



Auckland Geocaching Mega Event 2013

Labour Weekend, 26-28 October 2013

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Kia ora and hello again from NZ Mega HQ! We're counting down the days to the 2013 Mega, and things are getting exciting and busy around HQ.

What's in My Bag? *Registration packs explained...*

If you've already [registered](#) and paid to attend the NZ Mega 2013 Auckland event, thank you, and if you haven't done so yet but intend to, please get onto it as it helps us prepare for the numbers attending and have the right number of registration packs ready to go.

Speaking of registration packs, what's in yours? Well, we've got a number of goodies arranged, along with one or two surprises we're expecting to throw in (we'll announce those closer to the event).

Included in the registration pack will be:

- Your mega event geocoin – a 2 inch, 5mm thick geocoin designed specifically for NZ Mega 2013
- Event [programme](#) and information
- Entry forms for various competitions and activities such as the meet and greet games
- Information and discount vouchers from our [sponsors](#)
- Lanyards, name tags and pathtags for your team
- And much more!

A Mega Coin for a Mega Event

We announced on [Twitter](#) recently that the samples for the NZ Mega 2013 official geocoin arrived. We're extremely pleased with how they have turned out.

We can't tell you too much about them at this stage as their exact design is a secret and will only be revealed at the event. What we can tell you is that we didn't cut any corners on the quality and design - they are highly detailed, textured, sized 2" square and 5mm thick, and they have that quality heavy feel.

We are sure you will love them as much as we do!

Hands Up Who Loves Puzzles!

Love them, or love to hate them, but puzzle solving sessions are always a big hit at skills day events, and there have even been events solely dedicated to the subject. So we drafted in some Auckland puzzle solving gurus, kiwicouple, and asked them to put on two puzzle solving sessions: A seminar on puzzle solving techniques on Saturday, and a round table puzzle solving session on Sunday to solve 3 brand new puzzle caches published on the day!

Making the Most of Your NZ Mega Trip!

If you're coming to the NZ Mega 2013 event from far away lands – the other end of the country, overseas or even the other side of the world – then we urge you to check out the excellent geo-tour trips that have been organised by our Gold Sponsor Tours Direct Ltd (also geocachers under the name PageNZ).

Geotour North – [this trip](#), running from the 22nd to the 24th of October, prior to mega weekend, will take you north of Auckland on a round trip with a variety of caching and adventures including walks and cycling in beautiful Northland and a ferry across to historic Russell in the Bay of Islands.

Geotour South – after the mega weekend, from the 29th to the 30th of October, [this trip](#) will take you south of Auckland to Hamilton and the Waikato where you might even catch a glimpse of a hobbit or two.

You can pick and choose, and join either or both of these tours, but either way, you will be in very capable hands!



Call for Volunteers

Want to help out the mega team? Excellent, because we certainly will need some help in the lead up and over the mega weekend. We will have a variety of jobs for volunteers including, but not limited to, information/registration, merchandise sales, assisting with games and activities, and guiding walks.

If you're keen to assist, then please email volunteer@nzmega.com. In the email please let us know if you have any special qualifications (eg First Aid skills) or particular areas of interest regarding volunteering for the mega. We'll need volunteers throughout the weekend, so if you can let us know what days and times you'd be available and if there are any times you aren't available. Thanks!

You've Got to be In to Win!

Last month we announced a bunch of [competitions](#) you can enter at the NZ Mega 2013 event. You can enter all of them as many times as you like, but you need to be in to win. Below is a quick summary of each competition, and remember, it's not us deciding on the winners – it will be all of the event attendees that judge the winners by voting at the event!



Camo Cache Competition

Fancy yourself as a master of disguise? Then gather your materials around and create an amazing camouflaged cache container for our Camo Cache Competition. Bring it along to the event where attendees will be able to admire your talents and vote for their favourite camo cache container. There are some pretty cool prizes at stake here so time to get out the big guns....
The glue guns, that is.

Geo-Photo Exhibition Competition

It's time to showcase all those beautiful photos you've taken while out geocaching. Look through your albums and find your favourite photos taken while Geocaching - those special moments and photos you are particularly proud of. Send them into us and we'll put them on display at our very own NZ Mega Photo Exhibition - and what's more, you might win a prize! How neat is that?

Pathtag Design Competition

Have you ever considered designing your own pathtag? Are you an experienced pathtag designer just looking for an excuse to create a pathtag especially for the mega? Create a pathtag for the mega and have it minted so you can bring it along and trade with other pattaggers and we'll add a bonus reason – if your pathtag design is voted the favourite of the mega event, you will win a special set of our mega pathtags!

A Quick Shout Out to Our Sponsors...



Thanks,
Auckland 2013 Mega Team