Geocaching Committee
Year-end Report

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Charge of Committee

Set up and maintain the WCC Geocaching site to support GIS/GPS classes.

More information at: http://windward.hawaii.edu/Committees/Geocaching/

Membership

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Summary of Activities

During this academic year, the committee maintained the existing two caches: (1) WCC Yellow Bucket (placed in May 2006, at right) and WCC Ho‘olaule‘a (placed in Sept. 2006, above).
In November 2007, to promote geocaching and GIS/GPS, the committee held a GPS workshop as a part of WCC Staff Development activities.

In February 2008, the committee decided to set up a new “multi” cache: WCC Campus Tour #1. A multi-cache means the first cache gives coordinates (or partial coordinates) to the next location, or multiple caches have hints to the final cache. The committee set up three caches starting near Hale Aʻo (left).

Unfortunately, the standard rules of geocaching do not allow a new cache to be listed online (http://www.geocaching.com/) if it is located less than 528 feet from any existing cache. Therefore, the committee removed the pre-existing two caches from the online listing.

Another unfortunate occurrence was that the WCC Yellow Bucket cache was vandalized by non-geocachingers in March 2008. This cache is no longer maintained by the committee (a replacement yellow bucket with a discontinuation note inside remains at the location). However, the committee still maintains the WCC Hoʻolaule’a cache.

As of May 2008, about 40 people/groups visited our new WCC Campus Tour #1 multi-cache.

**Planning 2008 -- 2009**

1. Promote GIS/GPS throughout the WCC campus (faculty, staff and students)

2. Promote more student involvement in WCC geocaching

3. Place a new, innovative and intriguing cache on the WCC campus

4. Maintain the existing caches