

GEOCACHING REGULATIONS



Geocaching is an activity that the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority permits. All people wishing to place a geocache within these parks must receive a permit and follow the regulations stated below to protect the sensitive areas of the park, maintain a safe and fun activity and to allow the park to monitor this use.

1. Participants must comply with all general Huron-Clinton Metropark Rules and Regulations.
2. Before a cache is placed in a park, a permit must be obtained from the park office. There is no charge for this permit. See the Geocaching Placement Site Permit Application for required information.
3. Geocaching site permits will be accepted between January 1 and April 15. On April 20 of each year, Metroparks Interpretive Services staff will inspect proposed sites for compliance with the Metroparks geocaching regulations. Permit approval or denial notifications will be sent via email to applicants by April 30. A record of approved permits will be maintained by an Interpretive Services Supervisor. Permits expire one year from the date of approval, and the permittee is responsible for removing the cache by the expiration date.
4. Cache locations must be naturally occurring hiding spots. There can be no 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. No caches can be placed at a golf course.
5. Containers must be transparent and clearly marked "GEOCACHE." Do not use ammo boxes, PVC pipes or other containers that might cause alarm.
6. Offensive, illegal or dangerous items are not allowed in any cache.
7. Caches placed to promote commercial, political, religious or other social agendas are also not allowed.
8. The following statement shall be included on the geocaching.com web page:

"This cache is located within _____ Metropark. A Metroparks daily or annual vehicle pass is required to enter any Metropark.

GEOCACHING PLACEMENT

SITE PERMIT APPLICATION



Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Cache Name: _____

Park: _____ Nearest Parking Area: _____

Location Coordinates: _____

Physical Description of Area: _____

Physical Description of Container: _____

Type of Cache: _____

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We ask that on the geocaching.com web page, the following statement be included:

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Park hours vary, so it is a good idea to include the park hours on your posting. Dogs are not allowed in the nature study areas or on the nature trails. It is helpful to advise others if your cache location is pet friendly.

We request that you monitor this cache monthly and that you maintain it to be family-friendly. The cache Applications should be mailed to the appropriate Metroparks staff person listed below. Addresses and phone numbers for each park are available online at metroparks.com.

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