

Forest Preserve District of Will County Geocaching Permit Application



Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone

E-mail address

Proposed Geocache Location (Name of the Preserve)

GPS Coordinates (Longitude/Latitude) of Proposed Placement of Geocache

Web site(s) to be Advertised/Maintained (See requirement regarding Illinois Geocache Web site on the second page of this application.)

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

List of All Items to be Included in the Geocache at Time of Proposed Placement:

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Please mail or fax your application, using the contact information below. You may also bring your application in to the Sugar Creek Administration Center. Applicants will be contacted by the Forest Preserve District's Public Affairs Department about their request via e-mail (or by phone if e-mail is unavailable to the applicant) within 1 week of the District's receipt of the application. Upon approval, the applicant is required to visit the Sugar Creek Administration Center to obtain a permit and a geocache sticker. For more information on the Forest Preserve District's Geocaching Program, on the Forest Preserve or its Board of Commissioners, please call 815.727.8700.

Applications should be sent to: Sugar Creek Administration Center, Public Affairs Department, 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet, IL, 60433. Via fax, dial: 815.722.3608. Please read and sign the following page as part of the application process.

Forest Preserve District of Will County Geocaching Rules and Regulations

- Geocache must be placed in a clear, waterproof container that is no greater than 4"x8"x12" in size.
- All geocache containers must be labeled with the Forest Preserve District of Will County "Geocache" label provided upon permit issuance. The label must be clearly visible from the outside of the container.
- Geocaches must not contain food, offensive, or hazardous materials.
- Geocaches will not be buried or attached to vegetation or structures.
- Vegetation or natural features will not be disturbed in any manner upon placement of geocache.
- Geocache permits are valid from date of issue until March 31 of the following year.
- Geocaches must be removed or renewed by permittee by the permit expiration. Geocaches not removed by this date will become the property of the Forest Preserve District of Will County.
- 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.
- Use of the Forest Preserves before or after preserve hours is prohibited.
- Geocache owners will monitor the approved cache location every 2 months to ensure cache remains at the approved location and that contents are intact.
- If going off trail to place or search for a cache, please use designated trails whenever possible and tread lightly on the land: Leave No Trace.
- Illinois Geocache Web site must state:
 1. This Geocache is placed on Will County Forest Preserve property with permission until March 31 (of the following year).
 2. Preserve users are only permitted to search for caches during normal preserve hours: 8 a.m.-sunset.
 3. All Forest Preserve rules apply; call 815.727.8700 for more information.

Waiver

By signing below, I agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations listed within this application to ensure my safety and the safety of others. I assume full responsibility for any injuries, damages and expenses that I might sustain while engaging in this activity on Forest Preserve District property.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

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The Forest Preserve District of Will County does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, age or disability. In providing programs and services to the public, the Forest Preserve District will make reasonable modifications to ensure that all people have an equal opportunity to enjoy District offerings. To request this document in large print, audio or Braille, or to request modifications to participate in one of the Forest Preserve's programs or services, contact the Superintendent of Public Affairs, Sugar Creek Administration Center, 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet, IL 60433; comments@fpdwc.org; 815.722.9383 (voice); 800.526.0844 (TDD). Requests should be made at least 48 hours in advance. While the Forest Preserve District will make every effort to meet requests in a timely fashion, some requests may take longer to fulfill than others. Persons believing that they have been discriminated against by the Forest Preserve District of Will County may file a complaint alleging discrimination with the Forest Preserve District or the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of the Interior, www.doi.gov/diversity.