

MAPLE GROVE PARKS AND RECREATION GEOCACHING POLICY

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 Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Board wants to encourage positive use of its parks and feels that geocaching can be a good recreational activity in the parks with the following guidelines.

- **Guidelines**

1. Geocaching is allowed in the Maple Grove Parks system.
2. Caches must be registered with the Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Board and is limited to one cache per person.
3. Caches are not to contain items that are offensive, dangerous or illegal.
4. Access to caches will be subject to the Parks and Recreation Board ordinance including hours of operation, designated trail uses and maintenance standards. Placement or gaining access to caches is restricted to within 25 feet of a trail, and must not require disturbance of the park environment.
5. Caches are not to be buried. Caches are not allowed in ecologically sensitive areas such as wetlands. Cache owner may have to pay for damage to property.
7. The Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Board 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 Parks and Recreation Board.
8. Caches can be registered throughout the year, but all caches's owners need to renew their registrations by April 1 of each year.

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.

Learn More about Geocaching

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

For more information about geocaching in Maple Grove Parks, call 763-494-6509.

**Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Board
Geocache Site Registration**

Mail to: Maple Grove Parks and Recreation
ATTN: Vern Moening
12951 Weaver Lake Rd
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Or fax to: 763-494-6454

Cache Name: _____

Park: _____

Coordinates: _____

Distance to next closest cache: _____

Date Permit Requested: _____

Cache Owner: _____

Nickname: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Date Placed: _____

Container/Contents description: _____

Guidelines in Brief:

1. All caches placed in Maple Grove parks must be registered.
2. Caches must be within 25 feet of a trail.
3. No more than 1 cache is allowed per person.
4. Unregistered caches will be removed and destroyed immediately.
5. All park ordinances apply.

**Registration expires April 1st of each year.
Caches without renewed registrations will be removed.**

I understand the guidelines and will assume responsibility for damages caused by the cache being in the park

Signature

Date