Geo-Art Research

Location: Edwardsville, IL

Theme The theme got its design from St. Louis Cardinals. The creator was watching the 2013 playoffs when she came up with this idea for Geoart.

When Launched: 6/27/2014

Owner: 2_Cats

Cache Types (Number): 81 Caches and they are all of the puzzle variety.

Approximate Number of Visitors:289 finds

Cache Favorite Points: 1 favorite point

Feedback From the Owner (Why / Workload): "I was first inspired to create the geoart after having done several others. It's fun to see all the smileys on the map in the form of something. I played with several ideas but didn't find any that I really liked. Then during the Fall of 2011, the St. Louis cardinals went from last place in the beginning of September to clinching the wild card spot the very last game of the season. St. Louis had Cardinal fever! I found my idea for the geoart. I had to make 2 trips to find locations for the caches. The first time I didn't read the rules that the final location of a puzzle cache had to be within 2 miles of the pin. Ooops, so I had to go and replace about 70 of the 82 caches. Finally I got that done and the <u>Geocaching.com</u> website changed their interface and it would not let me replace the coordinates. I had to delete those 70 and re-create them. Finally I got it up and running. I have run into problems with some of the locals. Most, when you explain geocaching, they understand. I placed the caches only on the right-of-way of the roads and tried not to place too many on what looked like people's property. There are a few reports of locals approaching cachers."

Selective Cacher Comments / Feedback

Cacher: How-D

-What was the most difficult part of this trail?

None of it was terribly difficult. But many of the questions required internet searches.

-What was the most fun part about this trail?

Doing something with friends.

-Did you learn anything new on this trail?

Cardinal trivia.

-How long did this trail take you?

Seven hours

-Would you recommend this trail to others?

I'll give that a qualified "yes". There were a couple of caches where the placement was not as

safe as I'd like. They were on a road that was too busy for stopping (IMHO). Also, some were

placed too close to people's residences.

-Did you do this trail alone or with a partner/group?

I had a partner to navigate while I drove.

-What drew you to attempt this trail?

I generally like doing GeoArt. I've done about a dozen.

-Any other details you'd like to mention?

One particular cache #77 stands out as a bad experience along the trail. I contacted the cache owner and she archived the cache based on my experience.

Cacher: mpmcmillen

"Overall we enjoyed competing the geo-art. The best part was spending time with my now college sophomore before he went back to school. We are both big Cardinal fans. It was also fun because I don't cache much in the summer due to heat and buggy Midwestern woods, and this series did not include any bushwacking. The series was easy to complete in a day, and would have been quicker if we'll maintained, but the owner 2cats has had health problems. So we enjoyed being able to fix it up for her. I typically like regular caches that require a hike in the woods, but that is one of my favorite things about geocaching is that you can 'change the flavor' of your adventure based on the day and what you want to experience. Good luck on your project, hopefully I responded in time. Mike (mpmcmillen)"

Additional Details (Geo-Art Image)

