

Official Geocaching Placement Policy

This policy establishes the guidelines for geocaching on Platte County Park property.

Guidelines:

- If you are interested in placing a geocache, send an email to platteparksmo@gmail.com with the park you are requesting, the general area you are wishing for and a few notes about your cache. We will also ask you for contact information which will be kept private but will be helpful in getting in touch with you shall we plan for future park projects, have unexpected storm damage or other events which may compromise your geocache location.
- Caches are not to be placed in sensitive archaeological, historical, or ecological areas such as historical buildings or locations that contain rare plant species.
- Caches that are located in areas where prescribed burns are performed will be removed during the burn period. The cache will either be replaced to the original location by staff or the cache owner.
- Staff is required to inform applicants of any areas that have been recognized as off limits for placing caches.
- The environment must not be destroyed or negatively impacted in the placement of the cache.
- Caches are not to be placed in areas that could potentially cause danger to visitors trying to locate the cache, i.e. cliffs/bluffs, underwater, etc.
- If any staff determines that the location of the cache poses a risk to park visitors, the owner will be contacted and required to move it to a safer location. All information regarding the caches terrain rating and any possible risk is to be clearly recorded on the cache listing page and marked as such in the attributes section.
- If at any time these guidelines are violated, Platte County Parks has the authority to remove any cache from its location, indicate on the cache listing page that the cache has been removed and also request that the cache be archived with the geocaching reviewers.
- All caches placed within park boundaries must be properly maintained. If a cache container goes missing or it falls into a state of disrepair for an extended period of time and the cache owner is non-responsive to this, the cache can be removed and/or an archive request for the cache listing could be placed.
- If a non-permitted cache is discovered, Platte County Parks will attempt to contact the owner to request that they provide the required permission. If not accomplished Platte County Parks will likely have the Missouri geocaching reviewers archive the cache permanently.

Procedures:

- Cache owners wishing to place a cache on Platte County Park property must send email to: platteparksmo@gmail.com. Make sure you understand the above caching guidelines ahead of time.
- The cache owner is to monitor the site and maintain family friendly contents. This means the cache is not to contain food, alcohol, firearms, drugs, dangerous items or other inappropriate items. These items will be removed from the geocaches.