WCC Geocaching Committee
Annual Report

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Introduction

The WCC Geocaching Committee was established in September 2005, under the Social Science Department, to serve the institution. The committee sets up and maintains the WCC Geocaching sites to support GIS/GPS classes as well as to promote the institution to the general public.

Activities

As a reconnaissance project, the committee set two containers (caches) on the WCC campus during the Ho'olaule'a (September 24, 2005). The caches were:

(1) The Yellow Bucket of Bookworms
    Location:
    N 21° 24.521’
    W 157° 48.887’

(2) The Trophy Red Top
    Location:
    N 21° 24.415’
    W 157° 48.695’

This project was supported by the WCC Chancellor’s Office, WCC Bookstore, Ho'olaule'a Committee, WCC Library and WCC Marketing & Public Relations Office. The supporting offices also generously provided prizes.

The project received few but strong supportive reactions from participants. Encouraged by them, the committee decided to establish a permanent cache on campus.

The committee officially registered the first WCC geocaching site, WCC Yellow Bucket, with geocaching.com on May 12, 2006. Its location is:
This cache has attracted many participants, not only from Hawai‘i but also from the US Mainland.

Encouraged by the success of the WCC Yellow Bucket cache, for the WCC Ho‘olaule‘a 2006, the committee established the second cache, WCC Ho‘olaule‘a, on September 9, 2006 at:

\[\text{N } 21^\circ \ 24.567' \quad \text{W } 157^\circ \ 48.862'\]

This cache has pleased and surprised many participants because of its open and witty setting.

Unfortunately, this cache was temporary disabled after gusty winds damaged it in early February 2007. The committee reactivated this cache on March 1, 2007.

Future plan

As of March 5 2007, more than 140 e-mail logs have been received by the committee from geocaching.com participants who visited WCC geocaching sites (see Appendix). These comments are encouraging and empowering for the committee. The committees plan to establish more interesting and attractive caches, as well as to maintain existing ones, on the WCC campus.

Common jargon in geocaching logs

TFTC/TFC: Thanks for the cache
TNLN: Took nothing, left nothing
SL: Signed logbook