



# Township of Northampton

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The Geocache Identification Form is an application for registration and placement of a geocache on lands administered by Northampton Township Department of Parks and Recreation. Please supply all the information requested. You must present the form in person to the Parks Office, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA 18954. The geocache site location is subject to review by the Director or designee.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The idea of Geocache is to have individuals set up caches all over the state and share the locations of these caches and the coordinates on the internet. Global Positioning System (GPS) users can then use the location coordinates to find the caches. Once found, a cache may provide a wide variety of cache items. The Geocache community uses the internet extensively for posting cache locations.

The following guidelines apply to all geocaches in the Northampton Township Parks:

- Placement of geocaches on lands administered by Northampton Township requires authorization of the Director or designee. This authorization will be considered through a review process, which insures its location is compatible with other park activities.
- A geocache contact person responsible for necessary upkeep of the site must be identified prior to approval by the Director or designee.
- There should be no earth disturbance or vegetative impact to any approved site. Nor should the cache be readily discernable by the general public.
- Cache(s) shall not be placed in a plaxtic (PVC) pipe.
- Cache name must be clearly visible on the exterior of all geocache containers. A label, preferably green and black should be placed on the container. The cache name must be the same on the “Official Geocache” sticker, identification form, and any web site postings.
- The cache may not be placed within or on stream banks, riparian zones, wetlands, exemplary natural communities, ecologically sensitive areas, unique geological features, or unsafe areas. You must contact the Director for possible additional restrictions or questions concerning the proposed location.
- A cache may remain at the approved site for no more than three (1) year at which time it must be removed, the site restored to its original condition and the Director informed in writing of the removal. This will control cache abandonment and assist in preventing renegade trail development to the site.
- Unauthorized geocaches in Northampton Township Parks will be removed and treated as abandoned property, and the responsible person may be cited for littering.
- Responsible party shall delete site location(s) from all publications and/or website(s) within seven days of removal.