



NPCA Guidelines for Geocaching Placement

1. Any person wishing to place a geocache on NPCA lands must receive a letter of written approval from the NPCA prior to any placement
2. All written approvals will be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of approval, unless otherwise stated. Only geocaches with permits are allowed on NPCA lands for the time specified
3. The NPCA reserves the right to limit the number of geocache permits issued to any one person
4. The NPCA reserves the right to limit the number of geocaches in any one Conservation Area. The general guideline will be a limit of 3 caches will be permitted in any one Conservation Area at one time; and 7 at Ball's Falls, Binbrook, Chippawa Creek, and Long Beach Conservation Areas
5. Geocaches will not be permitted within sensitive ecological, historical, or archaeological locations
6. Geocaches are not to be placed in areas that could potentially cause danger to visitors trying to locate the geocache
7. All geocaches on NPCA lands must highlight an educational message regarding a factual/environmental/historical observation regarding the location
8. A "leave no trace" ethic must be followed. No digging, burying, cutting, or disruption of ground/rock or animal or animal habitat is permitted. This includes no placement of nails or screws in trees
9. All geocachers must also follow and use existing trail. Geocaches may only be hidden within 1 metres of the trail. Off trail hiking is discouraged as it negatively impacts the environment.
10. The geocache owner is to monitor the site monthly and maintain family friendly contents. Geocaches must not include any illegal or other dangerous material which can potentially affect plants, animals, the environment or individuals or attract any wildlife
11. Peanut butter jars are not permitted as geocache containers due to allergy concerns
12. No webcams are to be used, as this contravenes an individual's right to privacy under the '*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*'
13. All geocachers must follow all Conservation Area rules and regulations including operation hours
14. If the location of a cache becomes a problem (i.e. risk to park visitors or causing ecological damage as a result of visitation, The Conservation Authority reserves the right to request the removal of any cache. In such cases the owner will be required to move the cache to an alternative location under a new letter of approval, or remove it
15. The geocache owner will remove all geocaches upon expiration of the permit. Any geocaches found without a permit will be removed by park staff
16. If any terms of the approval are violated, the permit will be voided and the owner requested to remove the cache



Geocache Placement Approval Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Email Address _____

Proposed Conservation
Area Location _____

Nearest Parking Area to start of cache search _____

Location Coordinates (in UTMS) _____

Also Attach a map of your geocache location (see pg.3 for details)

Physical Description of Area _____

Cache Name _____

Type of Cache _____ GC Code _____

Physical Description of Condition and Original Contents _____

Size and Type of Container _____

Proposed Starting Date for Placement of Cache _____

Proposed Removal Date for Cache at Site _____

Educational Message in Geocache: _____

Applicants' Signature

Approved By

Date

Date

Please mail / fax completed application to :
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
250 Thorold Road West, 3rd Floor, Welland, ON, L3C 3W2
fax: (905) 788-1121

Please note: results will be submitted to geocache.com

How to Map Your Geocache Location

Instructions

1. Go to 'Google Map' website (www.maps.google.com)
2. Search geocache co-ordinates
3. Ensure plotted point is the location you intended, as shown on the map/satellite imagery
4. Hit 'Print Screen' to obtain a Screen capture
5. Paste in email or word document for attachment or hard copy

Geocache
co-ordinates
entered in search
field

Green Arrow on map
shows co-ordinate
location.
Check to ensure this is
the intended location

