

GCPC EPISODE 784 - Archiving Caches Discussion

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! It's Archive Time!

SB: Tonight's Episode **784** recorded live on **September 20, 2023** is **Archiving Caches Discussion**. 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:

- JimRky
- Just realized today and entered myself! On the Forums oescharmer is having a Halloween Mission - an unregistered Geocoin (coin, not tag) and a Halloween card, minimum, to ... anywhere it could be! MUST register by September 23rd!

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SB:

- Answers to all your questions about archiving geocaches
 - <https://www.geocaching.com/blog/2022/12/answers-to-all-of-your-questions-about-archiving-a-geocache/>
- Logging an archived cache?
- Refreshing the gameboard on older caches. Where is the line?
- Geotrash situation on archived caches
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- JimRKY
- I feel that there should be a Review Process for all caches prior to being forcibly archived involving a corps of 'qualified' Geocachers in this manner. First, qualified Geocachers: having over 2,000 finds with at least 20 hides with a good history of finds, Favorite Points, knowledge of Guidelines and quality of hide both placed and maintained (from logs and Reviewer interaction). No competition - just a RANDOM drawing from qualified candidates willing to serve for a year to cover a Geographic area. This would ensure that knowledgeable 'cachiers are accomplishing the Process.
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- The Process: prior to being forcibly archived, a period of 30 days' 'Inspection' time be allowed for the qualified 'cachiers in that region to Physically inspect the cache and give a report regarding the cache. The adoptable caches would then be placed on an Adoption webpage for the region - adoptable by any Premium member with a good record of maintenance on their hides. This would all be

advertised by HQ - and also a message carried by all Lackeys to Events and by Reviewers as well. This would ensure that "important", deserving or Historic caches would have a second chance at life - and also that poor caches get archived.

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- The only hold-up in the past has been 'legal issues', but these seem to have been sidestepped in at least some instances.
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- The recent "inspection" of some number of 'caches by HQ appointed 'cachers actually is along the lines of this process which I have been touting for several years.

SK:

- How many times does one of your caches have to be mugged before you archive a cache
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GoGeocaching/permalink/10161231130570016/>
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Archiving a geocache is meant to be a permanent action. Only community volunteer reviewers and Geocaching HQ can unarchive caches. This is done only in rare circumstances and only if the cache meets the current geocaching guidelines.

If a cache is archived by a reviewer or staff for lack of maintenance, it will not be unarchived

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NEXT WEEK'S SHOW:

- That needs a virtual (no scott)

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