

The Degree Confluence Project 2005

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Reach approached its confluence, not with the spirit of lofty ideals, but with the gusto of boys with toys. We raced towards our destiny with my hand-held GPS duct-taped to the steering pedestal with the confluence coordinates programmed in. Kevin would pilot the boat to within 100 yards then transfer navigation down below to Cole and me.

From topside, Kevin was yelling "One mile. One-half mile. 1000 feet. 500 feet. You got it!"

"Go south a little." Cole would relay the message up. "Now back north, hold it there, yes, yes." The digits on the GPS screen ticked down showing we were right on course.

"What's happening down there?" Kevin screamed down.

"Hold it steady, steady, yes! Yes! We got it!"

Jim Bazemore, Kevin Craig and
Cole Bazemore

17 January 2003

29°N 118°W - Mexico: Baja California Norte

30.0 km (18.6 miles) E of Center of Isla Guadalupe, Baja Calif. Norte, Mexico

<http://www.confluence.org/confluence.php?lat=29&lon=-118&visit=1>



January 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2 Cote d'Ivoire 2002
3 Bulgaria 2001	4	5	6 Austria 2001	7 Czech Republic 2001	8	9 Perihelion
10 <i>last quarter</i>	11	12	13	14 St Lucia 2002	15	16
17 <i>new moon</i>	18 Saudi Arabia 2000	19	20 Belize 2004	21	22	23
24 <i>first quarter</i>	25	26	27 French Guiana 2002	28	29	30 Norway 2000 Nigeria 2003 Sudan 2003 Syria 2004
31	<i>full moon</i>					

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78°N 14°E - Svalbard

9.2 km (5.7 miles) SW of Barentsburg, Svalbard

<http://www.confluence.org/confluence.php?lat=78&lon=148&visit=1>

We drove back towards Semmeldalen in beautiful weather, then as we dropped down into Passdalen we got enveloped by fog so dense that it was very hard to see the trail just in front of us. We drove very slowly through this area, alternating the leading/trailfinding job, but as we got lower into Grøndalen the fog got lighter, and as we got close to Grønfjorden we could see the sun shining through onto some of the surrounding mountain tops.

This was very fortunate, since we had to leave the trail system at this point to cross Grønfjorden and look for a way up the Heftye glacier. After some backtracking, we finally made it to within 500m of the confluence. We got off the snowmobiles intending to ski the remaining distance, but when we noticed that the crust was firm enough to carry a walking person, we simply grabbed the necessary gear and started up through the steepest parts of the glacier.

By now the fog and clouds had lifted, and we had a wonderful view all around the surrounding mountain tops!

Terje Mathisen and Einar Bolin

15 March 2004

The goal of the Degree Confluence Project is to visit each of the latitude and longitude integer degree intersections in the world, and to take pictures at each location. The pictures, along with a narrative describing the adventures it took to get there are then posted on the website www.confluence.org to create an organized sampling of the world.

The project was started by Alex Jarrett in February 1996 "because I liked the idea of visiting a location represented by a round number such as 43°00'00"N 72°00'00"W. What would be there? Would other people have recognized this as a unique spot? Another reason was that my friend managed to convince me to buy a GPS and I had to come up with something to do with it. I also hoped to encourage people to get outside, tromp around in places they normally would never go, and take pictures. I visited several confluences of my own and posted them to my personal website. Before long others found the site and visited confluences of their own, and it just snowballed from there."

Moon phase and seasonal data are from the U.S. Naval Observatory data services website <http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/> and are based on UTC. Countries and years shown on the month grids refer to the date of the first successful confluence visit for each country.

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