

Poland (English version)



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About This Guide

The local laws and guidelines for geocaching placement vary from place to place. As community reviewers learn geocache placement policies for a certain location, they can add it here. This site may not be a complete or accurate list of land policies. These policies are made by the land owner or manager, they are neither the reviewer's nor Geocaching HQ's. This guide is just for reference, if no policies for the area you're looking for are listed, that doesn't mean no policies exist. You must still obtain permission to place your geocache from the landowner or land manager, comply with all applicable laws, and follow the [Geocaching Listing Requirements](#).

If you have an update, email the community reviewer(s) listed.

1. Basic links

Majority of information you need to place or find a geocache you may find on help websites of Geocaching.com:

- [Geocache Listing Requirements / Guidelines](#)
- [Groundspeak's Help Center](#)
- [EarthCache Guidelines](#)

2. Community

You may find additional information about aspects of geocaching following the links below:

Website	Zawartosc
Geocaching Polska	A Polish-only website. Contains explanation of basic terms and definitions, stats, information regarding the Polish Tourist Organisation badge, logbooks' templates, etc.
Geocaching.com Discussion Forum	Geocaching.com Discussion Forum for Polish speaking geocachers.
Geocaching Polska Facebooku Fanpage	Geocaching Poland Facebook fanpage.
Geocaching Polska Blog	Geocaching Poland Blog with articles like "Best Practice", "Geocache of the Week" and many other. In Polish only.
Geocaching Polska YouTube Channel	Contains tutorials and instructions for beginners and short geocaching documentaries.

3. Additional regulations

[Geocaching.com Guidelines](#) is valid in all countries all over the world, but in many of them there are additional regulations which come from local law and social and cultural factors..

3.1. Environmentally sensitive locations

In case of placing geocache in the environmentally sensitive locations, please follow guideline in the tables below. [List of protected areas](#)..

Even if you are going to place geocache along public and available for walkers footpath it's recommended to request for permission from local authorities.

Location	Substantiation
National Parks	In the National Parks potential location of the cache must be verified by the Park authorities prior to listing submission for review. While submitting a cache for review, please include name, job title and contact details of the person who granted the permission. The website with Parks' info and internet addresses: http://www.parkinarodowe.edu.pl/
Nature Reserves	If the Nature Reserve is available for hikers (there are waymarked paths or trails), the container can be placed only on those paths or trails. If entrance to the Reserve is forbidden, geocaches are not allowed. All geocaches placed in Nature Reserves should be submitted for review with photos clearly showing hiding place and its distance from the trail.
Nature Monuments	It is not allowed to place caches in close proximity of Nature Monuments, both animate and inanimate.
Caves	Caches can be placed only in caves for which there is no entry restrictions. You need to remember that some caves are temporary unavailable due to, for example, bats' wintering. For this time a geocache should be deactivated.
Miedzyrzecz Fortification Region	Caches in facilities of MFR are allowed, unless entry to the facility hasn't been restricted. Note, however, that since the beginning of November to the end of March, for the protection of species of bats entry to the undergrounds is forbidden. For this time geocache should be deactivated.

3.2. Parks and Reserves in which cache hides are not allowed or limited

Park Name	Substantiation
Kampinoski National Park	<p>APPROVAL REQUIRED.</p> <p>Caches may be hidden only if accessible from hiking trail or on designated places where tourist are allowed to enter (parking places, camps).</p> <p>Approval has to be requested in written form or by e-mail: ul. Tetmajera 38, 05-080 Izabelin, faxem: 22 722 65 60 or: dyrekcja@kampinoski-pn.gov.pl</p> <p>Request has to include all necessary data required for cache verification (gps coordinates, description, exact description of hiding spot and its picture. Cache listing has to include link to rules and guidelines from Kampinoski PN.</p> <p>Approval has to be sent to reviewer. Reviewing process may start only after proper approval is delivered to Reviewer.</p>

3.3. Locations in which cache hides are inappropriate

Location	Substantiation
Railroads	<p>Geocaches near active railroads are not allowed. According to the local regulations there is strictly restricted access to the railway area, trains and other rail vehicles and presence without permit on raceways, embankments, viaducts, bridges and tunnels is considered as unauthorized.</p> <p><i>Guideline: Geocaches are not placed in restricted, prohibited or otherwise inappropriate locations. - The cache is on a property belonging to a railroad.</i></p>
Cemeteries	<p>Active cemeteries' regulations prohibit games and plays on their area therefore caches placed there will not be published. When submitting a geocache placed on inactive cemetery to be published, please remember that in Polish culture and mentality they are places of special respect and treatment so to avoid violating those feelings geocaches in close proximity of graves may not be published.</p> <p><i>Guideline: Geocaches are not placed in restricted, prohibited or otherwise inappropriate locations. - The cache placement is in an area that is highly sensitive to additional foot and/or vehicular traffic including, but not limited to, archaeological sites, historical sites and cemeteries. Note that some cemeteries permit cache placement.</i></p>
Nurseries and schools	<p>Placing caches in close proximity to children facilities, such as nurseries and playgrounds are considered to be inappropriate. The reason is the anxiety of parents and carers, which can be caused by geocachers whose behavior while searching may be considered suspicious.</p> <p>The same rules apply to primary schools unless cache has been approved by school authorities.</p> <p><i>Guideline: Geocaches are not placed in restricted, prohibited or otherwise inappropriate locations. - The cache is problematic due to its proximity to a public structure, including and not limited to, highway bridges, major roadways, dams, government buildings, schools, military installations, hospitals, airports and other such locations.</i></p>

Airports and Seaports	Due to threat of terrorism, these places are under special protection. Ports and the area around them are areas of regular activity of patrols. Geocaches in inappropriate distance to the airports and sea ports may not be published. When placing the cache near these places use your common sense. <i>Guideline: Geocaches are not placed in restricted, prohibited or otherwise inappropriate locations. - The cache is problematic due to its proximity to a public structure, including and not limited to, highway bridges, major roadways, dams, government buildings, schools, military installations, hospitals, airports and other such locations.</i>
Prisons, courts and military, police and government buildings	Although hiding a cache near these places may be easy, the search in areas being subject of special protection and constantly monitored causes suspicion and exposes geocachers troubles of unnecessary explanations. <i>Guideline: Geocaches are not placed in restricted, prohibited or otherwise inappropriate locations. - The cache is problematic due to its proximity to a public structure, including and not limited to, highway bridges, major roadways, dams, government buildings, schools, military installations, hospitals, airports and other such locations.</i>
Railway and highway bridges, dams	Placing caches on strategic objects may be a cause of unnecessary anxiety and false bomb alarm. Geocachers seeking a container placed on a bridge may inadvertently cause falling of small items that could cause a road accident. <i>Guideline: Geocaches are not placed in restricted, prohibited or otherwise inappropriate locations. - The cache is problematic due to its proximity to a public structure, including and not limited to, highway bridges, major roadways, dams, government buildings, schools, military installations, hospitals, airports and other such locations.</i>
Electric and gas instalation, etc.	Caches should not be placed on the elements of electrical and gas lines such as switches, valves, meters, its bonnets and any other ones with electrocution warning and prohibiting approach. Imitations and fake elements of electrical and gas installations are allowed when they are clearly and visibly marked as a geocache and there are no doubts about their geocaching purpose. <i>Guideline: Geocaches are not placed in restricted, prohibited or otherwise inappropriate locations.</i>

3.4. Commercial geocache

Information regarding listing a geocache in another geocaching website is not allowed.

Guideline: Commercial geocaches are disallowed.

Cache listings perceived as commercial will not be published. A commercial cache listing has one or more of the following characteristics:

- *It has overtones of advertising, marketing or promotion.*
- *It suggests or requires that the finder go inside a business, interact with employees and/or purchase a product or service.*
- *It contains links to businesses, agencies, commercial advertisers, charities, or political or social agendas.*
- *It contains the logo of a business or organization, including non-profit organizations.*
- *It contains the name of a business or commercial product.*

3.5. Event stacking

This phrase refers to holding multiple events that are close to each other or at similar times. Events are social gatherings of geocachers and having too many too close to each other diminishes their value to the community. Events are not just an excuse to get a 'smiley'. In the future, if an event is submitted and another event is either already published or also waiting review and they are too close to each other then the following guidance will apply:

Events will be published within a similar time period only if they are more than 8 km apart (as the crow flies). Events closer to each other than 8 km will only be published if the end time of the first is more than 2 hours before the start time of the next.

3.6. Containers attached to trees

Geocaches cannot be permanently attached to trees without the property owner's explicit consent. If the container is attached to a tree, when sending a geocache for review, in the Reviewer Note provide the consent of the property owner for fixing the container or a photo showing the method of attachment.

4. Reviewers

4.1. Basic information

Geocaches are reviewed before publication. More about this process is written on the page <http://support.groundspeak.com/index.php?pg=kb.chapter&id=22> in points 1.4-1.8.

There are six volunteer reviewers in Poland: one deals with [EarthCaches](#), five other deal with all caches which require containers and they also publish event caches. Each of these four has got a different part of Poland assigned, according to the image below. All requests (questions or problems) regarding caches should be addressed accordingly.



You can contact each of reviewers by e-mail on their profile page:

- [Carpatia](#): łódzkie, slaskie, swietokrzyskie
- [Galician Reviewer](#): lubelskie, malopolskie, podkarpackie
- [Kashubian Reviewer](#): podlaskie, pomorskie, warminsko-mazurskie, zachodniopomorskie
- [Przygodnik](#): dolnoslaskie, lubuskie, opolskie
- [Varsovian Reviewer](#): kujawsko-pomorskie, mazowieckie, wielkopolskie

Regarding Earthcaches: [GeoawarePL2](#)

"Reviewers strive to begin the review [within 7 days](#) of enabling your listing. You may experience longer than normal waiting time in the week following a holiday, or after a large geocaching event. We kindly ask for your patience. Please keep in mind that the reviewers are volunteers and sometimes things come up in their lives that delay geocache review."

4.2. Appeals

If you do not agree with Reviewer's decision or you want to comment his/her work you may write to another Polish Reviewer (from the list above) or to the [Appeals team](#) (in the form please chose "Appeals").

Please include:

- GC Code
- Geocache location (country)
- The Reviewer's name
- Which guideline(s) did your reviewer say your cache currently does not follow?
- Please briefly explain why you feel your cache should be published in its current form.

As the volunteer reviewers, this is an ongoing learning process for us. We take no offense for you utilizing the appeals process. An unbiased review can often help bring clarity to a situation.

5. COVID-19 pandemic restrictions

Update 23/08/2021: We are restoring the possibility of organizing indoor events. We remind you that the organizers are responsible for ensuring that the meeting is legal and sanitary rules still apply to all participants, so please follow them.

Update 13/05/2021: Due to the lifting of restrictions by the government, we are restoring the possibility of organizing outdoor events from June 6, 2021. A meeting in a restaurant garden is not an outdoor event, so such events will not be published. Sanitary rules still apply to organizers and participants, so please follow them. We remind you that events should be submitted for review no later than two weeks before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Update 16/10/2020: The publication of geocaches in Poland is resumed on April 20, 2020. Due to the development of the pandemic and the introduction of restrictions on gatherings by the authorities, the publication of events in Poland are suspended from October 15, 2020 until further notice. In addition, regular events and CITO's scheduled from 17/10/2020 must be archived. CCE (Community Celebration Event) events will be retracted from publication and may be published at a later date.

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