

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT WILL COUNTY



2026 Geocaching Permit Application

Thank you for considering the Forest Preserve District of Will County for your geocache. To submit your request, complete this application and email it to permits@fpdwc.org. Submitting this application does not guarantee the approval of your placement. Once your application has been received and reviewed, you will be contacted regarding approval.

If approved, you will be required to obtain an approval sticker to place on the geocache.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ DOB: _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Organization Name: _____ Applicant's Position: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ Is organization in Will Co.? Yes No

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

GEOCACHE INFORMATION

Proposed Geocache Location (Name of the Preserve): _____

GPS Coordinates (Longitude/Latitude) of Proposed Placement: _____

Physical Description of Container: _____

Description of Area (including rating of the terrain: easy, moderate, difficult, etc.): _____

List of all items to be included in the geocache at the time of proposed placement:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

RULES AND WAIVERS

1. Geocache must be placed in a clear, waterproof container sized no greater than 4"x 8" x 12."
 2. All Geocaches containers must be labeled with the Forest Preserve District of Will County "Geocache" label provided upon permit issuance. Label must be clearly visible from outside of container.
 3. Geocaches must not contain food, offensive, or hazardous materials.
 4. Geocache will not be buried or attached to vegetation or structures.
 5. No vegetation or natural features will be disturbed in any manner upon placement.
 6. Geocache permit is valid from date of issue until March 31 of the following year.
 7. Geocache must be removed by permittee by permit expiration date. Geocaches not removed by this date will become the property of the Forest Preserve District of Will County.
 8. Geocaches may be inadvertently burned, mowed, or destroyed by District staff conducting management procedures in the preserves. The Forest Preserve District of Will County will not be liable for lost or damaged caches.
 9. Use of the Forest Preserve before or after seasonal preserves hours is prohibited.
 10. Geocache owner will monitor approved cache location every 2 months to ensure cache remains at approved location and contents are intact.
 11. Geocache owner must remain on designated trails when placing and monitoring the approved cache.
 12. This permit is not transferable or assignable. Any attempted transference or attendance violation will void the permit and subject the applicant to subsequent fines, penalties, and loss of fees.
 13. All state, county, local and Forest Preserve ordinances will be enforced.
 14. As a condition of this permit contract, you are subject to all rules and regulations contained in General Use Regulation Ordinance No. 124. Falsification of information or violation of any rules, regulations, or ordinances of the District will result in the denial and/or revocation of the Geocache permit and/or fines.
 15. The Forest Preserve District of Will County reserves the right to close the preserves during regular open hours when safety and/ or weather conditions require it.
 16. Illinois Geocache website must state:
 - a. This Geocache is placed on Will County Forest Preserve property with permission until March 31 (of following year).
 - b. Preserve users are only permitted to search for caches during normal preserve hours: 8a.m. to sunset.
 - c. All Forest Preserve rules apply. Visit www.reconnectwithnature.org for more information.
 - d. The Forest Preserve District of Will County reserves the right to close the preserves during regular open hours when safety and/or weather conditions require it.
- I acknowledge The Forest Preserve assumes no liability for any injuries that occur as a result of the permitted activity.
- I agree to the Rules and Regulations as stated above and will abide by the Forest Preserve District of Will County General Regulation Use Ordinance #124.
- I agree not to hold the Forest Preserve District of Will County liable for any loss or damage to persons or property arising from my use of the facilities or engaging in the activity for which this permit is granted.
- I agree to defend and hold harmless the Forest Preserve District of Will County from any and all claims or actions brought by myself, my heirs, my guests, contractors or invitees, brought as a result of the exercise of the rights granted under this permit.

- I have read and understand the rules of the Forest Preserve for the public lands and their usage. I attest that the information I have provided is factual, accurate and honestly represents the nature and intent of my event. Failure to abide by any of the above rules leaves the permit holder liable and susceptible to receiving a ticket and/or suspension from District property by Forest Preserve District of Will County Police.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Call 911 in an emergency.

In a non-emergency, call the Laraway Communication Center at 815.727.6191 to reach a Forest Preserve officer.