Washington State Parks Centennial GeoTour

100 caches in 100 parks to celebrate 100 years!

2013 is the 100th anniversary of Washington State Parks, and we're celebrating with the Washington State Parks Centennial GeoTour, a statewide challenge featuring 100 new caches placed on 100 State Park properties, with commemorative geocoins for finding 50 caches and 100 caches.

Each GeoTour cache contains an ink stamp for recording your find in a GeoTour passport. Once you've found 50 or 100 GeoTour caches, you can submit the passport for the special geocoin.

All GeoTour caches have the series name "WaStatePks100." Visit the GeoTour page at www.geocaching.com/adventures/geotours/washington-state-parks for a complete list of participating parks and caches. (There are 103 caches, but you only need to find 100 to complete the GeoTour.)

Duration: The GeoTour launches June 7, 2013, and will continue until all coins are distributed (1–2 years). Individual caches may remain in place longer at the parks' discretion.

Discover Pass: Most Washington State Parks require a Discover Pass for parking.

Passports

You can download and print a passport from the Washington State Parks Geocaching page. The passport has a labeled box for each park's cache. When you visit a GeoTour cache, use its unique ink stamp to mark the appropriate box on your passport to verify your visit.

The passport contains 103 boxes, but the maximum number of caches you must find is 100. When you have 50 unique stamps, you can mail in your passport to collect a silver geocoin, or keep it until you have 100 stamps and then submit it for both silver and gold geocoins. Alternatively, you can turn in a passport with the first 50 stamps (silver) and later a second one with the remaining 50 (gold). The mailing address is on the passport.

Caveats:

- If you placed cache(s) for the GeoTour, you may claim one for the 50-cache coin by stamping the appropriate box on your passport. For the 100-cache coin, you may claim up to three GeoTour hides, but the additional caches must be claimed after you pass the 50-cache mark.
- All stamps must be on a single passport. No stamps will be accepted on separate paper or other material, even if pasted into the passport. Exception: You can submit two passports for the 100-cache challenge if you want to collect your silver coin (one passport) and then work toward the gold coin (remaining caches in a second passport). We will keep your first passport on file so it can be matched with the second one and verified.
- WSPRC and WSGA aren't responsible for lost passports, and will not credit cachers for parks claimed as found before losing a passport. So hang onto those passports!

Geocoins

The State Parks GeoTour coin shows the WSPRC centennial logo on one side and the WSGA logo on the other, signifying our partnership. The coin has two versions, silver for completing half the GeoTour (50 caches) and gold for finishing the entire GeoTour (100 caches).

We minted 180 antique silver coins, but just 30 satin gold coins. The coin is trackable on geocaching.com, and has a custom icon and the WA prefix.

Distribution:

- Coins are limited to **one** silver and/or gold coin per family/household. Multiple caching accounts in the same family/address will be treated as one participant for the purposes of coin eligibility. Please play fair and give everyone a chance to get one.
- WSPRC will mail a coin once a geocacher submits a passport with the required number of stamps and it's verified. Due to increases in international postage fees, finishers with mailing addresses outside the U.S. (including Canada) may be asked to pay postage, as the State Parks has limited funds.
- Geocachers are eligible for both a silver and a gold coin. Players win a silver coin when they submit a valid passport with 50 unique park stamps. If they choose, they can visit the remaining 50 parks and win a gold coin. For those earning both coins, they can either submit two passports, each with half the parks, or wait until they have all 100 parks and submit a single passport.

Challenge Caches

For added geo-fun, there are two challenge caches related to the State Parks GeoTour. (These caches are not part of the passport series and don't count toward the geocoin.)

- **WaStateParks100: 50-Cache Challenge** (GC47F89) – Find 50 of the GeoTour caches to claim this challenge at Camano Island SP. The cache page will list finishers for both the silver and gold coins.
- **Washington State Parks Challenge** (GC48635) – Find 100+ caches in selected State Parks (not limited to GeoTour caches) to claim this challenge. Placed at Larrabee, the oldest state park.

The Centennial GeoTour is sponsored by Washington State Geocaching Association (WSGA) and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSPRC), with the support of Groundspeak. We hope you enjoy the tour!

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