

Site Report 29: The Hitchhiker's Guide to New Ireland
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Fans of Douglas Adams' 1979 novel [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#) will recognize the giant thumb on the billboard posted above CrispyChrisu's base. This is the first of a brace of planets paying tribute to the book, another example of real-world crossover into synthetic space.

Anatomy of Huweyfaholu-8

Huweyfaholu-8 (née Caoimhe)

Legacy Hub

System: G-8B New Ireland

Base Name: Paddy's Paddock

Player: CrispyChrisu

Type: "Icebound" planet

Weather: Harsh, Icy Winds

Sentinels: Typical

Flora: Copious. There are 0 flora varieties discovered, but on a later June 18, 2018, visit, 6 species appeared in the log from 2017.

Fauna: Typical. 10 of 10 animal species have been discovered (although an earlier visit indicated 0). The dominant lifeforms appear to be bouncing, land-based invertebrates.

Economy: High Tech // Fledgling

Dominant Lifeform: Korvax

Conflict Level: Tranquil

Planet Base Coordinates: 0467:0081:0D70:008B

Portal Coordinates: pie pie dragonfly whale pie face balloon bug bird tent ship drgonfly

Resources (according to the log): Star Bulb, Cymatogen, Iridium, Heridium.

Landscape

The planet is truly icebound with temperatures hovering below -80 F. Liquid oceans surround islands across the surface of the world. The islands are topped with pine-like trees, rocks, rocky outcrops, and hills. Powdered snow continuously blows, obscuring vision.

Waypoints

0 Waypoints discovered as of June 18, 2018, but a visit later that evening showed 3 all dating to June 16, 2017, all discovered by CrispyChrisu.

Base Description

The most notable feature of Paddy's Paddock is the colossal, black-on-blue, 2-sided hitchhiker's thumb sign. The base lies underneath it, three circular base units connected in a line by short

corridors. Directly outside the main base unit lies a Roamer geobay. Nearby stand two green cubes with decorative Trade Terminals on the central panels. Beyond these is an “outhouse”, a tiny, one-room structure with a seat inside, accessed via airlock. The main base unit also has an active Trade Terminal, “Site VF4-1-OJ3”. The middle round room contains generic computer equipment and an airlock door opening onto the outhouse. The final round room contains a weapons station, a tire rack, and a bed. An airlock door opens onto the landing pad. Opposite this door is a short corridor to a hydroponic dome hosting three Albumen Pearl Orbs, seven NipNip Buds, one Frostwort, and one Mordite plant.

Here is what the base and planet used to look like:

New Ireland, June 16, 2017. The landscape is the same, but the climate has changed dramatically.

Note that on returning to the base on June 18 after having visited on June 17, the base moved itself a 13-hour walk to the east, leaving the spawned exocraft behind.

The original base site also contained a table and two chairs overlooking the sea, but these are now gone from both the original site and from the relocated base.

Comm Stations

No communication stations were observed on June 17 and 18, 2018, despite Online Services being active and logging out and back in to the game. Repeating the logout/login, however, caused a cluster of four comm stations to appear 13 hours to the west at the base’s original site.

1. Placed by westie02. “Surprised your farm isn’t bigger, add me”
2. Placed by CrispyChrisu (immediately adjacent to No. 1). “Thought the same. But not about your farm.”
3. Placed by ShinobidoN. “Chrisubidon – Finding Better Worlds!”
4. Red with black trim. Placed by damon&r351. “Traveler B.H. landed here.”