

Geocache Placement Permit

Winnebago County Conservation Board permits geocaching in keeping with its mission to provide opportunities for safe recreational activities. Geocachers are welcome to place a cache in WCCB lands as long as they comply with the requirements of this permit.

Cache owner Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (____) _____ E-mail address _____

Cache Information:

Cache name (as listed on geocaching web site): _____

Type of cache: ____ Virtual ____ traditional cache ____ multi-cache

Cache container: ____ Ammo box ____ Plastic ____ Other - Explain _____

Cache Location:

WCCB Area, nearest parking area _____

Location, coordinates (WGS84 Datum) _____

Description of hiding place (i.e. in stump, behind large rock) _____

Geocache Placement Guidelines

- 1 A *Geocache Placement Permit* must be filed with and approved by Winnebago County Conservation Board (WCCB) before posting the cache on a geocaching web site.
- 2 At a minimum, *Cache Listing Requirements/Guidelines* developed by Groundspeak and posted at geocaching.com must be followed when developing a cache.
- 3 All local and state laws apply.

- 4 The cache container must be clearly marked on the outside with Geocaching.com and the name of the cache.
- 5 Permit is good from date issued to March 31 of the next year. After that date, the cache must be re-permitted or removed. If the cache owner removes the cache before the March 31 expiration date, he/she will notify WCCB.
- 6 **WCCB, through its director or designee, reserves the right to terminate this approval for placement of a geocache on WCCB land for any reason at any time. Caches not in compliance with the terms of this permit will be removed from the property and this permit voided for failure to comply.**
- 7 We request that you monitor this cache every two months and you maintain it to be family friendly. This means the cache should contain no food, alcohol, firearms, drugs, dangerous items or adult items.
- 8 We also request that you direct people seeking your cache to follow established trails most of the way to your cache. We discourage off trail hiking as it negatively impacts the environment.

I have read and understand the terms of this permit and agree to comply accordingly. I will retain a copy of this permit for my records.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please forward any questions or concerns to Robert Schwartz, Executive Director, at 641-565-3390 or e-mail rschwartz@winnebagoccb.com

**Mail this form to: Geocache Permit, Winnebago County Conservation Board,
34496 110th Ave., Forest City, Iowa 50436.**

Policy compliance. This section to be completed by the Winnebago County Conservation Board. If any item does not meet policy requirements it shall be grounds for denial of a permit.

- ___ Cache is not located in a sensitive archaeological, historical, or ecological area.
- ___ No damage or disturbance of the ground will result from placement of this cache.
- ___ The cache is not located in an area where a prescribed burn might take place.
- ___ The cache is not in an area that might cause potential danger to visitors, i.e. under water, in potential flood areas, on a steep slope, etc.
- ___ This application has been reviewed and it complies with Winnebago County Conservation Board's Geocaching policy.

___ **APPROVED** **ALL PERMITS EXPIRE ON MARCH 31 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR**

___ **DENIED**

Winnebago County Conservation Board designee

Date