

Geocaching

Geocaching is a new recreational pursuit that brings technology and nature together. Geocaching is initiated by an individual hiding a cache, normally a waterproof container with small items inside, then recording the location with a Global Positioning Unit (GPS). The individual then posts the GPS coordinates along with a description of the cache on the Geocaching Website, www.geocaching.com. Other individuals then try to find the cache. When it is located, participants sign a logbook, then take or leave a small item. They also post their find on the on-line logbook.

The City of Champlin wants to encourage positive use of its parks and feels that geocaching can be a good recreational activity in the parks with the following restrictions.

Rules

Geocaching is allowed in the City of Champlin Parks. Special-use areas and undeveloped parks may have restrictions. Caches must be registered with the City of Champlin.

A limit of three caches will be allowed for each park, no more than one cache per person at an individual park.

Caches are not to contain items that are offensive, dangerous, or illegal.

Access to caches will be subject to the City ordinance including hours of operation, designated trail uses, maintenance standards and natural resources management activities. Placement or gaining access to caches is restricted to within 25 feet of a trail, and must not require disturbance of the park environment.

Caches are not to be buried. Caches are not allowed in ecologically sensitive areas such as sanctuaries and environmental preservation areas. Some areas that are accessible in the winter may not be accessible in the spring or summer. You will be notified if your cache needs to be removed because of a trail closing.

The City of Champlin retains the right to remove, or have removed; a cache it feels is in an inappropriate location or is causing undo impact on the habitat, or if it is not registered with the City of Champlin.

Caches are not allowed in reservation picnic areas, or playground areas.

Caches may be placed at the following park locations:

- Andrews Park
- Galloway Park
- Mississippi Point Park
- Oxbow Park
- Jerry Ruppelius Athletic Complex

Recommendations for listing your site on www.geocaching.com:

- State the name of the park in your title.
- Information about the specific park can be found on our Website's park directory.

If you would like to find out more about geocaching, visit the Minnesota Geocaching Association's Website.

For more information about geocaching in the City of Champlin, call the Parks and Public Works Department at, 763/421-2820.



The City of Champlin

Geocache Site Registration

Mail or Fax to City of Champlin.

Mailing Address: Attention Parks & Public Works Department, City of Champlin, 11955 Champlin Drive, Champlin, MN 55316

Fax: 763-421-7624 Attention: Parks & Public Works Department

Cache
Name: _____
Park: _____
Coordinates: _____
Distance to
next closest
cache: _____
Date Permit
Requested: _____
Cache
Owner: _____
Nickname: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone: _____
Mailing
address: _____
Date placed: _____
Container: _____

Rules in Brief

1. All caches placed in the City of Champlin must be registered.
2. Caches must be within 25 feet of a trail.
3. There is a limit of 3 caches per park, no more than 1 cache is allowed per person.
4. Please include the park name in the title of the cache.
5. Unregistered caches will be removed.
6. All City ordinances apply.
7. All registrations expire on the 1st of April.
8. Caches must be removed after one year.