New South Wales

Regional Geocaching Policies Wiki

An evolving, community-created wiki on where you can and can't hide geocaches.

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NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) allow the placing of geocaches on some controlled land provided the placement has been authorised in writing by an NPWS officer

Physical caches will not be allowed in:
* Aboriginal areas
* declared wilderness areas
* nature reserves, or
* caves
due to the specific conservation requirements of these areas.

See: http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-policies/geocaching
From that document:

This policy sets out the conditions under which geocaching can take place in parks.

- Caches must not be located:
  - in areas which may create a risk to the safety of a person visiting the cache or other park visitors
  - within 50 metres of Aboriginal objects, or
  - in, or within 50 metres of, Aboriginal Places, dams, lakes or watercourses
  - Geocachers are strongly encouraged to liaise with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to assess the suitability of a proposed cache location and to seek guidance on the information to be provided in cache listings.

- In accordance with the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009, geocachers must obtain written consent from the Park Authority to place a physical cache in a park.
- To apply for consent, the cache owner needs to fill out the application form which is attached to the policy and deliver it to the relevant NPWS office. After it has been signed by the NPWS officer a scan of the form is to be emailed, preferably as a PDF, to ozreview at gmail dot com.
- To assist cache owners in providing current and relevant information, it is recommended that cache listings include links to the department's:
  - park safety messages, and
  - fire, floods and park closure updates, and
  - park information pages

Estate Dataset

A Google Earth KMZ file is available for download from my Google Drive by visiting here.

Sydney Olympic Park

The Sydney Olympic Park Authority require that permission be obtained before placing geocaches in most of Sydney Olympic Park.
Currently there is no written policy, however SOPA want to know about **all** geocaches within their boundary.

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The SOPA boundary kml file for Google Earth is available here and the protected area kml file here .

M7 motorway

The M7 motorway is privately owned with public access. The owners require that permission be obtained before any geocaches are placed along the M7 and the adjacent cycleway.

Barangaroo.

Infrastructure NSW (formerly Barangaroo Delivery Authority) have advised that currently they do not permit geocaches within the confines of Barangaroo, Sydney.

Their main concerns:

a) potential of any items being added or placed into the cache,

b) the risks associated with (a),

c) the reputational risks associated with (a)

See archive note on https://coord.info/GC62T3Y for more information

COVID-19
No new caches are currently being published in NSW doe to the statewide lockdown at present

"*Please keep in mind that geocaches must comply with all applicable laws, including health and safety guidelines. Event cache owners are responsible for ensuring the number of people in attendance is in accordance with any requirements or restrictions for gatherings*" - Geocaching Terms of Use

Event Stacking.

Event stacking allows a person to easily leave one event and directly attend another.

The guidelines do not allow such stacking. Events held in NSW urban areas require at least 4 hours time difference between the end of one and the start of another if the two events are within 30km GCD of each other. Rural events require 50km GCD spacing.