



Forte São José

Placed by: flurehcsif

Placed Date: 12/12/2010

N 32° 38.475 W 016° 55.057

UTM: 28S E 320128 N 3613140

Size: (Micro)

Difficulty:

Terrain:

Log Counts: 1 Archive 2 Post Reviewer Note 2 Temporarily Disable Listing 2 Enable Listing

Short Description

Forte São José - Islet Pontinha

Long Description

The cache is located at the small island Pontinha. The Cache is a film canister and is hidden in a gap in the wall below the window left from the door of the Fort. The exact location is shown in the spoiler. The History of Fort of São José (source: <http://www.fortesaojose.com>): Until 1776, this islet was documented, on the official maps, as the Islet of Diogo (name of Christopher Columbus' son). From then onwards, and by the Royal Charter it was physically linked to the island of Madeira having been concluded during the reign of D. José, from which the name ist dubbed after - Fort of São José. Between 1801 and 1807, the British occupation used the Fort as a military stronghold and penal complex. In 1888, the government decided to lengthen the Port of Funchal and as a result, the Fort of São José had been forgotten by the Madeirans once again. In 1903, the government puts the Fort up for sale in the public marketplace. In later years the Fort of São José would be used as a coal depository and warehouse. In October 2000, the Fort of Sao Jose was purchased by a Madeiran whose itention was to restore all af the dignity for wich the Fort was worthy of, having been once considered a laudable contribution to the world. A note on cache maintenance: The cache is hidden on private property with the permission of the owner. The owner is a local and will help me with the maintenance of the cache.

Logs

[Archive] Tuesday, 21 December 2010 by **SUp3rFM** (0 found)
Hi,

I'm sorry that we can't reach an understanding. As I said, the reasons why I am not publishing this cache are the following:

- Cache is hidden on a stone wall. Even if it's privately owned, there's a chance of damaging the structure, besides that it's a bad example of a hide. As you know, since you're well experience, GPS accuracy can be shaken, particularly close to walls.

- I'd like to see a written permission from the owner of the place.

Please, if you feel this should be reviewed by Groundspeak, forward this matter to appeals@geocaching.com, mentioning the GC code of this submission and present your case.

Good luck,

SUp3rFM
Geocaching.com Volunteer Cache Reviewer

[Enable Listing] Tuesday, 21 December 2010 by **flurehcsif** (304 found)
Hi,

In my opinion there is no problem with the cache.
It is hidden like thousands of caches all over the world.
I have never ever had a written permission for placing a cache.

Please enable this listing.
If you think you can not do it, please escalate this to someone who can.

If you do not want to do so - please feel free to archive the listing.
In this case I would tell my local contact to do what ever he wants to do with the container.

I am a paying premium member and a dedicated geocacher with much experience. If caches hidden in gaps of walls are not longer rule conform? I think I will have to write a lot of "needs maintenance"-logs in the future.

Thank you for reviewing this cache

flurehcsif
Geocaching since 2004
Owner since 2005
Premium Member since 2010

[🔴 Temporarily Disable Listing] Monday, 20 December 2010 by **SUp3rFM** (0 found)
Hi,

Please notice that there is no precedent to placing new caches. This means that you'll have to remove the container from that wall.

Written permission is also mandatory.

Please, re-enable the cache when you sort out these issues.

Thank you,

SUp3rFM
Geocaching.com Volunteer Cache Reviewer

[🟢 Enable Listing] Sunday, 19 December 2010 by **flurehcsif** (304 found)
>- Caches hidden in stone walls are a very bad idea. You must move the cache out of that location. The Cache is not "in" the wall - you do not have to remove the wall to get to the cache. It is a normal hiding-place. The cache "Funchal walkabout" ([visit link](#)) in the near, for instance, is hidden in just the same way. The Micro ist hidden in a gap between the stones in the wall.
I gave this hint and made a spoiler-photo in order to make it easy to find. I do not want the people to destroy anything.

- You mention the cache hidden in a private area. What's the area? Please forward the authorization to place the cache there to the mail address sup3rfm@geocachingadmin.com
The owner of the property gave me a verbal permission. The area is an old fort, Forte São José. The owner gives everyone free access to this area, for visiting the fort. The area where the cache is hidden, is freely accessible for everyone, everytime - but it is private ground - that is why I have mentioned, that I talkt to the owner, who liked the idea and gave me the permission and will take care of the cache, if it needs some maintenance.

- You mention a local contact to maintain your geocaching. Forward his contact too.
My local contact is Mr. Renato Barros, his E-Mail-Adress is fortesaojose@gmail.com.

[🔴 Temporarily Disable Listing] Sunday, 19 December 2010 by **SUp3rFM** (0 found)
Hi,

I'm reviewing your submission. Seems you have some questions that must be solved in order to get your cache published.

- Caches hidden in stone walls are a very bad idea. You must move the cache out of that location.
- You mention the cache hidden in a private area. What's the area? Please forward the authorization to place the cache there to the mail address sup3rfm@geocachingadmin.com
- You mention a local contact to maintain your geocaching. Forward his contact too.

Enable the listing as soon as these issues are solved.

Good luck.

SUp3rFM
Geocaching.com Volunteer Cache Reviewer

[ Post Reviewer Note] Friday, 17 December 2010 by **flurehcsif** (304 found)

A note on cache maintenance:

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Original Cache Location: N 32° 38.475 W 016° 55.057

Overview Map

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