

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN

GEOCACHING PERMIT/APPLICATION

DEFINITION

Geocaching is an outdoor activity in which the participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers (called “geocaches” or “caches”) anywhere in the world. A typical cache is a small waterproof container (usually a Tupperware container or ammo box) containing a log book.”

Any visitor wishing to place a cache must complete an application for placement and maintenance of the geocache site. Such permit application requires review and authorization of the Superintendent of Parks & Recreation. Once approved this application will serve as the permit and the cache owner will be issued a label to be placed on the cache container. The original permit will be kept on file and a copy given to the owner. If the permit is denied, justification will be recorded on the permit. The Superintendent of Parks & Recreation has discretion to deny permits.

PERMIT CONDITIONS

- A cache owner is limited to a maximum of five (5) permits in one facility at one time.
- Multi-caches leave clues to find the site, eventually leading to a cache. Multi-caches will be limited to a total of five (5) sites, but require only one permit. However, since the potential use of impacts of each site is the same, no more than five (5) sites per cache owner will be permitted in one facility at one time. For instance (if a multi-cache consist of 5 sites, the cache owner will only be allowed one permit at a time.
- Caches will not be permitted within 1320 feet (1/4 mile) of an existing permitted cache. All permits will be valid for two (2) years. Exact starting and ending dates will be recorded on the permit.
- If, during the effective period of a permit, the holder wishes to change the location of the cache, a new permit must be issued and the effective permit cancelled.
- Upon permit expiration, the owner is responsible for removing the cache and removing its location from the website or other information source as an active cache.
- Once the cache is placed, a description of the cache and its location indicated on a park map, as well as the GPS coordinates, must be given to the facility manager or designee for completion of the permit.
- Owner must monitor the cache twice a year to maintain family-friendly contents.
- All caches are subject to random inspection by the facility managers or their designees, who have the authority to remove any item deemed unacceptable.
- Caches are subject to removal by the Superintendent of Parks & Recreation if:
 - Park staff determines that the location of the cache poses a risk to visitors. A new permit may be generated for the relocation of such a cache.
 - Park staff determines that the cache has been the cause of an adverse environmental impact. The permit for such a cache will be cancelled.
 - Park staff discovers a non-permitted cache or a cache that does not exhibit a permit number on the outside of the container.
- If the facility manager or designee removes a cache, he or she will attempt to notify the owner or indicate on the website that the cache has been removed. The cache will be retained at the Recreation & Parks office, 31 Zukor Road, New City, NY 10956 for 30 days. If the owner cannot be contacted after that time, the cache is considered abandoned property and may be retained in the event the owner comes to claim it at a later date. Justification for removal of a cache will be recorded on the permit.

CACHE PLACEMENT - The Superintendent of Parks & Recreation will inform the applicant of areas recognized as off limits to geocache placement. The cache should be accessible from existing trails (no more than twenty (20) feet from trail unless otherwise approved). Caches are not to be placed on or in:

- Locations that would lead to or create spur trails
- Sensitive archaeological, historical or ecological areas or Memorials
- Areas that could potential cause danger to visitors trying to locate the cache such as elevated in trees, underwater or in potential flood areas, places requiring climbing cliffs or bluffs
- Any Historic site or Memorial structure.
- Burying caches is strictly prohibited.

LIFE OF A CACHE - A cache may be located at a site for a maximum of 2 years. After 2 years, the owner will be responsible for retiring or relocating the cache.

CACHE CONTAINER

- Cache containers must display an official park issued geocache label on the outside of the container with the permit number and expiration date.
- Cache must not contain food, alcohol, drugs, medications, dangerous items, adult items or weapons of any kind.
- Container should be watertight and non-breakable, and have a latch or closing mechanism to prevent exposure to wildlife.
- The container should not be larger than 1,000 cu. in. unless authorized by a facility manager.

PARTICIPATION

- Participants must follow established trails (No bushwhacking to reach a cache). Participants must leave the caches where they found them. Participants must not use metal detectors in caches searches. .

Date Received _____

GEOCACHING PERMIT/APPLICATION

Clarkstown Parks Board & Recreation Commission, 31 Zukor Road, New City, NY 10956

Phone: (845) 639-6200 Fax (845) 639-6215

PERMIT NO. _____ ISSUE DATE: _____ EXPIRE DATE: _____

Personal Information

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CACHE Information

TOWN PARK: _____

CACHE NAME (as listed on Website) _____

WEB SITE REFERENCING CACHE _____

Location coordinates: _____

(List all for multi-cache sites)

INCLUDE Park map attached with cache/site locations noted

INITIAL:

_____ I understand that caches not in compliance with the terms of this permit will be removed from the park and this permit voided for failure to comply.

_____ I understand that I am to monitor this cache bi-annually and maintain it to be family friendly.

_____ I have read and understand the terms of this permit and agree to comply accordingly. I will retain a copy of this permit for my records.

AGREED TO:

Applicant's Signature

Date

AGENCY USE ONLY

Superintendent of Recreation & Parks

Approval

Disapproval

Date

Signature _____

Agency Notes: _____
