

Geocache Guidelines

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Purpose: The following guidelines provide direction for placement of geocaches in park and open space areas managed by the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department. A geocache is a hidden cache intended to be located using a Global Position System (GPS) device. These guidelines are to be posted on the City of Lincoln website, and available at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office

1. A permit is not required to place a geocache in park or open space area managed by the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department. However, caches found to be in violation of these guidelines will be removed and disposed. In addition, the violating cache will be reported to the Geocaching website: <http://www.geocaching.com>
2. Geocaches may not be placed in the Pioneers Park Nature Center in the western portion of Pioneers Park, the Sunken Gardens, or the Antelope Park Rose Garden due to the sensitive nature of the landscape in these areas.
3. Geocaches may not be buried. Placement of a geocache may not involve digging or displacement of the soil.
4. A cache should be a small, sealable, weather-resistant container. The cache should be clearly labeled with a permanent marking including the name of the cache and appropriate contact information (e.g. Geocaching.com). The cache may contain a pencil or pen, a log book, a disposable camera, and/or inexpensive trinkets for exchange. Items in the cache must be "family-friendly" (i.e., no pornography, explosives, or alcohol, tobacco, firearms or drugs, etc.) The cache should not contain food items.
5. Once the geocache is placed, it is the responsibility of the individual to maintain the cache and the area around it. The area should be visited as often as necessary to assure that the cache is in good repair, and that it is not negatively impacting the surrounding area. The individual is responsible for removing the cache when it has been taken out of use.
6. The Parks and Recreation Department will not be responsible for damage, destruction or loss of caches placed in parks or open space areas.