**So you want to submit a Pokestop!  an unofficial guide to submitting in Wayfarer.**

**IMPORTANT**

**In spite of all the wording in the game that you will see you are not, repeat not, submitting a pokestop. Yes, that is confusing, but this is Niantic.**

It is actually a multistage process with several gates to go through and it could be stopped at any point.

Reading this is the first step to a higher chance of success.

Overall Process

- You are actually submitting something into the Wayfarer system, to become a Wayspot in the Lightship database.
- It will be reviewed by the wayfarer community and if rated as acceptable it becomes a Wayspot. You get an email saying it is accepted. That does not mean that it will be Pokestop.
- Pokemon Go sets logic for what it will select from that database. If it meets the criteria, then it can appear in the game within approx. 48 hours of the Wayspot acceptance email. If it is not selected, you hear nothing, and it simply does not appear.

Make a good nomination

- The key eligibility criteria for wayspots are that it is a great place, to explore, or exercise, or socialise.
- Read all the official information. Niantic Wayfarer (nianticlabs.com)
- DO NOT LOOK AT WHAT IS ALREADY IN THE GAME FOR INSPIRATION.

The criteria have changed over time and looking at what is in the game could give a false impression.

You need to “sell” your nomination to a stranger. Reviewers will use your information to assess if it is eligible, and it is of an acceptable standard. Make that task easy for them by making it clear.

- DO NOT MENTION POKEMON GO.

It is going into a game neutral database. Although it might seem to be the right thing to say in the supplementary information, focus on how it meets the criteria, provide links to websites about the place or object to prove what you have said, and not why you need a pokestop.

- TAKE A GOOD PHOTOGRAPH

A nice crisp photograph where the object dominates the picture is best.

For the supplementary photo, make sure the object is in the picture, but it should now be a small part of the photo as you want to include clues to its location.

For fuller advice about nominating read this post on the official community forum:

Top Mistakes Made When Nominating Wayspots, and Tips To Avoid Them — Wayfarer (nianticlabs.com)

The Pokemon Go selection criteria

The final step of being selected from the database to enter Pokemon Go can feel the most frustrating. Niantic will not talk about these criteria, but player research has uncovered the “rules”.

The selection logic is based around the use of some mapping software called S2 cells, this article explains it well:  S2 cells and Pokémon GO | Pokémon GO Hub (pokemongohub.net)

When planning what to submit you need to understand this or you can end up with something approved but not used. There is then nothing that can be done.

Put time and thought into planning and choosing what to submit and researching the objects background.

Reviewing

You can help everyone by doing some reviewing. The system relies on people reviewing for new content to enter the game.

If you want help or advice go to the official community forum where experienced Wayfinders will be happy to help.