

Show 21.0 - Fully themed challenge caches

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SHOW NOTES



- **Intro tidbits**

- We are your hosts Emily, and Geoff from Cache The Line, and we've Jesse joining us again
- Email any of your challenge caching questions, big or small, to challengetalkpodcast@gmail.com

- **Challenge Statistics update % Project-GC:**

- According to Project-GC (based on [checkers](#)) as of Mar 6:
 - 7532 active scripts (handling all the challenge algorithms) up from 7417 (+115)
 - 39817 unique challenges (different parameter sets) up from 39418 (+399)
 - 49036 active tags (unique checkers by GC code) up from 48516 (+520)
- 33068 active challenge caches worldwide (by attribute [search](#)) up from 32762 (+306) double last mo

- **News items:**

- Reach the peak ends Mar 7
- Snag the tag ramping up for April start
- New script type - geocaching territory ([checker 1 3km](#), [checker 2 5km](#)) - not (yet?) allowed
- Congrats to JustFindingOurWay - 1000 challenges ([instagram](#)) on his birthday
 - **100th challenge: GC2YQHK Favorites Challenge - 5x100**
- HQ's *Year of the Hide!* New souvenir for hiding a cache or hosting an event throughout 2022

- **TOPIC: Fully themed challenge caches**

- Discussion posts: [Challenge cache fans](#) / [Geocaching stats challenges & achievements](#) / [Forum](#)
 - A challenge requires finding some collection of experiences. Do you like when the final challenge cache itself also epitomizes the challenge?
- Pros and Cons

- Con: Sometimes you just want the reward for qualifying; on the road, finding before qualifying
- Con: Requirement to qualify can't include "this cache"
- Pro: But "this cache" isn't part of the challenge, and must be found by its own merit/DT anyway
- Pro: Epitome of the challenge is the final cache
- Pro/Con: Something good but not lame
- Emily
 - A Challenge trail has its own feel/purpose, so I'm not expecting more
 - I have had reactions toward boring challenges that I had hoped for more, and I have loved when they are themed; I'm not against any normal hide but I'll take creativity any day!
- **Community Q's** (emailed in questions, comments, or list at end of doc)
 - "Do you have any questions you'd like answered, talk about, explore? Big or small, email them to challengetalkpodcast@gmail.com

GAMETIME

- **Wheel Of Challenges!**
 - It's time for the Wheel of Challenges!
 - One live viewer each month will be selected to face off against the wheel
 - Have a chance to win the grand prize (1 year **membership on Project-GC**)
 - To enter, send an email with a subject containing "SPIN ME" followed by your geocaching username in brackets and the answer to the following question. The first verified user *gets the wheel*. Your profile will be checked live on Project-GC, and if you qualify, you win!
 - Here is your question: "According to HQ, this year is the year of the what?"
 - The answer to the question was: "HIDE"
 - The first to answer by email correctly was **GB's** - and they successfully qualified for **GC5FJ2K**.
- **Monthly Challengers**
 - Every month we give a congratulatory shoutout to listeners who email us proof of qualifying and **logging** a challenge cache since the last show. Anyone who sends an email to challengetalkpodcast@gmail.com with the GC code having a Found it log (including a photo if you'd like to share) for that month will be entered for the prize giveaway for a **Challenge Talk geocoin!**
 - Choose shoutouts for this show, draw from all individuals who've submitted
 - **JustFindingOurWay: GC38ZCR Mat 20 Challenge - 60 finds in a year, 3 types/20 hidere, puzzle final**
 - **bloodycool: GC7FFB8 Challenge: Every Hidden Month ...7 types of caches - 7types/12 months (like 99tears)**
 - **Acornmama: GC5AWR4 Challenge: The Lonely Cache Trinity - 1yr lonely trad+mult+unk**
 - **JustFindingOurWay: GC7KPD7 180 Days of Loneliness Challenge - 2 caches w/avg 180 days between finds (alt lonely)**
 - **Starkacher: GC5NJ7Y Alphanumeric by GC Code Challenge - 30 alphanum, GC(X)**
 - Remember, to enter for next month, send in your email before next month's show.
 - This month's winner is: [nikcap](#)

- **IRONBINGO Challenge update**
 - No new qualifiers for the Ironman Bingo challenge? [GC3D5EB](#)
 - The challenge remains - anyone who qualifies for the entire bingo card will earn themselves a special geocoin (in design phase!)

REMINDERS

- **Next show is the first Sunday of April, 3rd**
- **Show notes will be posted shortly after the show airs in the video description.**

THANKS FOR WATCHING AND LISTENING!

And remember, it's not about the numbers, it's about the challenge!

"Challenge accepted!"

LINKS AND RESOURCES

Helpful browser plugins:

- Project-GC browser helper: <https://project-gc.com/Home/UserScript>
(Requires TamperMonkey or GreaseMonkey)
- GME Geocaching Map Enhancements: https://openuserjs.org/scripts/JRI/Geocaching_Map_Enhancements
- GCih (Little Helper) extension: <https://github.com/2Abendsegler/GCih>

[Challenge cache guidelines - Section 2.12](#)

Challenge Cache Moratorium?

A 1 year halt on all challenge cache publishing gave GCHQ time to rework the rules and guidelines for challenge caches. Post-moratorium challenge caches abide by different restrictions than pre-moratorium challenge caches, which have been 'grandfathered' as is.

Moratorium started: April, 2015

Moratorium ended: May 25, 2016

Past shows with introductory topics:

[2.0 - Statistics and you!](#)

[3.0 - Challenging etiquette](#)

[4.0 - Strategies for tracking progress](#)

[8.0 - Challenge badges and souvenirs](#)

[9.0 - Hiding Emily's first challenge cache](#)

[14.0 - Challenge caching on the road](#)

[15.0 - Ask a reviewer: CacheShadow](#)

[19.0 - Lackey interview: Rock Chalk](#)