
Geocache Policy

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Geocaching is an outdoor adventure game for owners of Global Positioning Systems (GPS). The basic idea is for individuals to set up a cache and share the location on the website www.geocaching.com. The game encourages physical activity and also introduces non-traditional park users to the park system. Washington County currently has caches located in Washington County parks.

Guidelines

Before a cache is posted, volunteers must check the website for inaccuracies.

The caches are generally waterproof containers filled with small treasures and a log. When visitors find them, they may take or leave a small item and sign the log.

- Park visitors must abide by Washington County parks Ordinance No. 174.
- Park hours are from 7:00 a.m. to ½ hour after sunset.
- Washington County vehicle permits are required for all motorized vehicles entering Big Marine Park Reserve, Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, Lake Elmo Park Reserve, Pine Point Park, Square Lake Park, and St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park.
- All dogs must be leashed.
- Hiking is not allowed on groomed winter ski trails or when turf trails are closed.
- Tread lightly: do not place a cache in an environmentally sensitive area.
- Washington County retains the right to remove a cache if it is causing undo impact on the habitat area.
- Caches are not to be buried.
- Caches are not to contain offensive, dangerous or illegal items.
- Individuals placing caches are responsible for monitoring and maintaining them.

Responsibility

Washington County parks division will allow the activity to continue as long as the above guidelines are followed.