



GEOCACHING

The Lower Platte North NRD has established rules for geocaching on the District's 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 visiting www.geocaching.com

Geocaching Regulations and Permits

Placement of a geocache on Lower Platte North NRD property must be secured with a Special Use Permit. LPNNRD property allowing placement of geocaches are on three Park Recreation areas known as Czechland Lake Recreation Area near Prague, Homestead Lake Recreation Area near Bruno, and Lake Wanahoo NRD Recreation Area near Wahoo. Permits may be obtained by contacting the LPNNRD office at 511 Commercial Park Road, Wahoo, NE 68066, or by calling 402-443-4675 or online at www.lpnnrd.org

Please report any misuse of property to the Lower Platte North NRD or to the County Sheriff at 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 website 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 Operations and Maintenance (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 LPNNRD 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 one 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 websites and any information sources. If the permit holder fails to remove the geocache, it will be removed by LPNNRD staff and held for ten days which staff will dispose of the geocache and its contents. Confiscation and disposal by staff will be recorded and filed.

Geocache Containers and Contents

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 LPNNRD 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. The geocache owner's responsibility is to periodically inspect the geocache and the area to ensure that its impact on the area is minimal, if nonexistent.

Compliance

1. The use of metal detectors in geocache searches is prohibited.
2. If geocaching activities as a whole are found to have a negative impact on LPNNRD resources or if safety becomes an issue in geocache searches, the General Manager may ban geocaching from certain areas on LPNNRD property.
3. Failure to comply with LPNNRD 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.



LOWER PLATTE NORTH Natural Resources District

Geocache

Application for Special Use Permit

Applicants Name: _____

Organization's Name: _____

Contact Person: (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Daytime phone number: _____ Evening phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Container type: _____

GPS Coordinates of Cache: _____

Website address(es) to which geocache will be posted: _____

All permits remain in effect for one year