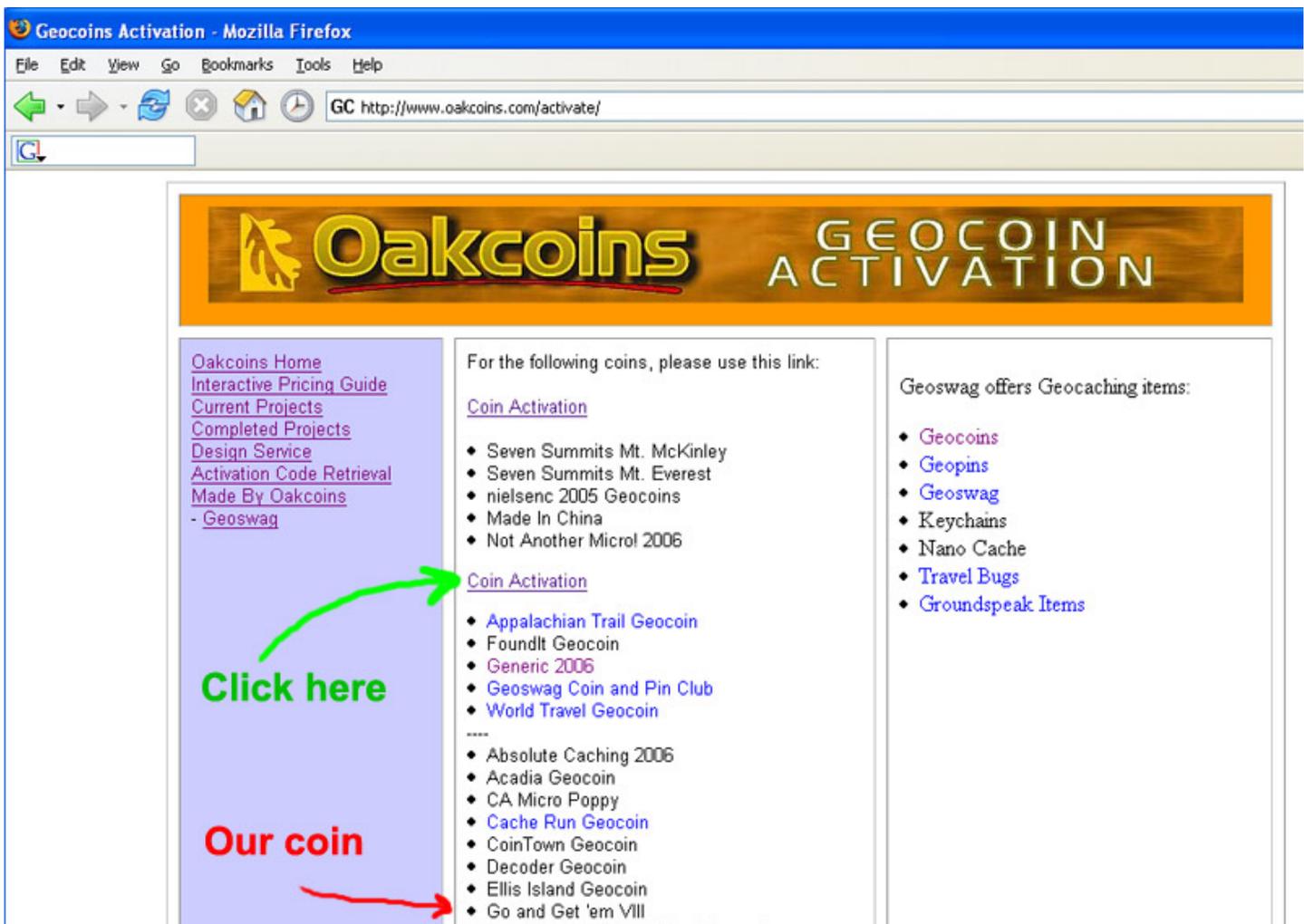


On behalf of Keeper of Maps and myself (geoSquid), I thank you for purchasing a GAGE 8 geocoin. As advertised, these coins are trackable on <http://www.geocaching.com> but must first be “activated” in order to become a valid geocaching traveller. This document explains the activation procedure. **All steps must be followed exactly.** Seriously... there is a point of no-return!

**Step 1** – You must be a geocaching.com member. You don’t have to be a premium member, but you **MUST** be registered at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) with an email address associated with your account. This is absolutely critical in order to complete Step 3.

**Step 2** – Open your web browser and navigate to <http://www.oakcoins.com/activate/> and you should see a screen like this. Find our coin in the list as shown by the red arrow in the picture. Click on the link as noted by the green arrow.

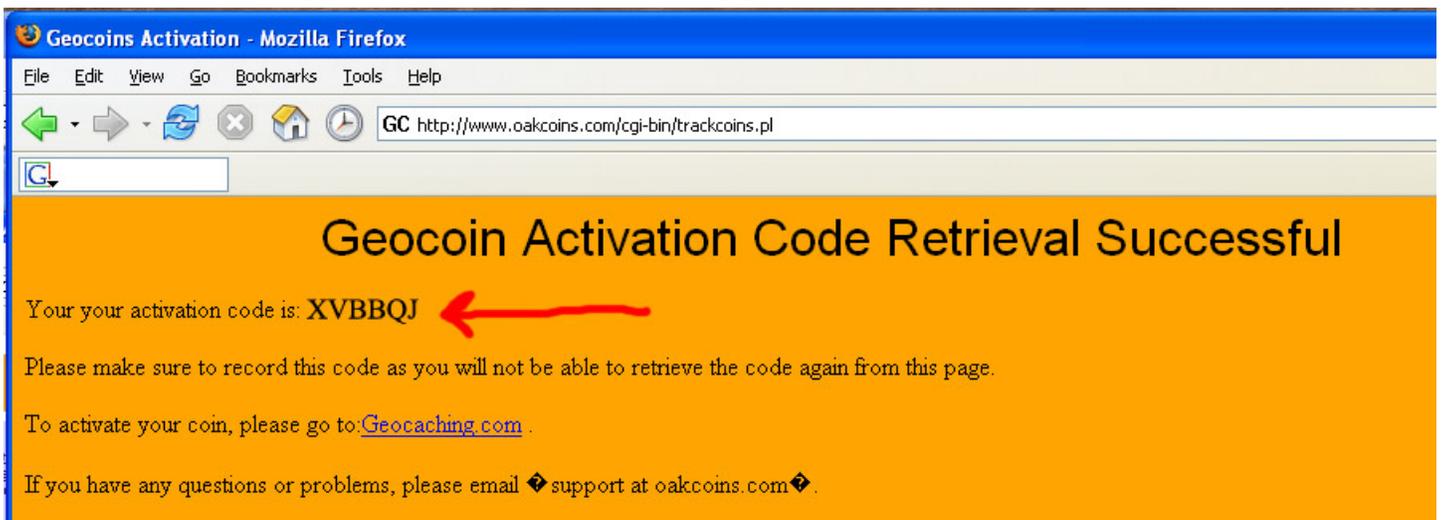


**Step 3** – When you click the link you should get a screen like the one below. On this screen, enter your email as it appears at the Geocaching.com web site. This is why you must be registered at Geocaching.com (Step 1).



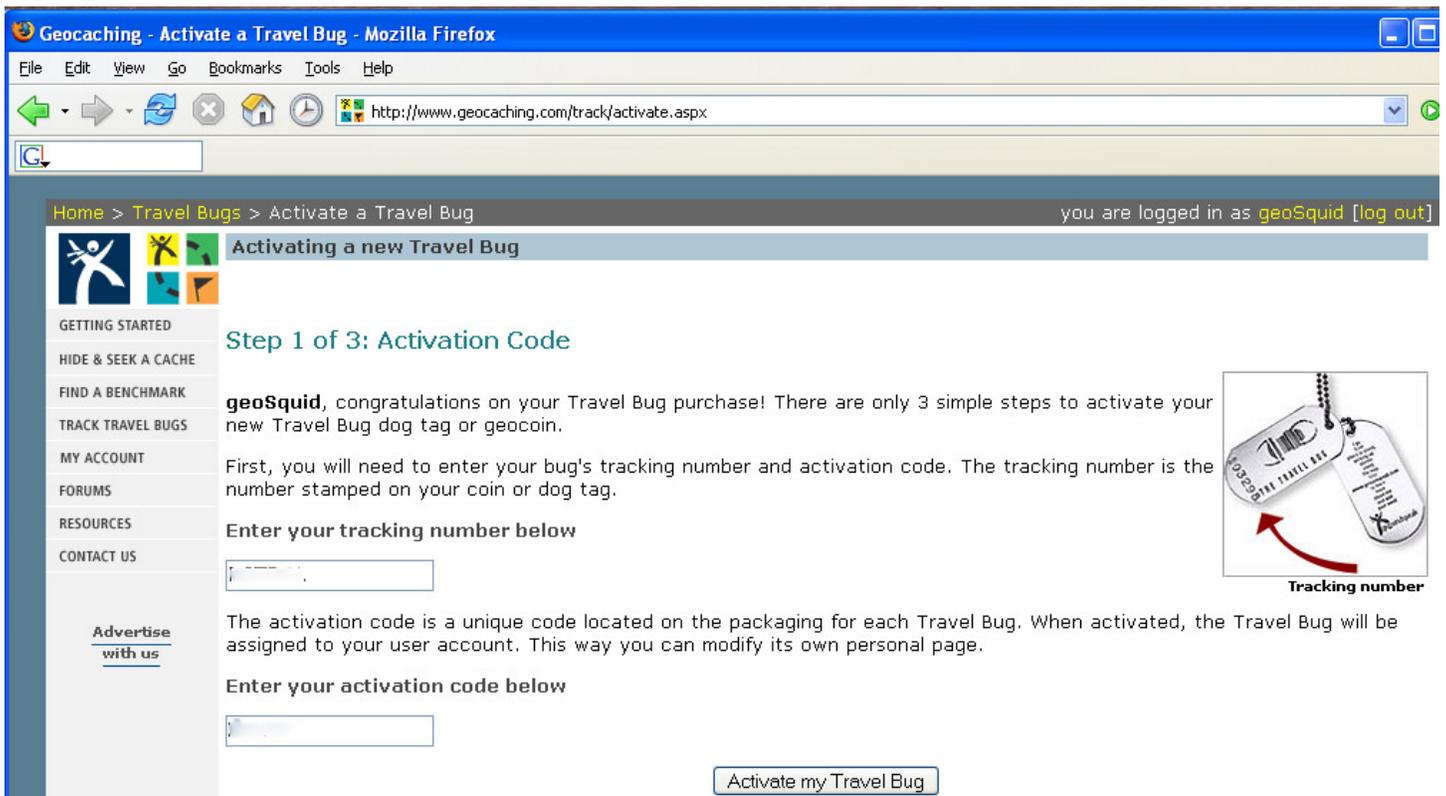
On the front of the coin there is a 6-character tracking number, something like PCXYZ3. Enter that number in the “Geocaching Tracking Number” field and click the “Get Code>>” button.

**Step 4** – After clicking the button you should get a screen like the following:



The red arrow I've drawn points to the activation code. **WRITE THIS CODE DOWN.** Double check it. Double check it again because it often uses the letter O instead of a number zero. Personally, I recommend highlighting it and hitting control-C to copy it onto the clipboard. This is the point of no return. If you get this wrong for the next step, you cannot recover and make the coin trackable. Not that there's any pressure 😊 When you are ready, click the link to go to Geocaching.com.

**Step 5** – When you click the link, you will be taken to the Geocaching.com travel bug activation page as shown below. If you are not logged in to Geocaching.com, you will be told to log in and provided with a link to go to log in. After logging in, you will get the screen below:



Geocaching - Activate a Travel Bug - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help

http://www.geocaching.com/track/activate.aspx

Home > Travel Bugs > Activate a Travel Bug you are logged in as geoSquid [log out]

### Activating a new Travel Bug

**Step 1 of 3: Activation Code**

geoSquid, congratulations on your Travel Bug purchase! There are only 3 simple steps to activate your new Travel Bug dog tag or geocoin.

First, you will need to enter your bug's tracking number and activation code. The tracking number is the number stamped on your coin or dog tag.

Enter your tracking number below

The activation code is a unique code located on the packaging for each Travel Bug. When activated, the Travel Bug will be assigned to your user account. This way you can modify its own personal page.

Enter your activation code below

Activate my Travel Bug



Tracking number

In the field under “Enter your tracking number below” you need to enter the PC number from the front of the geocoin being activated (See step 3).

In the field under “Enter your activation code below” you need to enter the result you wrote down in Step 4. **If you incorrectly transcribe the code from Step 4, you won't be able to activate the coin for tracking.**

When you are sure the contents of the fields are correct, click “Activate my Travel Bug”

**Step 6** – In a moment, you should see the following screen:

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Activating a new Travel Bug

GETTING STARTED  
HIDE & SEEK A CACHE  
FIND A BENCHMARK  
TRACK TRAVEL BUGS  
MY ACCOUNT  
FORUMS  
RESOURCES  
CONTACT US

Advertise with us

### Step 2 of 3: Travel Bug Details

You have successfully assigned this Travel Bug to your account. Your Travel Bug number is:

## TB1234

Write this number down. This is the number you can share with other users. *Do not give out your Travel Bug tracking number* as it is used to verify that users have your Bug. The reference number will also be listed on your travel bug's page.

Next, provide some information about your Travel Bug. Give it a name, description, and a goal if it has one. All that is required is a name, and you can always go back to update the Travel Bug's information after you have finished these steps.

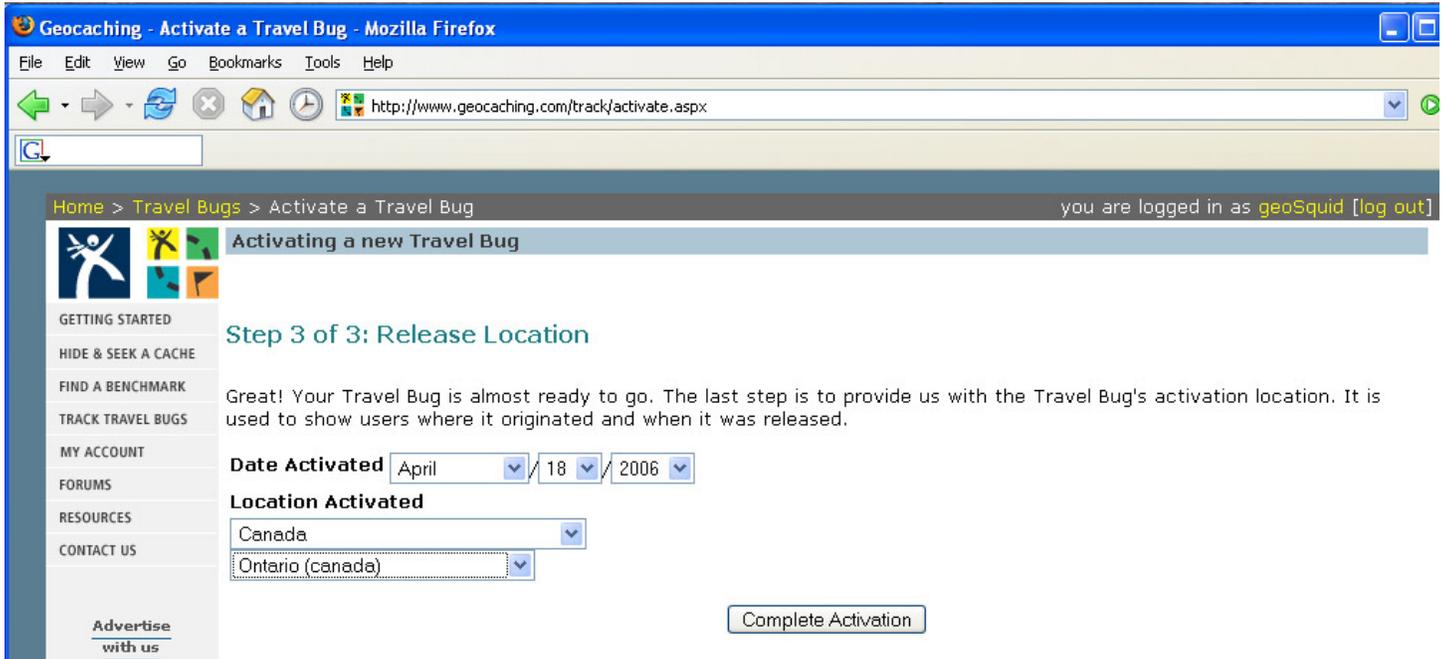
**Name**

**Mission**  
Pick a mission for your travel bug. If you leave it blank the mission will be to travel randomly from cache to cache.

**Description**  
If you want to provide information about your travel bug, post it here.

Enter a name, mission, and description for your coin as you would with any travel bug, and click “Edit Travel Bug Details”.

**Step 7** – Completing the step above brings up the final screen for activating your geocoin:



On this screen, enter the date and location you are at for activation and click “Complete Activation”

Your coin is now activated and will function as any other travel-bug-like trackable on <http://www.geocaching.com>

This coin does not have a special custom icon, so you will get the  icon for it.

You will have to do this entire process for each of your coins.

Good luck and happy caching!