

Geoh Live Notice

End of Geoh Live

Geoh Live will stop working May 1. This is a notice to users that development on Geoh Live has stopped and the app will soon no longer function. There are a couple of reasons for the shutdown:

- Expenses higher than revenue

Recent changes on Google prices for their services, plus increasing development/server costs resulted in Geoh costing 5x more than what it was making. There is no way to sustain an app like that as it became more of a “donation” to the geocaching community.
- New Groundspeak API

Groundspeak has released a new API (application programming interface) that authorized partner apps use to access geocache data and services. The old API (which Geoh Live uses) will stop working on May 1, 2019. The changes to the API were significant enough to require a fundamental rewrite of Geoh.

The decision was made to no longer offer a free version of Geoh. Either it became a paid app or it would be no longer be available in any form. Google does not allow an existing free app to change to a paid app which meant Geoh Live could not simply turn into a paid app... a whole new app would need to be created to replace Geoh Live.

New Version of Geooh

An improved version of Geooh is in development using the new API and will soon be available on Google Play. You will have to pay for this version and download it separately from Geooh Live (Google won't allow developers to upgrade a free app). In addition to the initial purchase price, there will be an optional enhanced version that requires a minor ongoing subscription fee to pay for the increased Google service costs for those advanced features.

Geooh will also be re-branded with a new name and logo to distinguish it from the older Geooh Live. As soon as the new app is released users will be notified of the new version and the link to download it.

The app will initially be searchable on Google Play for English speaking countries only. Geooh Live had been rated low due to complaints on language translations. Once the translations are improved then the new app will be made visible to other countries. In the meantime, you should still be able to use the download link on the Geooh website to locate the new app on Google Play for downloading if you don't care how good the translations are.

Prices for the new app haven't been finalized, but should be less than \$4 for the initial purchase and less than \$1 for subscriptions which occur every six months.

Transition off Geoh Live

If you are not interested in paying for geocaching apps, you have until May 1 to stop using Geoh Live and start using a different app. The new version of Geoh will become available in April so you can download it as a replacement. If you purchased the Alternative Maps and County Boundaries add-ons for Geoh Live, those features will still work in the new app. The add-ons will be bundled in the subscription along with other new capabilities.

There are significant new features coming in the next iteration of Geoh. We have always strived to make a premier geocaching app and to offer more advanced features than any other app. The new version continues that goal.

We apologize for any inconvenience this will cause fans of Geoh. But in the end, it is the only path that can be taken to keep Geoh alive (pun intended). And to everyone who has used Geoh and offered their encouragement and support of the app... thank you... it is users like you that helps motivate developers to work hard for quality apps.