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Texas Geocaching Association

Mission Statement:

The Texas Geocaching Association (TXGA) is a volunteer organization. We strive to be the foremost advocate for geocaching in Texas and to promote the family-oriented activity of geocaching through a central website, social media, workshops, events and information displays, while encouraging responsible stewardship of public lands.

TXGA is committed to celebrating the diversity of our membership in all regions of Texas and beyond. From finders to hiders, veteran to novice geocachers, our differences allow us to serve and support each other while building a dynamic geocaching environment in Texas and the greater community



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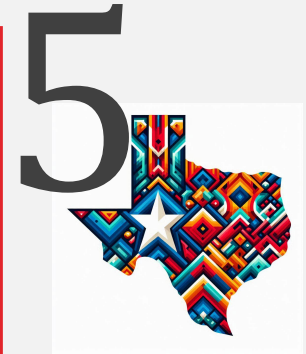
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Lone Star Round Up

Join us out West this Fall!





Geocacher of the Month

Scooby_Loves_Pooh

Geocacher of the Month – Scooby_Loves_Pooh East Texas Region

The TXGA Geocacher of the Month for June 2024 is Greg Boaden. Greg and his family are the kind of people and geocachers that we are proud to have in the East Region.

I chose my geonick, Scooby_Loves_Pooh, because I am a Scooby Doo fan and my wife is a Winnie The Pooh fan. The meaning is showing my love for my wife, as well as my gratitude to her for putting up with my Geocaching obsession. LOL!

My home area is Cushing, and most of my finds are in the Nacogdoches area.

I started Geocaching after reading an article somewhere about it and Wherigos, in particular. I thought Wherigo sounded particularly fun. I realized quickly that at point there were none closer than Houston or Dallas, but that other geocaches were in abundance. The rest is Geohistory.

The first cache I found was GC2D8AW - A.I.M. Camp 2010 in Woodlake, Texas. My favorite caching experience would be Texas Challenge in 2019 in Seguin, Texas. Not only was I the East Texas Team Captain, but that was my 1000th find as well. Aside from that, I just enjoy hanging out with all my caching friends and caching with them. I currently have 2144 finds and 46 hides.

My current goals are to finish out my "Finds for Each Day of the Year" calendar by the end of next year. Also, since it took me half as long to get my second 1000 finds as my first 1000 finds, I'm trying to halve the time again for my third 1000.

I enjoy puzzles and gadget caches and have started putting out a puzzle each month. I also hope to start putting some gadgets out soon.

Thanks for choosing me as Geocacher of the Month!

Who's up for a Road trip?
Plan a trip to this year's
Round Up and work on your
Texas County Challenges!

Mark your calendars for a
very special event
weekend this fall to be held
in our West Texas Region!

Here is our schedule still in progress:

Friday - October 18th

- 6pm - Dinner event in Alpine (Restaurant TBD)
- 8pm - Marfa Lights Viewing Area (20 miles from Alpine, TX)

Saturday - October 19th

- 10am - Round Up Activities
- 2pm - Ice Cream Social in Ft Davis
- 6pm - TXGA Cookout & Potluck

Sunday - October 20th

- 9am - CITO

Area sites to visit:

- Prada Storefront
- Marfa Art Scene
- McDonald Observatory
- Chihuahan Desert Center
- Guadalupe National Park
- Big Bend State/National Parks

Check out our awesome
pathtag set to commemorate
your visit to West Texas!



Pathtag set on sale (click below)
[2024 Round Up Path Tag Set](#)

GCAQD1T



Lone Star Round Up!

Davis Mountains State Park

OCTOBER 19, 2024

For more info, visit:

GCAQD1T

Get to know
West Texas



2025 Texas Challenge

Floresville, Texas

March 15, 2025

Just Southeast of San Antonio, and North of the Eagle Ford Shale Formation, is Floresville, our next location for the 2025 Texas Challenge, hosted by our geofriends of the South Texas Region.

For those who have completed the Texas County Challenge, and marked off Wilson County on your map, you probably know that Floresville is the “Peanut Capital of Texas” and have taken a picture in front of the Peanut Statue in front of the Courthouse.

Log your “Will Attend” here: [GCAMM1H](#)

About Texas Challenge:

The TXGA Texas Challenge weekend is centered around an exciting contest that pits geocachers from across the state in a friendly competition to see which region of the state can accumulate the most points during a 3-hour time crunch. The winning regional team takes home the coveted Golden Ammo Can.

The whole weekend is non-stop geocaching goodness gobbled greatly with games and goodies. Trackable trading is a major activity, as well as trail story swapping and vendor swag buying. You will never get an opportunity in Texas to geocache with so many other geocachers at once.

About Floresville:

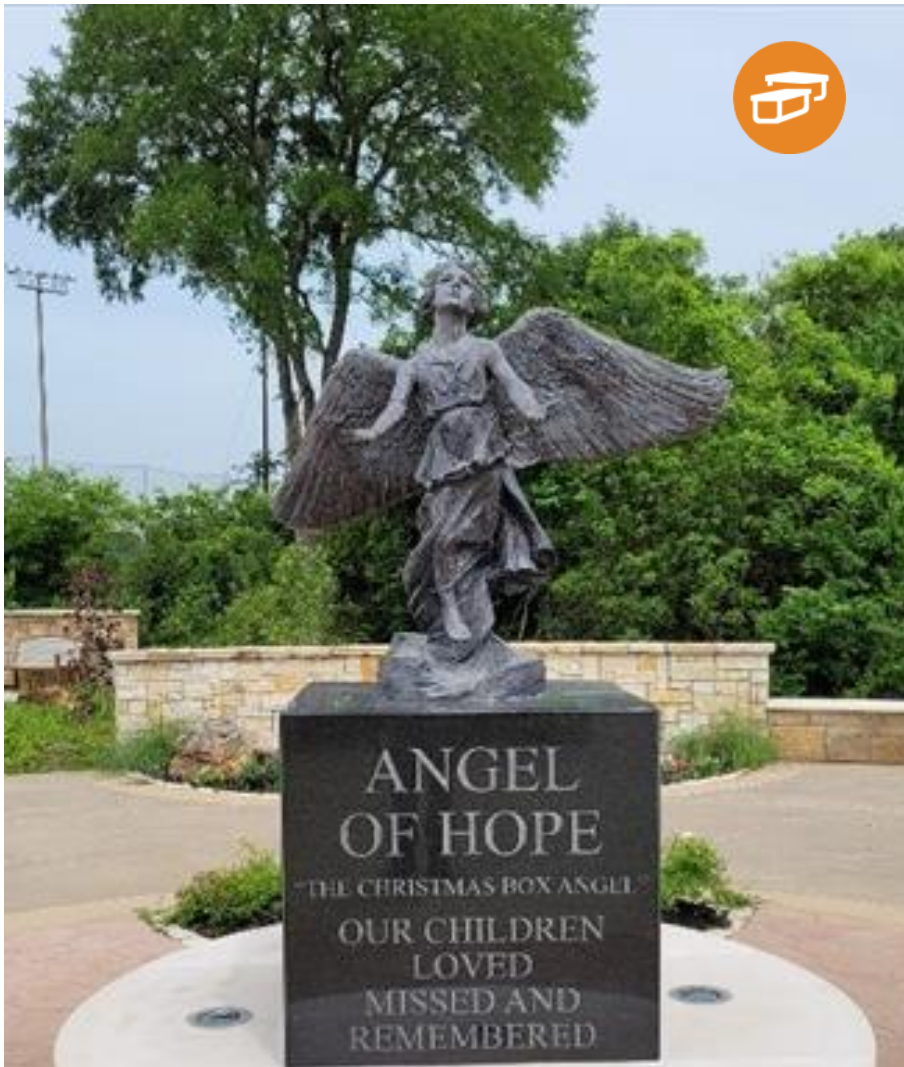
Floresville is 35 miles Southeast of Downtown San Antonio. It’s considered the Peanut Capital of Texas and has been the setting of several Hollywood movies!

History:

- Downtown Floresville
- Arcadia Theater
- Old Railroad Depot
- Historic Homes
- Wilson County Jailhouse

Parks:

- Floresville River Park
- Pecan Park
- Helton River Park



Cache of the Month

**GC9D3ZE – 7 SPECIAL ROCKS
a cemetery multi-cache**

This month, we are highlighting this very special multi-cache from our North Texas Region,

GC9D3ZE – 7 Special Rocks –
A Cemetery Multi-Cache

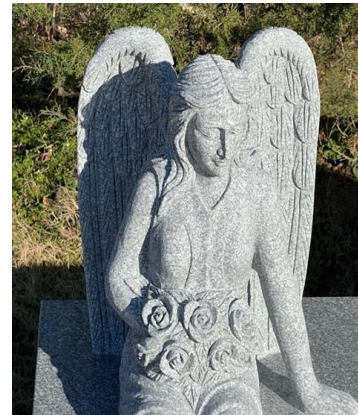
Region: North Texas

Cache Owner: little_lo

Placed: 06/23/2021

Favorite Points: 40

*Dedicated to those
who passed away
far too young.*



“...this cache tugs at the heart and loosens the tears.”

Many times, cemetery caches are placed to remember a famous person, a veteran or a relative. This cache highlights an area of the Rolling Oaks Memorial Center (Coppell, TX), dedicated to those who passed away far too young.



“This is an outstanding tribute to lives lost too soon.”

The cache owner, little_lo, is known for leaving butterflies at every cache she finds, so it is quite appropriate that this cache follows along with that theme. At GZ, little_lo does a great job of incorporating the butterflies of the memorial to provide the necessary information to get the final coordinates. The container is also very creative!

All in all, this is a well-executed multi-cache hidden by little_lo that is most deserving of the Cache of the Month!

The Texas 2-Step

A New Texas County Challenge!

If you've been around Texas geocaching for a while, you are surely familiar with the Texas County Challenge. Finishers of this illustrious challenge have found a cache in every one of the 254 Texas counties.

But wait! There's more!

As soon as the Beta group qualifies, expect to see another Texas County Challenge publish, called:

The Texas Two-Step

The challenge is to find two (2) caches in each county in Texas. One cache has to be a traditional. The other cache can be any other type of cache that isn't an Event or Lab Cache. Virtuals, Earthcaches and Webcams all count.



A new county line dance!

Here's the checker that has already been created for it. Check your progress here:

<https://project-gc.com/Challenges/GC9TREF/87964>

GC9TREF - ? (?)

Script name: Texas Two Step County Challenge Progress Checker (by *travelingGeek*)

Tagged by: *travelingGeek*

Tag config:

Tag comment: Progress checker for Texas Two Step challenge. The challenge is to find a Traditional and a Non-Traditional (excluding events) in every county in Texas.



Will you be a
Texas 2-Step
Finisher?

The original Texas County Challenge can be found here:

<https://coord.info/GCRX6F>

Why not go for both?!





The Challenge within a Challenge was nice. I'd produce high quality caches with a stamp or punch in them to mark off your finds rather than 'find local caches' ”.



“We enjoyed the vendors and the booths that were set up from a couple of the communities with Geo tours. It would be nice to see those activities, continued and expanded if possible.”

Survey Results

Texas Challenge 2024

Thank you to all who answered our survey for the 2024 Texas Challenge in Wichita Falls. Overall, the ratings for the event averaged 4.66 out of 5. Those of us who worked hard on the event are thankful for that! We appreciate the feedback and will take it to heart to make future Challenges even better!

Average ratings (out of 5.0)

- Activities: 4.5
- Wichita Falls location: 4.56
- Event locations: 4.63
- Ancillary events: 4.68
- Registration/Pickup: 5.0
- Hotel options: 4.5
- Challenge playing field: 4.75



“The baskets seem to get better and better every year and always fun doing 10 stages on the Lab Caches.”



“I wish the awards ceremony was the first event on Sunday. I would like to get the results and CITO a little and hit the road.”



“Maybe add a checker for multis/puzzles.”



Upcoming Geo-events by Region*



CENTRAL

- 06/08/24 GCAQPGM Summer Solstice
- 06/15/24 GCAQR80 Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow

EAST

- 06/29/24 GCAQRZC Pre-4th CITO

WEST

- 10/19/24 GCAQD1T Lone Star Roundup

NORTH

- 06/02/24 GCAQTEE Meet the Michigander
- 06/03/24 GCAQK4G VooDoo Brew
- 06/03/24 GCANTA5 D.A.W.G.S. in June
- 06/06/24 GCAQCZG A Thurs in June
- 06/11/24 GCAQK9K Spin Me Round
- 06/13/24 GCAQK49 Country Burger Time
- 06/20/24 GCAQFGA Thurs Night Dinner - Prosper
- 06/24/24 GCAQFGP Thurs Night Dinner - Plano
- 07/01/24 GCANTA6 D.A.W.G.S. in July

SOUTH

- 06/07/24 GCAQ0X8 #14 of Top 50 Meet & Greet
- 06/08/24 GCAQ7TX June Buggin'
- 06/14/24 GCAQVF2 #13 of Top 50 Meet & Greet
- 06/21/24 GCAQ0YW #12 of Top 50 Meet & Greet
- 03/15/25 GCAMM1H 23RD Annual Texas Challenge

SOUTHEAST

- 06/01/24 GCAKWP3 Texas Geocampers at BBSP
- 06/01/24 GCAQK4Y mmmmm donuts XCVI
- 06/01/24 GCAQK2D Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up XCVI
- 06/02/24 GCAQK56 Sweet Thing has Sweet Tooth
- 06/03/24 GCAQNQX 1st Mon. Mid County
- 06/03/24 GCAQVF2 Will Cache for Food #162
- 06/04/24 GCAQZ18 Woodlands Area Lunch Klub #37
- 06/05/24 GCAQ27D Club UFO - National Ketchup Day
- 06/08/24 GCAQXNX CITO: Stephen Woodring Park
- 06/12/24 GCAQTJ5 Club UFO - Month of Roses
- 06/14/24 GCAQN3F Who's the Real Host Anyway?
- 06/19/24 GCAPQEZ World Sauntering Day
- 07/03/24 GCAQQNW Club UFO - Men in Black
- 07/17/24 GCAPQF8 National Lottery Day

HIGHLIGHTS OUTSIDE OF TEXAS:

- 07/06/24 GCAJ6MP Cachefest Oklahoma
- 07/27/24 GCAA9KK Midwest GeoBash 2024
- 08/10/24 GCADMQT West Bend \$1000 Cash Bash
- 10/05/24 GCAJ6MP Going Caching 2024

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