

Show 65.0 - Strategies for Finding May 2000 Geocaches



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SHOW NOTES

- **Intro tidbits**

- We are your hosts Emily and Tim.
- How's your month been?
 - Emily
 - Quiet month - Adventure Weekend and GIFF event
 - Tim
 - Mostly sick, logging Virtuals and ECs from the trip.
 - GW-XXII Ambassador!
 - House hunting and Day-trip planning for 2026
 - All CCE Adoptions welcome!

- **News items:**

- Last show we forgot to announce the monthly Pathtag giveaway winner - canuck1867
- 3 new Treasures collections dropped today. How are they affecting your approach?
- Project-GC Challenge checkers no longer work if the cacher has set their finds to private. Let us know if this is affecting you.
- Geocache Talk Network is 9 subscribers away from 3000 - check and make sure you have subscribed! <https://www.youtube.com/@GeocacheTalk>
- Geocoins! Podcast of Hope, Cache Odyssey, and Jasmer at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/GeocacheTalkShop>

- Contest - Write up a short piece on the Project-GC feature you use the most /how it enhances your game and why you should win a Project-GC membership (1-one year and 2-six month). Submit by the end of November 30, 2025. Winners will be announced on the show.

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

- **Monthly Challenge Cache location update**

- 49557 active challenge caches worldwide (by attribute [search](#)) up from 48524 +1033 (as of 11/2)
- USA has 19,066 active challenge caches
- No change in the Challenge Leader stats Worldwide. 70% of challenges in top 5 Countries
- USA Top Four - Texas, California, Michigan, & Florida (no change)
- Country/State 11/2/2025 **Worldwide** **49557**

USA	19066		Denmark	779
Germany	5970		Spain	776
Canada	4431		Belgium	573
Norway	2621		Austria	378
France	2574		New Zealand	317
United Kingdom	2164		Ireland	202
Australia	1651		Portugal	201
Sweden	1625		Italy	125
Poland	1158		Japan	102
Czechia	1004		South Africa	71
Finland	1003		Brazil	21
Netherlands	787		Iceland	0

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Texas	1816	Washington	466	N. Carolina	258	Vermont	106
California	1474	Pennsylvania	452	Maryland	251	N. Dakota	87
Michigan	1138	N. Mexico	391	S. Carolina	217	Montana	84
Florida	1067	Illinois	383	W. Virginia	216	Maine	64
Minnesota	878	Iowa	367	Arkansas	212	Hawaii	59
Wisconsin	701	Kansas	365	N. Jersey	203	Wyoming	54
Utah	656	Colorado	356	Georgia	196	Alaska	39
Indiana	643	Tennessee	351	Nevada	177	Rhode Island	38
Ohio	604	N. York	344	Oklahoma	167	Connecticut	37
Arizona	596	Missouri	337	N. Hamp	161	Louisiana	33
Idaho	562	S. Dakota	334	Mississippi	158	Wa-DC	31

Oregon	557	Virginia	297	Massachusetts	132	Delaware	16
Kentucky	546	Nebraska	286	Alabama	129		

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- **From our Listeners:**

- **From BirkenstockReport:** We are continuing to work on the Aurora Challenge Trail up here in Chugiak, Alaska. We placed 10 challenge caches this weekend (end October) and split up the submitting for reviews amongst three sourdough (veteran) cachers, so those will likely be published before this episode goes live. We've also placed eight new "mini jasmers" to fill in the years up here that didn't have one. 2007, 2011-2017, and 2020 already exist in Anchorage proper, so we placed and filled in the rest (2008-2010, 2018, 2021-2024) 15 miles away in Eagle River as a "side alley" of the main challenge trail. Two have been published and six are pending review. They will be along a bike path that follows the Glenn Highway (Alaska's closest thing to a freeway). I promise this will be the prettiest freeway power trail you've ever seen.

- **TOPIC: First in a series featuring year 2000 caches and tips to find them**

- **May 2000 - 7 Caches available to find World-Wide**

- **GC30 - Mingo - USA**

- Exit 62 on I-70 in Mingo, Kansas. 220 Miles NW of GW-XXII
- Oldest active geocache in the world! 4,294 FPs
- A true 1.0/1.0 Cache to find.
- Tim found 20/Apr/21 Crazy wind, blowing snow, freezing temps!
- Emily found 2/July/16 as a part of GeoWoodstock 14er trip

- **GC12 - GC12 5/12/2000 - USA**

- Oregon's Oldest cache.
- Solid directions to Parking in the hint
- Relatively level terrain, about 1 mile to cache
- Easy to get GC17 (July-2000) not too far away. Uphill hike
- Emily found 4/Sep/16 - wet, but clear of snow

- **GC28 - Beverly - USA**

- Beverly Lake, NW of Chicago
- About .6 hike from parking. Some elevation change, but not bad
- Tim found 9/Jun/17, very hot day!! Left water in the car, dooh!

- **GC3E - Lane Cove - New South Wales, Australia**

- Australia's first cache, a traditional, now a virtual
- Near Sydney, Car, or Bus options. Parking fee if driving
- Maybe a 2.5km hike from nearest bus station. The bus ride is about an hour.
- Good park info:

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/lane-cove-national-park/visitor-info>

- Good directions on the cache page.

- GC1F11 November of 2000, not too far away

- **GC46 - Geocache by Kevin Anderson (Wellington) - North Island, New Zealand**

- A 30-minute drive from Wellington.
- About 1.5km from parking, @ Gums Loop parking.

- Relatively level ground, easy walk. You do need to cross a swing bridge to reach the cache.
- [GC39](#) - **The Spot - USA**
 - Near Woodville, New York
 - Medium difficulty hike - slow and steady for the average walker
 - Upper and lower parking, most go with upper labeled Clark Gully
 - Emily found 25/Sep/23, PizzaNinja & Memphis 21/Jun/24
 - Geoff May video, "4th Oldest Active Geocache in the USA!" Shows terrain
 - The strenuous part is getting back up!
- [GC31](#) - **Arikaree - USA**
 - About 315 miles NW of GW-XXII, near the Nebraska/Kansas/Colorado border
 - Just off County Road 15. Easy find, no hike, Yucca!
 - Tim found in 21/Apr/21, Emily found 2/July/16
- **Are you an expert in a specific year 2000 cache or do you have an extraordinary story about a year 2000 cache - let us know!**
- **Community Q's**
 - 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 to have a chance to win the grand prize (1 year **membership on Project-GC**)
 - **Limit of three wins**
 - 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: **How many "May-2000" caches are available to find in the world?**
 - The answer to the question was: **Seven!**
 - The first to answer by email correctly was Buzz82 and they successfully qualified for [GC7B2RV](#) (4.5D) Well-Rounded Traditional Cacher (72:81 Traditional Caches). Congratulations!
- **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 Pathtag**.
 - Here are a few of the interesting challenges we heard about from our listeners:

- **Bloody Cool:** [GCAV204](#), **Cache's Birthday Challenge** - Find 25 caches on their birthday, or the anniversary of when the cache was placed.
 - **BirkenstockReport:** [GCAWGXT](#), **COBP, A Newbie Challenge Cache** - Find one cache! "I loved the newbie challenge, so I am implementing it into our challenge trail as "Stop Zero," near a recommended parking spot for the larger challenge trail."
 - **Geocaching with Halemeister:** [GC994W8](#), **The TWO 10k Fizzy Challenge** - Find 10,000 caches in at least one D/T Grid Row and one Grid Column "I was surprised to find out that I qualified, but the power trails and park and grabs I have found over the years served me well with this one."
 - **JustFindingOurWay:** [GCBEZ2M](#), **Mighty Week Challenge** - find 500 for each day of the week "I'm in the midst of a 2-week county caching adventure West Texas. I've spent the last couple days in Devine, Texas surrounded by huge trails of challenge caches. By the time the sun goes down tomorrow (Monday, I suppose I'll have logged about 150 challenges in 72 hours. The highlight was getting an FTF on GCBEZ2M this morning, beating out one of the locals by about 10 minutes."
 - **CheekyBrit:**[GC1H6V7](#), **Razorback Challenge** - (owned/adopted by MathSeeker) find geocaches in chronological order so they spell out ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS but with increasing distances from a waypoint in Little Rock's War memorial stadium.
 - **Thanks also to rodieguy for additional submissions.**
- Remember, to enter for next month, send in your email before next month's show.
 - This month's winner is: **BirkenstockReport**

REMINDERS

- Next show is the SECOND TUESDAY OF December, the 9th
- Other upcoming GeocacheTalk shows...GadgetTalk & Next Sunday GeocacheTalk
- Show notes will be posted shortly after the show airs in the video description and linked in the podcast description.
- Remember to say hello, in that special way, when you see Emliy or I at an event.
- THANKS FOR WATCHING AND LISTENING!
- 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](#)
- [21.0 - Fully Themed Challenge Caches](#)
- [25.0 - Tools of Project-GC](#)
- [37.0 - Project-GC Questions](#)
- [50.0 - What's New with Project-GC](#)
- [50.1 - The Evolution of Challenge Caches](#)

Challenge Trails Master Document:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DOxpa4vnLbnJ0f7p0qsfgE07HocdpwJFiThEdGZF0Z4/edit?usp=sharing>