

GCPC EPISODE 802 - 2024 Current State of Geocaching

SB Welcome everyone! It's Wednesday, it's 8:30 which means that it is once again time for the Geocaching podcast. My name is Scott Berks, we have our co-host shortyknits in the next room (Hello) and please welcome to my virtual left, my other co-host: Chaz427

CC: Howdy All! I'm still alive! And the state of geocaching, is, errr... well you'll have to listen to the show to find out!

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- This Year:
 - Hiding themes
 - Leap Day souvenir (4 on the 29th!)

Hides and finds 2023

- On average geocachers found 47 geocaches this year
 - 43 in 22
- 1,811,232 geocachers found at least one geocache
 - 1,940,875 in 22
- April 30, 2023 had the most finds of the year with 595,801 total finds
 - August 20, 2022 had the most finds of the year with 640,264 total finds
- 66,952 geocachers hid a geocache
 - 69,661 in 22
- 21,104 geocachers hid their first geocache
 - 23,096 in 22
- 12,602 geocachers hosted an Event
 - 13,003 in 22
- Geocachers awarded 3,989,128 total Favorite points
 - 3,681,896 in 22
- 66,996 active Adventures
 - 58,238 in 22
- 9,630 new Adventures created
 - 25,082 in 22
- 9,147,066 Adventures were completed
 - 3,754,998 in 22

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SK:

- Block parties in 2025
 - Why was this decided on for the 25th anniversary celebration? How many do you anticipate? Anything else you can share about next years celebrations?
- If someone has a feature suggestion or request, where can that be submitted? For example, I would like to see the ability to add a user waypoint to a cache using the website. This is possible using the official app already as well as partner apps.
- Sneak peek for this year's souvenir promo??

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NEXT WEEK'S SHOW:

- February Cacher Coffee
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