

**WICOMICO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION,
PARKS AND TOURISM**

WICOMICO COUNTY PARKS FACILITIES GEOCACHE GUIDELINES

Park Hours are Sunrise to Sunset

1. **You must receive approval** from the Wicomico County Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism **prior to placing a cache.** To obtain the approval you must submit the Cache Approval Form to the Park Division office. In most cases, you will be advised of a decision within five (5) business days or less.

Caches will not be permitted in the following locations:

- Pirates Wharf Property
- Perdue Stadium
- Parks owned by other municipalities or the Board of Education (unless permission is granted by those entities)
- Placement should be no closer than 50 feet to secure buildings

2. In cases where a cache is not approved, the Department will recommend a more appropriate location for placement.

3. **A transparent container is required. DO NOT** use PVC pipe, Ammo Cans or any other Military looking containers that may cause alarm should an unsuspecting person happen upon the cache. (Tupperware, Gladware, Pretzel Barrel, etc)

4. **DO NOT** dig any holes or disturb the surrounding environment. **DO NOT** attach caches to live trees or structures of any kind.

5. **DO NOT** place your cache in plain view. Attempt to conceal the cache to minimize the chances that a non-participant will spot it, which could cause worry, theft or vandalism. Try to hide the cache off the beaten path by at least a few yards to provide the finder some measure of privacy to sign the log without arousing undue alarm.

6. **Clearly mark the container** with the appropriate identification, such as “Geocaching.com” and the name of the cache. Place a stashnote inside explaining the sport to any non-participant who may discover the cache.

7. Think Safety when hiding and/or seeking a cache. Use common sense!

8. As a cache seeker, or cache owner, **you must abide by park hours and all other rules and regulations.** Carry documentation such as the cache detail sheet, so that you can explain your activity to anyone who may ask.



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GEOCACHE APPROVAL FORM**

Please complete this form and fax or e-mail it to the appropriate park office

Name of Park/Facility: _____

Name of Person Hiding Cache _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Name of Cache _____

Geocaching User Name _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Email Address _____

Description and Contents of Container

Specific Name of Park or area

Location of Cache (be specific)

(Please give as much detail as possible, such as trail, landmarks, under a log, in a stump, etc.)

Coordinates of location _____
(Use WGS84)

If approved, a Wicomico County Parks Division representative will contact you for approval of your Geocache hide. If your hide is not approved, they may be able to suggest alternate locations that would be acceptable to the park.

Note: All personal information is required for hiding a cache. This information is strictly for Department use, to be kept on file in the event that you need to be contacted. Cache will not be approved if full information is not provided. The Wicomico County Parks Division reserves the right to deny cache placement and recommend alternate placement.

Geocaching Participants shall be responsible for, and shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Wicomico County Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, Wicomico County, and its employees, officers and agents against and from any and all liability or claim of liability for personal injury, death, or property damage (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of the use, occupancy, conduct, operation of management of the project.

Please send application to:

Wicomico County Park Maintenance Division
28302 Owens Branch Road
Salisbury, MD 21801
Phone 410-548-4870
Fax 410-860-1413