

GCPC EPISODE 742 - Let's Discuss Your First Multi-Cache

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CC: Howdy All! Do you remember your first... Multi-cache?!?

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- Chihuahuaajill
 - I really enjoyed meeting you guys at the 20th Anniversary Celebration in Seattle this past August.
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 - I had a question for you since you completed GCD, GC12, GC16, and GC17 while you were out there. I found GCD in 2015 when I was in Seattle for the last Block Party, and found the hike to be very difficult, even though I live at 7500' in Colorado. I was wondering how you would rate the hike to the others (GC12, GC16, and GC17) against GCD. Are they easier or harder? More or less distance? More or less elevation gain?
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 - I didn't get the chance to get them this year, so will have to wait until another trip out to Washington to get them, but would like to have this intel so I know what I'll be up against.
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- **Muticache:** These geocaches involve two or more locations, with the final location being a physical container with a logbook inside. There are many variations, but typically once you're at the first stage, you will receive a clue to the whereabouts of the second stage. The second stage will have a clue for the third, and so on.
 - <https://www.geocaching.com/help/index.php?pg=kb.chapter&id=127&pgid=559>
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- Lake Shermerville Multi by Chargeman
 - <https://coord.info/GCTM50>
- 9th find:
- Big Art: Whaley Zotz by Rhes

- <https://coord.info/GCRDE7>
- Thought it was my first all this time. Turns out it was my 100th find. That's why it was in my mind
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- ACME_WildCachers
- This was back in May of 2006. We had started caching the previous December and had found a whopping 10 caches up to that point. My wife Amber and I met up with a few guys from my team at work to tackle [GCGW3Z - Triangles and Tribulations](#). We knew it might take a while, but we really had no idea.
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- You should read the cache description to get the full sense of it, but this was a four stage multi requiring mathematical calculations building on the information found at each stage. We had to figure out the volume of a building, the circumference of a flower bed, and the length of the hypotenuse of a triangular city block, all covering a distance of at least 10 miles. Getting through all of that took us to the final in the woods that was probably a D4 on its own without even considering any of the work required to get there.
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- I remember the first stage being relatively easy, but we must have spent an hour or two working our way through the rest of the calculations. This was back in 2006 before any of us had smartphones, so we were using GPSrs, pen and paper, and a calculator to do the required math. After multiple mistakes and recalculations along the way, we somehow made it to the final coords. Of course there was no checker to confirm we were in the right place, so we just had to hope we'd gotten everything correct. I remember being there a *really* long time, not wanting to give up after putting in so much effort up to that point. Finally we decided to call off the search and were starting to leave when one of the guys finally kicked over the container. As I recall, it was a fake rock concealing a peanut butter jar or maybe a PVC pipe, and it blended into the surroundings perfectly. I know for certain I stood on it at least once while we were searching. Our logs say we were at GZ for about an hour, and I believe it. But we eventually got our names on the log to claim our 11th find. You can tell it was something special because I wrote two paragraphs in my online log as opposed to the one or two sentences I typically wrote back then.
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- It's interesting to think back to that cache and compare it to how things are now. People actually went for multis back then. Despite being a high difficulty cache and having a lot fewer active cachers, it was found 44 times in just over four years, or about 11 times per year. In contrast, I placed a four stage multi that's

been out for the last six plus years, and it's only been found 32 times, or five times per year.

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- I also notice significant differences in myself and how I cache now versus then. I always cached with my wife back then, and we were pretty casual about it. Despite that, we were still willing to spend the better part of a day on a single cache and managed to succeed despite never having done or seen anything like that in the game before. We were in our early 20s and newly married, so we just didn't have the same competing priorities for our time back then. But 16 years and two kids later, I cache solo most of the time and I doubt I would spend half that much time on one cache unless I already knew it was something truly special. I certainly wouldn't have spent a solid hour just looking for the final, at least not without making multiple shorter trips, and definitely not without confirmation I was at least in the right place.

SK:

- My first: <https://coord.info/GC3RMH4> Carcassonne #8: The River II - on 12/23/2012 on Boy Scout Island - done at night. I have no recollection of the final.
- My second: <https://coord.info/GC3THH6> Carcassonne #11: The Cult - on 1/5/2013 - virtual stage 1, had to count light bulbs
- My third: <https://coord.info/GC3NTTJ> Carcassonne #2: King & Scout (aka LPC Multicache) - on 1/6/2013 - done at night, 5 stages, back and forth across town for each stage.
- One of my favorites - found within first 20 multis - <https://coord.info/GC4HAE2> Sliders - found on 8/24/2013 - shortest multi-cache ever.
- Another memorable - <https://coord.info/GC7E9B> Etch-a-sketch ala GPS (Handicap Friendly) - gives you options on how to complete the cache depending on how difficult you want it to be, but all T ratings are 1. Make your way around the park and "draw" a windmill using your GPS tracks.
- Stanley Cup geoart - 48 multicaches in the shape of the stanley cup and spell out 2015 when solved.
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- I own only 1 multi - <https://coord.info/GC5JRQ9> - Big Art (?): Tyler Creek - virtual stage 1
- I have found 310 multis
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CC:

- My first <https://coord.info/GCRVJW> Sweet on You - 46th find overall. Taught me more about the history of the Sugar Land and the Sugar Factory.
- Second: <https://coord.info/GC1NYA9> Poodle Nose Knows - Had to sniff containers and identify ingredients - DNF'd the first attempt
- Third: <https://coord.info/GCGA9N> Sugar Land Safari - Pretty good one.
- Favorite: <https://coord.info/GCE02C> View Carre'

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