Geocaching Committee
Year-end Report

Academic Year 2008 – 2009

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Windward Community College

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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 “multi” cache, WCC Campus Tour #1. In a multi- cache, 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 A’o (left). Unfortunately, this cache was targeted by repeated vandalism in
March 2009. After consulting with the Geocaching.com administrator, the committee terminated the cache.

In Summer 2008, to promote geocaching and GIS/GPS, the committee coordinator, Toshi Ikagawa, lectured as a guest in two classes: (1) Joe Ciotti’s “No Child Left Behind Workshop,” and (2) Cindy Hunter’s BIOL 410 - Human Role in Environmental Change (UH Manoa).

In February 2009, the committee acquired two Geko GPS units with PC cables. They were put on reserve at the WCC Library for use by WCC faculty, staff and students.

The committee is planning to set up a new multiple cache, “WCC Campus Tour #2,” which will most likely start in Inge White’s Bioprocessing Medicinal Garden Complex. Again, this cache is to promote the WCC campus to the public.

Planning 2009 – 2010

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