



LOWER PLATTE NORTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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GEOCACHING

The Lower Platte North NRD has established rules for geocaching on the Districts public Property.

Geocaching is an activity using Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology to find hidden items. GPS device means an electronic device that can determine an approximate location on the earth using the federal satellite Global Positioning System.

The items are usually sealed containers with a logbook and inexpensive reward inside. The finder makes an entry in the logbook, takes something out of the cache, puts something else in, and returns the cache to the spot where they found it. You may discover many caches that are registered by going to www.geocaching.com.

Geocaching Regulations & Permits

Placement of a geocache on Lower Platte North NRD property must be secured with a Special Use Permit. LPN NRD property allowing placement of geocaches are on two Park and Recreation Areas known as Czechland Lake Recreational Area near Prague, NE and Homestead Lake Recreational Area near Bruno, NE. Permits may be obtained by contacting the LPN NRD office at 511 Commercial Park Road, Wahoo, NE 68066, or calling (402) 443-4675 and on-line at www.lpnnrd.org. Please report any misuse of property to the Lower Platte North NRD or to the County Sheriff (402) 443-1000.

- 1) The applicant for a permit must provide a valid address, telephone number, e-mail address, vehicle license number, driver's license number and the web site address(es) on which the geocache location will be posted.
- 2) The location of the Geocache must be pre-approved by the General Manager or O & M Manager whose main concern will be public safety and the prevention of undesirable impacts to natural and cultural resources. The General Manager or O & M Manager will advise of any off-limit areas and other permitted geocaches.
- 3) Once the geocache is placed, the applicant must return to the LPN NRD office to record the exact geocache location, including GPS coordinates, which will be endorsed on the permit.
- 4) All permits will be in effect for a calendar year. A new permit will need to be applied for and authorized each calendar year. If during the effective period of the permit, a permit holder wants to change the location of a geocache, a new permit must be issued and the effective permit cancelled.

5) Upon the expiration of a permit, the permit holder is responsible for removing the geocache and for removing the geocache location from all web sites and any information sources. If the permit holder fails to remove the geocache, it will be removed by LPN NRD staff and held for ten (10) days after which staff will dispose of the geocache and its contents. Confiscation and disposal by staff will be recorded and filed.

Geocache Containers & Contents

1) Geocache containers must be non-breakable, waterproof and have some form of latch or other closing device to prohibit content exposure to wildlife. Containers must be marked “Geocache Container” on the outside of the container.

2) Geocaches may not contain inappropriate or dangerous items. Such items include, but are not limited to; food, medications, personal/hygiene products, pornography, or weapons of any type. Log books are encouraged in lieu of exchange items.

3) All geocaches are subject to random inspection by LPN NRD staff. Staff has the authority to immediately remove any item held in a geocache deemed unacceptable. Non-permitted geocaches will be removed by staff and held for 30 days. An attempt will be made to locate the geocache owner. If the geocache is not claimed in 30 days, staff will dispose of the geocache.

Geocache Locations

1) The location of a geocache must be pre-approved by the General Manager or O & M Manager.

2) Physical geocaches are prohibited inside or attached to any LPN NRD facility or structure. Geocaches may not be placed in dangerous, inappropriate, or protected areas and habitats, on cliffs, underground or underwater.

3) No digging is permitted. Geocaches cannot be buried, nor may soil, vegetation or stones be disturbed to place a geocache.

4) It's up to the geocache owner to periodically inspect the geocache and the area to ensure that its impact on the area is minimal, if not nonexistent.

Compliance

1) The use of metal detectors in geocache searches is expressly prohibited.

2) If geocaching activities as a whole are found to have a negative impact on LPN NRD resources or if safety becomes an issue in geocache searches, the General Manager may ban geocaching from certain areas of LPN NRD property.

3) Failure to comply with LPN NRD guidelines will result in the revocation of effective geocaching permits. Continued failure to comply with these guidelines will prevent the issuance of any further geocaching permits to the non-compliant group or individual.

4) All individuals participating in geocaching must park in designated parking lots. No off road parking is allowed.

**Geocache
Application for Special Use Permit**

Applicants Name: _____

Organizations Name: _____

Contact Person: (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Daytime Tel. #: _____ Evening Tel. #: _____

Drivers License #: _____ Vehicle License #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Container Type: _____

GPS Coordinates of Cache: _____

Web Addresses to which geocache will be posted: _____

All permits remain in effect for one year.