Regulations and Requirements for Placing a Geocache on Forest Preserve District of Kane County Property

The Forest Preserve District of Kane County manages properties under its jurisdiction in a manner consistent with its enabling statute to protect the lands for the purposes of conservation, recreation and education. Responses to request for placement shall weigh the relative impact of this use on District preserves. All requests for placement of geocaches shall be regulated by the rules and regulations found in this document. No geocache may be placed on District property without the Geocache Placement Application completed by applicant and approved by District staff personnel.

I. General Provisions

All geocache sites on Forest Preserve District of Kane County properties must be approved and authorized by the designated District staff. Owners must obtain an approved Geocache Placement Application prior to placing the geocache. Approved applications will serve as the owner's permit to place a Geocache on a District preserve. Applications and maps of restricted areas are available at http://www.kaneforest.com/geocaching.

II. Required Information

A completed application must be submitted with all required information. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Regulations and Rules Acknowledgement also must be signed and submitted.

III. Requirements for Geocache Placement

To be approved for placement, the geocache must meet all of the following requirements. Violation of any of these requirements will prohibit placement of geocache or necessitate immediate removal of the geocache by the owner or Forest Preserve District of Kane County personnel.

A. The container (preferably see through) must be a waterproof or sealable container no greater than 385 cubic inches (approximately 4" x 8" x 12") and contain at least one visible surface where the owner must affix the Forest Preserve District of Kane County sticker (2 ½" x 2") giving notice that the container is a permitted geocache. The sticker must be able to be adhered where it will be visible to Forest Preserve District staff and preserve users. The sticker will

B. The geocache shall not contain any food items.

C. The geocache shall not contain any inappropriate, offensive, explosive or hazardous materials.

D. The geocache shall not be buried.

E. The geocache shall not be affixed to or disturb any trees, vegetation, natural features or attached to structures.

F. The geocache cannot be located in any area restricted by the Forest Preserve District of Kane County including but not limited to Illinois State Nature Preserves, crop fields and mowed recreational areas. See site maps for restricted areas.

NOTE: Through land management procedures of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, geocaches may be inadvertently burned, mowed or destroyed. A list of proposed prescribed burn sites is available on our website so geocache owners may determine if they would like to remove their cache prior to the prescribed burn seasons, in spring and fall. The Forest Preserve District of Kane County will **not be held liable for damaged geocaches**.

IV. Requirements for Geocache Owners

Once approved for placement, geocache owners will receive a copy of their approved application. The approved application will serve as the permit for geocache placement and owners must keep a copy for their records. The geocache owner must also meet the following requirements. Violation of any of these requirements will necessitate the immediate removal of the geocache by the owner or Forest Preserved District of Kane County personnel.

A. The geocache owner is responsible for the maintenance of their cache. If District staff verify that the geocache is continually in poor condition, District staff will require the cache to be removed and the approved application will be void.

B. The Geocache Description on www.geocaching.com website must state the following information:

   i. This geocache is placed on Forest Preserve District of Kane County property with permission.

   ii. Forest Preserve District of Kane County hours are sunrise to sunset. Preserve users are not permitted in preserves during closed hours.

   iii. Please stay on designated trails as much as possible.

   iv. It is the visitor's responsibility to be aware of policies, rules and ordinances pertaining to a preserve. For more information on preserve rules, see the information kiosk in the parking lot of the preserve, check our website www.kaneforest.com or contact the District office at (630) 232-5980.

   v. All Forest Preserve District of Kane County ordinances and subsequent policies, rules, and regulations are applicable.

C. The Forest Preserve District of Kane County reserves the right to remove or change the locations of geocaches without notice, due to future projects, restoration or unforeseen circumstances.

V. Acknowledgment

Violation of any of these requirements will necessitate immediate removal of the geocache by the owner or Forest Preserve District staff.

I have read and understand the rules and requirements of Geocache owners and Forest Preserve permits. I agree to these terms.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date