

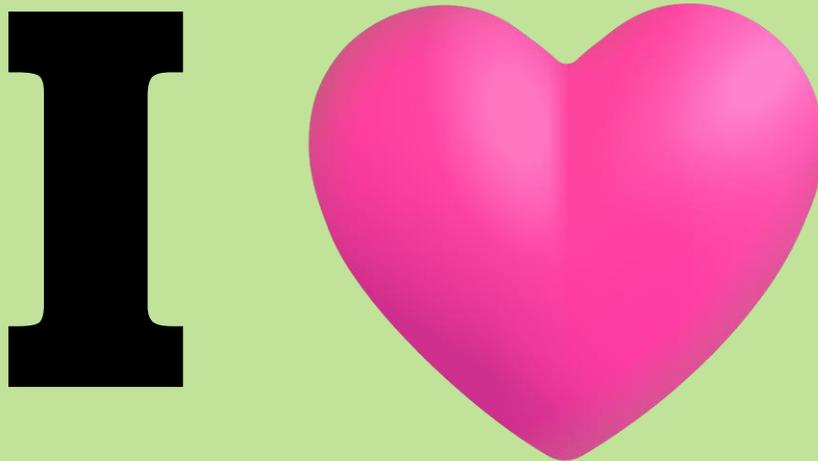


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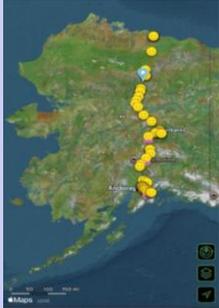


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The Texas Geocaching Association (TXGA) is a volunteer organization. We strive to be the foremost advocate for Geocaching in Texas and to promote the family-oriented activity of geocaching through a central website, social media, workshops, events 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 hidiers, 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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Story Board

This month, learn about the fantastic adventures of LuckyFeather and Ivanhoe42 from Southeast Texas, as they toured (and geocached) the Alaskan Arctic Circle!

Our epic Alaskan geocaching adventure began in Anchorage where Ivanhoe42 and I visited [GCK0J6: Chocolate Waterfall](#) and a few other caches before making our way to Fairbanks along the Parks Highway.

The next morning, we arrived at Fairbanks Airport bright and early for orientation with Northern Alaska Tour Company and our two-hour flight to Deadhorse Airport in Prudhoe Bay. There were seven of us aboard; two Geocachers, four tourists and one pilot. During the flight, the pilot spoke to us over the intercom, detailing the sights below and occasionally dipping the wings of the aircraft so we all could see the views. After landing at Deadhorse Airport, we quickly targeted our first cache within the Arctic Circle, [GC9Z6JT: Right Aire](#).

We then met our tour guide, Sabrina, and got settled into our accommodation at Deadhorse Camp. Since the roads here are too dangerous for pedestrians, Sabrina insisted on driving us to the caches in Prudhoe Bay. One of our favorites was [GC8302: Northern Bay](#), located at the post office and general store. It also marks the end of the Dalton Highway. If you go there, be sure to look for a TXGA and Buc-ee's sticker to the left of the sign.

As we toured Prudhoe Bay, we approached [GC15274: HEY I Have a Name!!!](#) and saw two people Looking in and around the culvert. We didn't find the cache, but we did find



Moonpie10, who would later join us on our tour up to the Arctic Ocean where we visited the beach at East Dock. The water there was around 45 degrees (we dipped our hands in), the air temperature 35 degrees and the view was starkly beautiful. On the ride back to camp, we spotted birds, caribou, fox and a napping grizzly bear. We only cached with HawkeDoc and Moonpie10 in Prudhoe Bay, as they were camping their way along the Dalton Highway. Later that day, Sabrina paused the tour van along the road and explained the patterned ground, or ice-wedge

polygons in the permafrost where we grabbed Earthcache [GCBAX9W: A Stop for a Geological and a Geometrical Feature](#) placed by non-other than our very own geojrh just for us!

On day three, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast at Deadhorse Camp and embarked on our drive south along the Dalton Highway. We stopped for lunch at [GC2XVNC: Galbraith Lake Earthcache](#), where the mosquitoes almost carried us away, then on to Antigon Pass. At 4,739 feet above sea level, Antigon Pass is the highest point on the Dalton Highway and where it crosses the Arctic Divide. Fun fact about Antigon Pass: Howitzer cannons are used for avalanche control. See [GC6H6YG: AtiGUN II](#). Further along, Sabrina took a short detour to a portion of the Dalton Highway that had been abandoned in 2018 and re-routed 400 feet further west due to an encroaching lobe of permafrost. There was no Earthcache here, so I created [GCBEE71: A Permafrost Geohazard Along the Dalton Highway](#). That night, we stayed in

Story Board (cont.)

Coldfoot, home to the northernmost truck stop in the world and the last place with services along the Dalton Highway until you reach Deadhorse, 240 miles north. Fun fact: There are two geocaches in Coldfoot, and Ivanhoe42 and I found them both!



Day Four saw us up early to visit the wilderness community of Wiseman, before continuing south to GC1G7NB: The "Real" Arctic Circle. This is where the famous sign is, and where many tourists stop for pictures. Sabrina made our visit first-class by rolling out the red carpet complete with a dotted line "marking" the Arctic border. Fun fact: There are only eight countries in the Arctic Circle; the United States, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Canada, Denmark and Iceland. Our next stop was where the Dalton Highway crosses the Yukon River, the longest in Alaska.

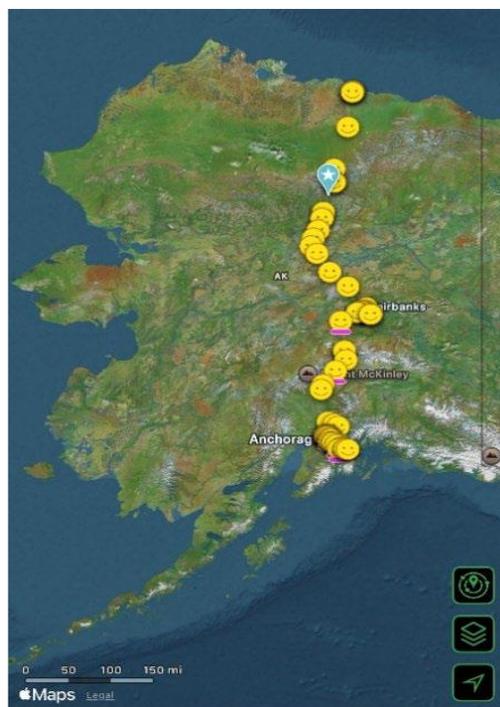
We had enough time here to get GCABG5N: Yukon River. Of the four vehicle-carrying bridges that cross the Yukon, the E. L. Patton Yukon River Bridge is the only one in Alaska, and the driving surface is made of timber. Our last stop with the tour was at the sign officially welcoming visitors to the James Dalton Highway, gateway to the Arctic, where we took pictures and grabbed appropriately named GC6MV1Z: Prudhoe Bay or Bust!!!

It was evening when we arrived back in Fairbanks but still light enough out to pose for webcam GCKK54: Black & White & Red All Over. We finally settled into our hotel and by midnight we realized it still looked like dusk outside.

Day Five - we cached around Fairbanks and visited North Pole to grab GCA6FA: Ho Ho Ho at Santa Claus House before caching our way back to Anchorage.

On Day Six, our final day in Alaska, we cached our way southeast out of Anchorage to Whittier at the edge of Prince William Sound, then back to grab a few caches at the edge of the Kenai Peninsula before heading back to Anchorage.

On our Alaskan adventure we drove 1,600 miles and flew 495, not counting the flight from Houston. We found 77 caches in eight boroughs and made countless memories. Overall, this was a fantastic geo-vacation and we checked off a few bucket list items. Where will our geocaching adventures take us next?



~LuckyFeather, (aka Michelle Rozales)

Cacher of the Month

South Texas



Tarryall
GC18



Almost Heaven Swing - WV Capitol Virtual 3.0
GC9P68Y

Geonick:	4everlyn
AKA:	Lyn Whitson
Region:	South
Find:	32,000+
Hides:	360+
County Finisher:	#121

In April of 2006, two very dear friends said, “We found a new game called Geocaching that you will love!” We walked through a wash in Tucson, Arizona, and came to a pile of rocks. They took it all apart and there was this green can thing full of little trinkets. I was like, “Okay.” We went to the second cache - same scenario. At this point, I'm kind of mentally saying “goodbye” to this friendship because this was not fun at all! Third cache we go to is at a big open desert area with shrub all around it and I'm kicking my feet just mentally grumbling and I hear a clink. It was a camo'd Altoid tin, and I found my first geocache! It was called Fossilized Hat Pins. Since then, I have decided this is FUN! I have cached in 49 states and Canada and Mexico. The most important part of Geocaching for me, is the people I have met, the road trips we have taken are an adventure every time and deep friendships have been formed. 2025 was a great caching year for me. Big Bend, Niagara Falls, GIGA in WV, Pikes Peak and finishing my second Jasmer. I am excited to see what 2026 adventures will bring.

Cache of the Month

Southeast Texas

GC Code:	<u>GCC6F7</u>
Name:	Pirate's Abode
Cache Type:	Virtual
Region:	Southeast Texas
County:	Galveston
Cache Owner:	Vetteman & Sharon
Hidden:	01/18/2003
Favorite Pts:	260

If you ever find yourself in Galveston, Texas, visit this 2003 Geocaching Virtual with 260 points which highlights a historic site, home to a most plundering and dastardly pirate the island has ever known. Yes, pirates are real – not just the characters depicted in movies. Tales say that on this site, this “Pirate’s Abode” was luxuriously furnished with booty from captured ships in the Gulf of Mexico. This pirate not only had a home here (complete with servants), but started a colony on Galveston Island called “Campeche”, converting it into a hotbed of smuggling and privateering, which at its peak, had more than 2,000 inhabitants. That is, until he was booted out of the country by then-President, James Monroe. Before he left town, this nefarious buccaneer burned his home, surrounding fort and village to the ground, before heading to the Yucatan Peninsula. What you will find here are remnants and a challenge to answer two questions to earn a smiley. A recent article in The Galveston (the local newspaper) reports that Archaeologists along with Texas A&M Galveston students are currently excavating the site at GZ and discovering items that date back to the 1800’s! Definitely put this one on your list to find!

The 24th Annual Texas Challenge

Has Fun!

GCB4F75



Taylor, TX

March 11-15, 2026

See updated schedule below:

Wednesday, 3/11

6pm GCBAEAY: Welcome Wednesday - with Pie!

Thursday, 3/12

8am GCBAEAZ: Not Your Usual Lamppost Cache (Event!)

10am (optional) Inner Space Caverns Group Tour [Tix Here](#)

6pm GCBAEB0: Here's To Dear Old Taylor...

Friday, 3/13

4pm GCBH790: Welcome to Taylor & TXGA Hall of Fame Induction

6pm GCBAEB2: Friday Night at the Cathedral of Smoke

Saturday, 3/14

7am-3pm GCB4F75: Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival

6pm GCBAEB3: Texas County Challenges Finishers' Reunion

Sunday, 3/15

8am GCBGEE0: Thanks for the fun, Taylor. Here's some Art!

9am GCBGEE8: So Long, Farewell, Announcements and Goodbye!

The 24th Annual Texas Challenge Has Lodging!



LIMITED AVAILABILITY:

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites
180 Carlos G Parker Blvd. NW
Taylor, TX 76574

Click [here](#) for TXGA Special Pricing.

RESERVE BEFORE THEY SELL OUT!

Home2Suite by Hilton
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Taylor, TX 76574

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**BOTH are conveniently located a short walk
from the site of the Mega:**

**The Williamson County Expo
Center**

The 24th Annual Texas Challenge Has Swag!

*While
Supplies
Last!*

*Pick up
at Event!*

Teal Duck Package: Coin and three tags

\$25



Goldeneye Duck Package: Shirt, 3 Coins & 3 Tags

\$90-95



Mallard Package: Shirt, 2 Coins & 3 Tags



\$60-65



[Click Here to Purchase](#)

The 24th Annual Texas Challenge

Has Competition!

Click on links below to register to compete on March 14:

[Team Competition](#) [Individual Competition](#)

Deadline to Register is Midnight CST March 7



SOUTHEAST TEXAS

SOUTH TEXAS

EAST TEXAS

NORTH TEXAS

CENTRAL TEXAS

WEST TEXAS



Thank you
for your
nominations!



**BOARD NOMINATIONS CLOSED JANUARY 31.
VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN FEBRUARY.
ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT
CHALLENGE!**

**ELECTION BALLOTS
WILL BE SENT TO ALL
MEMBERS IN GOOD
STANDING. PLEASE
CHECK YOUR EMAIL.**



HALL of FAME



Hall of Fame voting has closed!

New Hall of Fame inductees will be announced at Texas Challenge 2026!

Congrats to all Nominees!





TXGA, through the efforts of our Education Director, Wayne Lind (The Outlaw), has launched a YouTube channel with educational videos about Geocaching.

[Click here](#) to join the geocachers in the know by going to the TXGA Channel and clicking on “Subscribe”.

Learn about the following subjects
(and check back often for new videos):

- Introduction
- Getting Started
- Configuring Your Profile
- Traditional Caches
- Events & CITO's
- Virtual Caches
- Earthcaches
- Multicaches
- Letterbox Hybrid Caches
- Puzzle Caches
- Challenge Caches
- Trackables & Collectibles
- Understanding Global Positioning
- Exploring Your Profile Page Part 2

Please hit the like 👍 button on any videos you appreciate!

What we LOVE about Geocaching in Texas

We asked you on the TXGA Facebook Page and here's what you had to say:

"In the 18+ years we have been geocachers, my wife and I, we have been to so many places (both in Texas & out), and seen so many thing! Most of which we would not have seen or done had it not been for geocaching."

"Geocaching turns into new Geo-friends and Geocaching Travels!"

"Exploring new places and making new friends!"

"Best winter caching anywhere! No leaves, no snakes, no poison ivy - the best!"

"The awesome friends that I have now! "

"The people!"

"Geocaching takes me to historical places in Texas and what Texan doesn't love that?"

"No need to spend money on fancy tours! Just look for highly-favorited caches anywhere you go, and you have a customized tour and learn about other places, events, people and things!"

Mark your
calendar!

Upcoming Geo-events by Region*



Region	Geocache name	GC Code	Placed on
C	GeoTex Geocachers Breakfast February 2026	GCBH5Y3	2/7/2026
C	Pf Parks Post-CITO Brunch II	GCBH6YW	2/10/2026
C	Pf CITO - Wilbarger Creek and Mirror Lake Parks	GCBH594	2/10/2026
C	Friday the 13th CITO	GCBHRB6	2/13/2026
C	Beware the Ides of February 2026	GCBHRBE	2/13/2026
C	Jugglefest Mugglefest 2026 Dinner	GCBH82G	2/21/2026
C	Pf CITO - Along one of Pf's many trails	GCBH509	2/25/2026
C	Pf Parks Post-CITO Brunch III	GCBHR2F	2/25/2026
C	Pf Parks Post-CITO Brunch IV	GCBHRF4	3/4/2026
C	Pf CITO - Stoney Creek Park	GCBHRCV	3/4/2026
C	Welcome Wednesday - with Pie!	GCBAEAY	3/11/2026
C	Here's To Dear Old Taylor...	GCBABE0	3/12/2026
C	Not Your Usual Lamppost Cache (Event!)	GCBAEAZ	3/12/2026
C	Friday Night at the Cathedral of Smoke	GCBABE2	3/13/2026
C	Welcome to Taylor & TXGA Hall of Fame Induction	GCBH790	3/13/2026
C	24th Annual Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival	GCB4F75	3/14/2026
C	Texas County Challenge Finishers' Reunion	GCBABE3	3/14/2026
C	So Long, Farewell, Announcements and Goodbye!	GCBGEE8	3/15/2026
C	Thanks for all the fun, Taylor, here's some ART!	GCBGEE0	3/15/2026
E	Hello Texas !	GCBEV43	2/1/2026
E	"Cito dit, Cito fait"	GCBHE0Q	2/5/2026
E	You can all go to hell and I will go to Crockett!	GCBH5W8	2/6/2026
E	Keep Mission Tejas Spotless!	GCBH47X	2/7/2026
E	Texas Geocampers at Mission Tejas State Park	GCBH47P	2/7/2026
E	Meet and Greet the Gdy's ☺	GCBH81Y	2/8/2026
N	New Year, New and Old Geofriends!	GCBGWRG	2/1/2026
N	Mead Me at Texas Longhouse II	GCBGTR9	2/1/2026
N	2026.02.02 D.A.W.G.S. Still Search for a New Pound	GCBHB0J	2/2/2026
N	How to Socialize & Make Friends II	GCBGTRF	2/3/2026
N	Country time and "Whats in the BAG" with PAG	GCBHDTR	2/5/2026
N	National Frozen Yogurt Day Meet & Greet – Feb. 6,	GCBHRTQ	2/6/2026
N	CITO at Bob Jones	GCBHH3K	2/7/2026
N	Breakfast of Champions	GCBHH3Q	2/7/2026
N	Redneck Roll-In & BYOB Adult Skate-n-Cache!	GCBFXCP	2/7/2026
N	CITO - Reviving a Great Geocaching Park	GCBHAXF	2/7/2026
N	Time for Twisted Sisters	GCBGBC1	2/8/2026
N	Another Event at Armor	GCBGTR5	2/9/2026
N	Thursday night at Edmonds with PAG: MAD LIBS	GCBGNFQ	2/12/2026
N	Guideline Review: Obey Local Laws & Get Permission	GCBHQAZ	2/15/2026
N	Let's Get Our BINGO On!	GCBHJPQ	2/16/2026
N	2/16 - Celebrate Something Today	GCBHNNK	2/16/2026
N	PAG enjoyed Fred's... come join us.. LEFT or RIGHT?	GCBHDVH	2/19/2026
N	PAG returns to paris, with a candy dice roll game!	GCBHKNC	2/21/2026
N	2/23 - It's Monday & there's something in the air	GCBHXV0	2/23/2026
N	A PAG inspiration	GCBHKNF	3/2/2026
N	PAG nighttime scavenger hunt	GCBGNFJ	3/3/2026
N	SPIN with PAG	GCBHKNN	3/4/2026
N	Sky (rocket) with PAG... and TEXAS TRIVIA	GCBHDVN	3/5/2026
N	The Key to happiness is ... 80's song trivia...	GCBHZRX	3/7/2026

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Upcoming Geo-events by Region* (cont'd.)



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S	Big Time Celebrating Huggles44 10 Years Caching	GCBH6W1	2/1/2026
S	Just a little Geochat	GCBGC96	2/8/2026
S	Trail Magic on the Trail	GCBH2WH	2/8/2026
S	February Meet & Greet	GCBHGXH	2/10/2026
S	Let's Talk Geocaching - Friday the 13th Edition	GCBHRMC	2/13/2026
S	February Fibs 2-13-26 Meet & Greet	GCBHTMN	2/13/2026
S	❄️ 🍷 ❄️ 10th Annual Texas Winter Games ❄️ 🍷 ❄️	GCBDHWX	2/14/2026
S	Want you have a steak burger with us?	GCBJ16K	2/15/2026
S	Post-Birthday Geochat - NW San Antonio	GCBH9XZ	2/18/2026
S	I Can't Spell February By Myself	GCBH6R7	2/28/2026
SE	A Howling Good Time - Snow Moon 2026	GCBH3G4	2/1/2026
SE	Will Cache For Food #182	GCBHAXF	2/2/2026
SE	FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY FEBRUARY 2026	GCBH4Y4	2/2/2026
SE	Club UFO - The Redlands Incident	GCBHE6M	2/4/2026
SE	ABC Lunchtime Event - Luka's BBQ	GCBHFW4	2/4/2026
SE	February 2026 CITO	GCBHG34	2/4/2026
SE	3.G. Galleria Geocachers Gabfest in 2026?	GCBHQXP	2/6/2026
SE	Baytown Tourism Energy Power Biscuit Event!	GCBHGB8	2/7/2026
SE	BB & MWGs Fun Geocaching Workshop!	GCBHGA9	2/7/2026
SE	Breakfast with a Geocacher #10	GCBH9H3	2/8/2026
SE	W.A.L.K. - WoodLands Area Lunch Klub #52 Taco Tues	GCBHWZZ	2/10/2026
SE	CAKE "Night Cache" Month	GCBHY76	2/11/2026
SE	Club UFO: Balderdash	GCBHXZ3	2/11/2026
SE	Friday the 13th — Burritos & Boogeymen	GCBJ0H5	2/13/2026
SE	mmmm donuts CXXVIV	GCBH7TZ	2/14/2026
SE	Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up Another Park - CXVIV	GCBH7VR	2/14/2026
SE	A Special Time with your Valentine	GCBHQGJ	2/15/2026
SE	SE GeoFriends FTF #42 - Mardi Gras	GCBHZR4	2/17/2026
SE	Third Tuesday Eat & Greet in February	GCBHWYB	2/17/2026
SE	KAWSGE - 48: A Katy Howdy to Norway	GCBH441	2/18/2026
SE	Pluto discovered Feb 18, 1930	GCBFFYE	2/18/2026
SE	WATPM February 2026	GCBHNEG	2/19/2026
SE	GoodMorning NanoBanana	GCBGVCB	2/22/2026
SE	Park & Gab #214	GCBHXWK	2/24/2026
SE	Collect 'Em, Trade 'Em... and Grab a Burger	GCBJ0HC	2/24/2026
SE	Texas Geocampers at Goliad State Park	GCBH5Y4	4/18/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #06	GCBH0DC	2/1/2026
W	West Texas Region Meet & Greet	GCBHMM0	2/7/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #07	GCBGBFT	2/7/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #08	GCBG6EP	2/8/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #09	GCBGFG8	2/21/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #10	GCBH890	2/22/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #11	GCBGGWB	2/28/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #12	GCBG82C	3/1/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #13	GCBG82H	3/7/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #14	GCBGBG2	3/8/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #15	GCBGDG5	3/14/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #16	GCBGNVH	3/15/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #17	GCBGNWD	3/21/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #18	GCBGVTJ	3/22/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #19	GCBGTDR	3/27/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #21	GCBHMMF	3/29/2026
W	24 hrs of Event-ing #24	GCBHE79	4/5/2026