

# GCPC EPISODE 653 - Woodsy Hide

## Discussion

**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! It's time for a walk in the woods!

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<https://www.geocaching.com/blog/2021/02/14-new-reasons-to-go-geocaching-two-new-levels-added-to-wonders-of-the-world/>
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- Geocaching Podblast - Email sign up at <https://geocachingpodcast.com/email-sign-up/> for updates on sales and more

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### SB:

- Why don't people hide in the woods anymore?
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- Try to hide a regular, large or small. Avoid a micro, especially if you're making them bushwack or go on a long hike with no others around.
- Take multiple coordinates, or average the coordinates for your new hide. Tree cover plays havoc with your GPS
- Make sure the container can survive the elements
  - It won't get checked or found too often
  - Snow
  - Extreme heat
  - Load it with swag!!
- Hiding Places
  - Downed trees/hollow log
  - Up in trees
  - Keebler elves
  - Pile of sticks
  - Off trail would be best to avoid muggles
  - Gadget caches strapped to trees in the woods (HIPS)

### CC:

- Convenience - While people may like a short walk in the woods, many don't like the long walk in the woods and looking for a spot, or a walk in woods they're unfamiliar with.
- Instant gratification - You get more hits with that LPC in Walmart than you do that ammo can in the woods.
- Cost - An Ammo Can does take a fair amount more investment than that pill bottle you're ready to throw away. Not saying you can't put something else in the woods (as one can attest to today) but a hide in the woods tends to need to be more robust than an LPC. Especially if you want it to be low maintenance.

### SK:

- Time - people want quick and easy, not necessarily spending several hours in the woods hiking
- It's all about the numbers - more finds in less time in a parking lot.
- In our area, the majority of the woodsy hides are hidden by just a handful of cachers
- Maintenance - it's easier to maintain hides in urban areas. Who wants to hike 2 miles to see if the cache is still there after a DNF? More likely to just be archived.
- Some of my favorite finds are "woodsy" hides in urban areas. I love little pocket woods in unexpected places. There's an industrial area near us that has a very small pocket of woods complete with path. And of course there's a cache hidden there. You get a little bit of woodsy in an urban environment. Look for those areas! Show newer cachers what a woodsy hide may look like and leave them wanting more like it.
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### **NEXT WEEK'S SHOW:**

- Travel Bug Race Discussion
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