

## The Land Between the Lakes Heritage Geocache Challenge 2023 Communities of LBL

In each geocache box, you should find a sign-in sheet, date logbook and 150 aluminum metal tree tags. We have stamped each tag with numbering specific to that cache location. Collect 1 tree tag per geocache from each of the 6 locations.

- Bring your 6 different metal tree tags to the Golden Pond Visitor Center.
- Exchange them for a special Challenge Coin created just for this event.
- For extra bragging rights, each coin is individually numbered from 1 to 150.
- Once participants have redeemed all tree tags and coins, this year's geocache challenge ends.
- After closing the challenge, we collect the boxes to prepare for next year's event.

Contact Chris Thornock with any suggestions and comments (270-540-1079 or [christopher.thornock@usda.gov](mailto:christopher.thornock@usda.gov)).



## GEOCACHING

Congratulations, you've found it! (Intentionally or not)

It's part of a worldwide game loved by GPS (Global Positioning System) users who are on the internet. It's like a scavenger hunt—it's called geocaching. A GPS user hides a "treasure" (this container), and publishes the exact coordinates so other GPS users can come on a "treasure hunt" to find it.

IF YOU FOUND THIS CONTAINER BY ACCIDENT  
Great! You can join with us! We only ask:

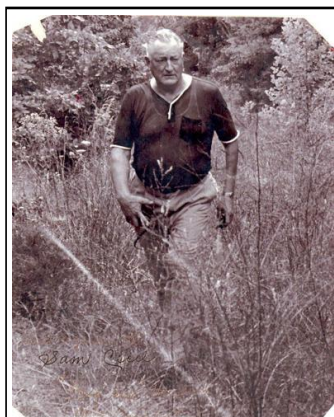
- Please don't move or vandalize the container. The real fun is just finding it and recording a visit
- Go ahead and take something if you like. But also leave something too.

[www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)

**Please respect and protect our local heritage by leaving all the cultural material in its current location. Do not remove or disturb the artifacts.**



## The Revenuers and "Big Six"



William Bernard "Big Six" Henderson was born in St. Johns Kentucky in 1903. He graduated from Jasper College in Indiana in 1923 where he studied law, accounting, Latin, English, Greek, history, botany, and mathematics. He then moved on to study law at the University of Louisville KY.

**"Big Six" on the prowl for illegal stills.**

After working with the L & N Railroad for 20 years, Henderson became a Treasury Investigator in the Department of Alcohol, Tax Unit.

From 1941 -1970, Big Six became known to almost every moonshiner and still man in Kentucky. In fact, Henderson's very first "out in the wood" moonshine still raid was in Golden Pond Kentucky!

Henderson was known for his storytelling.

A quote from the *Wine and Crime* podcast describes Big Six as "a very tall lawman who is his own biggest fan." Yet, the endearing respect that he showed to the moonshiners and bootleggers he apprehended created a mutual admiration that will preserve his legend for decades to come.

When a still was raided the moonshiners weren't carted off to jail, instead, they were often told to come in the next day to the revenuer's office to get fingerprinted.

Common decency aside, agents still had to destroy the stills they located.



**"Big Six" using an ax to disable moonshine vats**

Henderson became so famous in some places that moonshiners painted "Big Six" on the sides of the barrels they illegally produced, knowing many of them would end up in his hands anyway.

A moonshiner named Thurlow even named his still Big Six, greeting it like a co-worker in the mornings when he started a cook.

### Thurlow Gets Caught!

One foggy morning Thurlow said, "good morning, Big Six! Why don't we just run ourselves off a little batch? What do you say to that, Big Six?"

"That you're caught, Thurlow," Henderson said, stepping out of the mist."

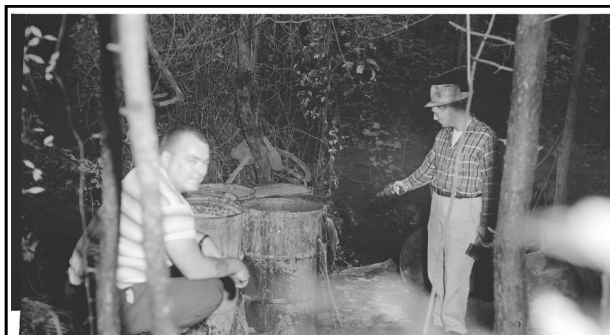


### Firm but Fair

Serving a warrant once, Big Six said, "I couldn't find anything. So I came back to the house and I went in the kitchen where I saw a little crack, in behind the stove. And I went over there and pushed it back and there was a false door there that slides. and I pushed it back and then there was these cardboard cartons."

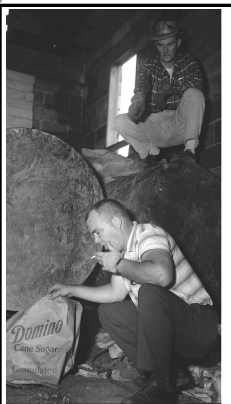
"There was 405-gallons of moonshine stacked up in there!"

Big Six continued his story, "he kinda turned four colors and said, 'Well, Big Six, I'd rather you catch me than anyone else.' I said, 'What do you mean?' He said, 'Well, I know you'll treat me right.' "



*"Big Six" and his partner shooting holes in the mash barrels.*

### What's in a Name?



*Big Six inspecting a sugar sack*

Many might think "Big Six" got his nickname from the .44 Caliber pistol he was rare to be without. But it's likely that it was the other way around: he may have carried that pistol in part because of the nickname he already earned!

Henderson was born in 1903 in Rineyville--near Elizabethtown--in Kentucky. He eventually pitched in a semi-pro baseball league to pay for college and many said he threw like Christy "Big Six" Mathewson.

The nickname stuck with him and, by the time he became a U.S. Marshal, "Big Six" was part of his letterhead and signature on official correspondence.



*Above and Below, Big Six and revenuers prepare a still for its eventual destruction.*

