

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).



"The King of Golden Pond Still Men"

Prohibition agent, William "Big Six" Henderson once said, "during the early prohibition era from 1919 to the late twenties, the Bogards, the Higgins, the Joyces, the Mitchusons, the Calhouns, and various other family units who were early settlers of the community plied their trade or illicit traffic in moonshine whiskey almost unmolested."



The Bogard Brothers, from left to right, Ned, Joe, and Frank

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:

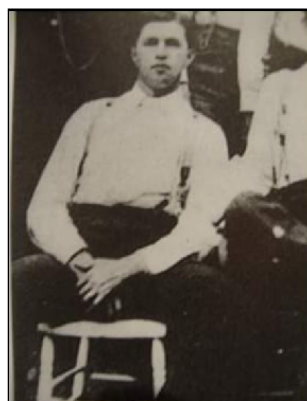
- Please don't move or vandalize the container. The real fun is just finding it and recording a visit
- Go ahead and take something if you like. But also leave something too.

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



Leadership and Quality Control



Big Six considered Joe Bogard the Kingpin of the Golden Pond still men. Joe was highly respected for his honest deals and adamant about the quality of shine sold. He organized and supervised the sale and distribution of most liquor produced in Golden Pond.

The close-knit quality of Between the Rivers communities may have played a role in the renown and success of Golden Pond moonshine.

The quality of Golden Pond shine was likened to Jim Beam and many stillmen from the region took such pride in their product that it was treated as a science and was not drunk during operations. A quality control possibly due to Joe Bogard.

Pillar of the Community

Wallace Hooks once said,

"Joe Bogard had the best whiskey recipe and everyone followed it. Joe even had people working for him and would help others get started in the moonshine business by purchasing their copper stills in Hopkinsville, buying their mash, sugar, and other materials. Bogard would also buy the finished product and if they wanted a mule or a car he'd get it and anything else they needed."

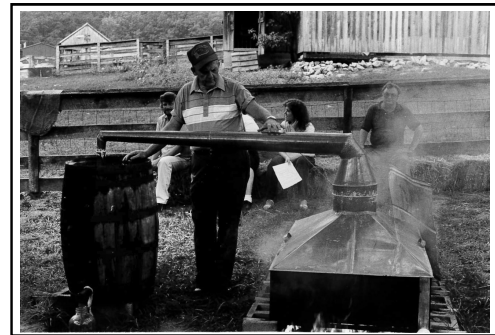


One of Casey Jones stills in operation in the BTR, circa 1950s. An example of the set up Joe would have helped furnish.

The Only Legal Hooch Made Between the Rivers

Billy Joe Hooks, Joe Bogard's nephew, was also a moonshiner and ran the only legal still to operate Between the Rivers. This was during a demonstration in the 1980s that showed the public how a still operated.

A photo of the demonstration was ultimately placed on Hook's tombstone in 2004 after his passing. His wife, Virginia, remarked that he never sampled the goods when he was making it. "You can't drink it when you're making it. You have to be alert to what's going on around you."



Legends of Joe Bogard

There are many stories told about how Al Capone would send his men to Golden Pond to acquire the best whiskey in the nation. Some say Capone flew the alcohol out in planes; some say Capone himself would show up in his Lincoln to pick it up.

Others say planes would have been inefficient and the Lincoln spotted pulling into Joe's carriage house was indeed from Chicago, but rather than mobsters, the Lincoln was a cousin visiting family in Hopkinsville.

One remaining question is did Joe have gasoline in those pumps in front of his barn or was it white lightening?



Pictured here is the Bogard Carriage house (garage). The walls of this structure are still present and you can see where the porch columns stood along with the gas pump if you look closely on the ground.



The Bogards lived in this 2-story frame-house that, for a short period, overlooked Lake Barkley. Their garage (or carriage house) is in the image box to the left. What features from the map can you find on the ground? The garage is perhaps the most prominent.

