

## **GEOCACHE Rules**

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- Geocaching requires authorization from the Land Commissioner or designee.
- A geocache contact person responsible for necessary upkeep of the site must be identified prior to approval by the Land Commissioner 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 plastic (PVC) pipe.
- Cache name must be clearly visible on the exterior of all geocache containers. An “Official Geocache” label should be placed on the container. The cache name must be the same on the “Official Geocache” label, Identification Form, and any web site postings.
- The cache may not be placed on stream banks, riparian zones, wetlands, prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, exemplary natural communities, ecologically sensitive areas, unique geological features, or unsafe areas. You must contact the Land Commissioner for possible additional restrictions or questions concerning the proposed location.
- A cache may remain at the approved site for no more than three years at which time it must be removed, the site restored to its original condition, and the Land Commissioner informed in writing of the removal. This will control cache abandonment and assist in preventing renegade trail development to the site.
- Unauthorized geocaches on Demonstration Forest lands will be removed and treated as abandoned property, and the responsible person may be cited for littering.
- Responsible party shall archive site location(s) from all publications and/or website(s) within seven days of removal.
- Caches may only contain a logbook in which to record visits, a description of the geocaching site and non-perishable, family friendly items.
- Maximum of five geocache sites allowed in the Demonstration Forest.
- Use existing trail corridors for travel.
- Place geocache site close to trails, subject to the approval by the Land Commissioner.
- Use already identified points of interest as potential geocache locations due to the educational value of these sites.
- Limit geocache container size to two gallon capacity.
- Lake County reserves the right to eliminate this use at any time.

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**Lake County Forestry**  
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Two Harbors, Minnesota 55616

**GEOCACHE IDENTIFICATION FORM**

RESPONSIBLE PARTY'S contact information:

Name:

Address:

City, State and Zip Code:

Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address:

The RESPONSIBLE PARTY desires to place a geocache at the following location(s) in  
The Lake County Demonstration Forest

Type of Cache:	Traditional	Multi-cache	Letterbox
	Event/CITO	Mystery	Other

CACHE NAME (required):

CACHE LOCATION: (use the final site if multi-cache):

LATITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_

LONGITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_

CACHE CONTAINER DESCRIPTION: (size, color, container description)

IF MULTICACHE, LIST ADDITIONAL SITE(S):

CACHE NAME (required):

CACHE LOCATION: (use the final site if multi-cache):

LATITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_

LONGITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_

CACHE CONTAINER DESCRIPTION: (size, color, container description)

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (if needed):

(List additional multi-caches on back page)