

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, Pinewood Bowl, the Sunken Gardens, Cascade Fountain, the Hamann Rose Garden, the Rotary Strolling Garden, the Veterans Memorial Garde in Antelope Park, Centennial Mall, Union Plaza, Hazel Abel Park, or properties in the Saline Wetlands, due to the sensitive nature of the landscape in these areas.
3. Geocaches may not be placed in buildings, including enclosed shelters, or in any controlled access areas such as locked ballfields or golf courses.
4. Geocaches may not be buried or be affixed to any structure or bridge, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall, fence, railing, bench, lamp post or utility pole, tree, shrub, fern, plant, flower, or in close proximity to a stream or ecologically sensitive feature in any park or open space. See [LMC 12.08.170](#). Placement of a geocache may not

involve digging or displacement of the soil. Geocaches are absolutely prohibited in any location that involves danger or risk to an individual in accessing and/or latent or patent hazards.

5. 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 logbook, a disposable camera, and/or inexpensive trinkets for exchange. Items in the cache must be “family-friendly” and shall not contain pornography, explosives, alcohol, tobacco, firearms, drugs, illegal items, or food items. Cache containers may not be constructed of piping, tubing, ammunition boxes or any other suspicious containers.
6. 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 ensure 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.
7. The Parks and Recreation Department will not be responsible for damage, destruction or loss of caches placed in parks or open space areas. Any person accessing geocaches assumes the risk inherent in the activity and agrees to exercise care in geocaching related activities.
8. Geocaches may be removed at the discretion of Parks and Recreation Department staff.
9. All City ordinances and parks rules and regulations will apply.