins: Cache Owner Faux Pas

SB: Welcome everyone! It's Wednesday, it's 8:30 which means that it is once again time for the Geocaching podcast. I'm Scott Berks, we have shortyknits manning the phones and please welcome to my virtual left, my co-host: Chaz427

CC: Howdy All! Have you committed a deadly sin, of the Geocache owner variety?

SB: Tonight's Episode **661** recorded live on **April 14th, 2021** is the **Geocaching Deadly Sins: Cache Owner Faux Pas**. The phone lines are open so give us a call at 808-468-7924, that's 808 GOT SWAG and for international callers, you can call us for free via the web at callinstudio.com/show/gcpc

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SHOW NOTES:

NEWS:

- Coins are IN
- Adventure Labs show up on the GC map

EMAIL:

- Hi Jesse, Chad and Scott,
- This might be appropriate for another cacher coffee, or maybe your CO show, but we ran into this and it's a new one for me.

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- While traveling back from a caching series, I happened to look at my cachly and saw that there was an FTF available, just down the road and almost perfectly on the route we were headed. So, we decided to stop. The GC was GC98PD4, a multi-cache. The description read of a mis-archive and that the cache was being re-activated again. Our issue was that S1-GZ was in the middle of a tennis court! We spent the better part of a half-hour checking poles, pole caps, nearby fixtures, everything we could think of that might hold coordinates to S2. I thought I might send a note to the CO to let him know where we were and possibly get a check on GZ, but the user listed was "opted-out".
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- So, that's the dilemma. I get someone's right to privacy, but should a CO be allowed to opt-out from contact?
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- Now, here's an update: The CO is now listed, interesting. And here's the FTF log:
- As far as this re-published cache goes, this was our sixth FTF! However, nothing at Stage 1 or "the rock" gave us any clue to the cache location. We wondered about a UV light, but it didn't seem likely the CO would vandalize a park. Saw a few yards that had a geo-friendly vibe, with homeowners outside, but none knew a Rocky and we didn't explain any further. After an hour and a half of mulling over different ideas, to no avail, Pete happened to say aloud the entire name of the cache. It finally clicked for Lucy and after searching some geo-history, Ancestry, publicly available tax records, Zillow and Google maps, we felt confident enough to walk into a yard. Made the find almost immediately. We recently learned about favorite points and this gets our first one, we enjoyed the teamwork!
- The low difficulty rating, and kid friendly attribute, does not reflect the sheer amount of time and internet sleuthing it took to sign this logbook. Maybe we missed something...
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- The rating as a D1.5/T1.5. My buddy and I posted DNF's. Guess we needed to be more familiar with the locals. :-)
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- Looking forward to your thoughts!
- Merlin1392

SB:

- Damaging the environment placing the cache
 - Placing in bushes and getting them trashed
 - Nails in trees

- Geotrails
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- Proper use of the Owner Maintenance Log
 - Use it every time you perform maintenance
 - Don't use it when your planning to perform maintenance
 - Don't use the Write Note log for owner maintenance. If the Needs Maintenance icon is on your cache page, only the Owner Maintenance log will make it go away.
- Vacation caches aren't worth it
- Don't email finders asking them to leave a favorite point
- Attributes are intended to communicate what to expect at a cache location. Please use them for that purpose.
 - Don't intentionally add incorrect attributes to help people with challenge caches, or for a puzzle, or just to be funny. It defeats the purpose of preparing finders for the cache location.
 - Be especially mindful of the Wheelchair accessible attribute. If you're unsure if your cache location is wheelchair accessible, handicaching.com is an excellent resource to help you figure it out.
- Give your cache accurate difficulty and terrain ratings so that finders know what they're getting into.
- If you must delete a finder's log, communicate with them about it. Most of the time, the reasons for log deletion (ex. including a spoiler in the log) are innocent mistakes.
- Don't add content to your cache page after publication that doesn't comply with the guidelines. If it is brought to a reviewer's or Geocaching HQ's attention, the cache may be archived.

CC:

- Using inexcusably crappy container that are going to disintegrate in a short time or end up with a mushy log after the first rain.
- No Swag added to a new 'regular' or larger container
- Logging a find on your own cache (Event types of course are self loggable)
- Cheating the D/T rating on caches so someone can fill the grid
- Using a SockPuppet account to boost your own or other cachers stats.

SK:

- Submitting a cache for review without the container in place and not notifying the reviewer that it's not ready to publish yet
- Moving the coords after the cache publishes because the actual location is too close to an existing cache

- Not maintaining puzzles - meaning make sure all parts of the puzzle are working periodically. I've seen several that have broken images because the hosting is gone or the links from the cache page don't work anymore, etc.
- Hiding caches on private property without permission
- Adopting OUT a cache for the sole purpose of being able to log it as a find
- Adopting caches and then not checking/maintaining them

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- 5 Things They Never Tell Newbies About Trackables
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