

# Geo-Art Research

## **Location:**

Located in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. This is just about 300 miles northeast of Seattle, WA. The GeoArt is located in the forest; there are dangerous animals in the location, so you need to be careful if you want to complete these GeoArts.

## **Theme:**

The theme was based off the bear population in that specific area. The second GeoArt that was created was "Run Cacher Run", which was a stick figure that was running from the bear. The name 'Kelowna' literally means 'Grizzly Bear' to the indigenous people, so he created this art in the shape of a bear. He created the running man later because he thought it would look funny on the map. Inside each of these caches is a different fun fact about bears.

## **When Launched:**

Kelowna's Challenge Bear was created on June 30th, 2013. Run Cacher Run was created 2 weeks later on July 12th. Ever since, geocachers come from all over the globe to complete these GeoArts, with some of the most recent completions being in the past month.

## **Owner:**

The guy who created these GeoArts is named 'Geo\_Raptor.' We tried to ask him about his caches but he never responded.

## **Cache Types (Number):**

In 'Run Cacher Run', there are 45 identical camouflaged film canisters. Inside each, there is a different fun fact about bears. Each cache is a puzzle cache, requiring you to decode a message before you can find it. 'Challenge Bear' is also a GeoArt made up of puzzle caches. Additionally, there is a list of requirements for each cache that you need to complete before you can log it. Some of these can be really hard, and are rated 5 out of 5 in difficulty.

## **Approximate Number of Visitors:**

'Challenge Bear' has about 150 logged visits per each cache. 'Run Cacher Run' has just slightly less logged visits, at around 120 per cache.

## **Cache Favorite Points:**

In total, 'Challenge Bear' has about 450 favorite points throughout all its' caches. 'Run Cacher Run' has about 150.

## **Feedback From the Owner (Why / Workload):**

Unfortunately, he never responded.

## Selective Cacher Comments / Feedback

- In the description for this art, he says he created the running man because he thought it would look funny on the map
- **FarmrTim:** Day 2 on the trail, out hiking with Mudrock1, Jordsterman and Kamping Kouple, Lots of laughs and Dust. Jord is going to sleep well tonight he wanted to be the first to find.
- **Ricnmad:** Needed a leg stretch after logging some of the bear challenge. Nice saunter in the woods. Tftc
- **Smitranm:** So many caches and not enough time. I had to cut my plans to two series with icons in water, some caches with rare D/T and some others on my way. Thank you for the hide
- **MulderClan!:** "I did all of these my geocaching friends. Roads were in great shape, well graded, gravel but few pot holes. I did not drive but my Honda CRV could have done it no problem. Caches were all very findable. Few required short climb up steep embankments. There weren't any trails to speak of as most if not all were easily accessed from the road."

# Additional Details (Geo-Art Image)

