



Geocache Application and Guidelines

Application

Owner information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Geocache Container

Geocache Name _____

Geocache container REQUIRED

- Waterproof
- Size (less than 12 x 7 x 6 inches)
- Labeled with Geocache Name

Optional (check all that apply)

- Ammo Box
- Photo attached
- Other: _____

Description of Contents: _____

Geocache Location

Geocache Coordinates: _____

Webposting Location: _____

Description of Location: _____

Additional Information (check to acknowledge agreement)

- This registration expires 1 year from the approval date. One renewal application is permitted, but may not necessarily be approved.
- Caches must be removed within 7 days of registration expiration or notification by Parks Manager.
- Posting of online coordinates must be deactivated within 7 days of registration expiration or notification by Parks Manager.
- A cache may be removed/deactivated at any time by a parks employee.
- The information I have provided is correct and I accept responsibility for my cache according to the terms of this registration and Parks & Recreation Geocaching Policy.

I acknowledge that I understand the above checked items;

SIGNATURE: _____

Approval Date _____ Expiration Date _____ Denied _____

Director Signature _____

Cc: Parks Manager

(OFFICE USE ONLY)



Geocaching Guidelines

A few park systems have experienced problems with geocaching activities. People have placed caches in dangerous or sensitive locations, buried them, or hunted them during times when parks are closed to the public. To avoid future problems, the City of Worthington has created the following geocaching policy:

Participants will comply with all City of Worthington park rules.

Containers and hiding locations should be chosen wisely to avoid citizen alarm. Containers must be waterproof or sealable with a size no greater than 12 x 7 x 6. Clear (see through) containers are preferred but not required. The use of all PVC or metal pipe is forbidden.

We ask that you post information about park curfews on the cache description. It is very tempting to break the rules "just this once" if unaware of park restrictions when hunting that cache. No night caching should be promoted.

Placement of a cache at the Worthington Police, Fire, or City Hall Complexes is prohibited due to the sensitivity of this area.

Use common sense. Don't hide a cache in an area that will present a danger to others who might be looking for it or to park visitors who are unaware of the sport. This includes, but is not limited to, activities such as burying a cache, leaving a cache at the edge of a cliff or up in a tree.

Respect the existing trails and stay on the trails. Caches must be within 3 feet of the edge of existing trails. The trails are there to provide access to sensitive areas, but limit the impact of visitors on those areas. Do not create new trails unless permission is granted by the Parks Manager.

Cache locations must be naturally occurring hiding spots. It is not permissible to have trees cut, pruned or have things attached to them with nails, screws or other fasteners; holes dug; vegetation removed or planted; nor new items brought in such as sculptures, boxes, etc. No caches can be placed in birdhouses, nests or animal dens.

The Department of Parks & Recreation reserves the right to confiscate any geocache found on park property, for any reason.

No dangerous objects or substances may be cached in the parks. The definition of dangerous objects or substances is at the discretion of the parks director.



It is imperative that the container(s) be free of any markings or writing that indicate or signify any of the following:

“Explosives”, “Gases”, “Flammable”, “Oxidizing substances”, “Organic peroxides”,
“Infectious substances”, “Radioactive materials”, “Corrosive substances”, “Poison”,
“Poisonous”, “Toxic”, “Ammo”, “Ammunition”, “Hazardous”, “Caustic”.



Undesired symbols;

Although many of the symbols that designate the aforementioned list are very popular in our culture today these words or visual descriptors that accompany them will have a very adverse response to those working in the public safety arena.

Virtual geocaching is a great alternative to hiding a physical cache. Have the participants describe a location or a feature in the park and catalog a photograph.

Thank you for your understanding and compliance to our guidelines.

Once the attached application has been approved, the applicant will be given a sticker to place on the cache designating approval and, if available, may receive treasures to place inside caches that are large enough.

Initials _____