

Waypoint Management: Export to CacheMate from GSAK

This tutorial describes how to send waypoints from GSAK to the CacheMate application running on a Palm OS based PDA. GSAK is a database of GeoCaches (waypoints) and their associated logs that you may view and manage. CacheMate is a Palm OS based viewer for GeoCache descriptions and logs.

Requirements:

- The driver for the Palm OS based PDA must be installed and tested first
- The Palm HotSync application must be installed on the computer with the Install conduit configured and tested
- The CacheMate application must be installed on the Palm OS based PDA. For information on downloading and installing CacheMate visit <http://www.smittyware.com/palm/cachemate/>

Prerequisites:

- Connect the PDA to the computer and turn it on.
- Optionally choose to delete any existing CacheMate database records from the PDA first

Export GeoCache Descriptions and Logs to CacheMate Running on the Palm OS based PDA

- From **File -> Export** pick **CacheMate PDB File...**

Export CacheMate PDB File

Note: This export is for Palm users only, for Pocket PC CacheMate use File=>Export=>GPX

PDB file to create: C:\Documents and Settings\turner\My Documents\TIM\GeoCaching\Wayp...
Select from most recent: File=CacheMate.pdb Path=C:\Documents and Settings\turner\My Docum...

CacheMate options: Use defaults

CacheMate Waypoint (code/smart name)
You can build the waypoint using tags (see help) Maximum characters: 15

CacheMate Name
You can build the waypoint name using tags (see help) Problem characters to remove:

Include additional child waypoints
 Yes Only include if flagged

Maximum waypoints to send (Leave blank to send all): 15

CacheLogs
No Limit Limit number of logs to export: Always include my logs

Install to palm after conversion

The following options allow inclusion of extra information for caches generated from GSAK. When selected, this information will be made part of the description in CacheMate.

State/Country Container Type Travel bugs Decode hints by default Include logs notes template for items taken/left
 Cache Status Date Hidden Cache Owner Enable long cache descriptions (CacheMate 2.1 or later required)

Extra information to show as first log: Exclude user notes log

Settings: ... Last active

Save Delete

Generate Cancel Help

Explanation of Export options:

- **PDB file to create**
 - This is the folder and file name of the PDB file to be created before copying it to the PDA
- **CacheMate waypoint**
 - Set this to **%code**. CacheMate has the ability to list caches by their original GCXXXX code or the SmartName created by GSAK.
- **CacheMate name**
 - Set this to **%smart**. CacheMate has the ability to list caches by their original GCXXXX code or the SmartName created by GSAK.
- **Include additional child waypoints**
 - Leave **unchecked**. If you configured GSAK to handle additional waypoints as child waypoints when importing Pocket Queries and you wish to send these to CacheMate, check this box.
- **Maximum waypoints to send**
 - Leave **blank**. All waypoints shown in the GSAK subset will be sent.
- **Cache logs**
 - Pick **No Limit** from the drop down list. All available logs will be sent.
- **Install to Palm after conversion**
 - This automatically launches the Palm Install tool and adds the PDB file to be installed.
- **Additional optional information**
 - **Select all options**. This will include extra information in the CacheMate description such as the decoded hint, container type, travel bugs and cache owner.
- Pick **Generate**
 - You may be prompted to overwrite an existing PDB file from a previous export. Pick **Yes**.
 - CacheMate CMConvert runs. Pick **OK** to continue
 - The Palm Install Tool starts automatically. The PDB file just created will be listed ready to install on the PDA at the next HotSync. Pick **Done**.
- **Launch HotSync** to move the PDB file to the Palm OS based PDA

For more information

- Use the GSAK Help menus. They're excellent
- Use the GSAK online forums to discuss GSAK topics with other users. Visit <http://www.gsak.net/board/>
- Post your questions to the MBGA online forum. Visit <http://www.mbgeocaching.ca/forum/index.php>
- Waypoint Management: Loading Pocket Queries into GSAK from file
- Waypoint Management: Creating and Saving Filters in GSAK
- Waypoint Management: Using Smart Names in GSAK.doc
- Waypoint Management: Send to Garmin GPSr using Description Field from GSAK
- Waypoint Management: Export to MapSource from GSAK
- Waypoint Management: Using Custom Icons in GSAK, MapSource and a Garmin GPSr