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Geocaching guidelines for Jefferson County Department of Parks and Recreation. These guidelines help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all visitors.

1. Permit Requirement:

- Individuals wishing to place a geocache in Jefferson County parks must obtain an official Geocaching Placement Permit.
- Permits are valid for 12 months from the approval date and must be renewed through email each subsequent year.

2. Cache Placement:

- Caches must not be placed in sensitive archaeological, historical, or ecological areas, such as historical buildings, caves, or locations containing rare plant species.
- No digging or disruption of the ground is permitted when placing a cache.
- Caches should not be placed in areas that could pose danger to visitors, such as cliffs, bluffs, underwater locations, or areas requiring climbing.
- Cache coordinates should be on file with the Parks Department.

3. Cache Container Requirements:

- The outside of the cache container must clearly display the words "Official Geocache."
- An explanation of the geocaching activity must be included inside the container.
- Cache contents must be family-friendly; items such as food, alcohol, firearms, drugs, dangerous items, or adult materials are prohibited.

4. Number of Caches:

- A cache owner is limited to two active permits in one facility at a time.
- Multi-caches are limited to five total sites but are treated as one cache and require only one permit.

5. Cache Maintenance:

- Cache owners are responsible for monitoring and maintaining their caches monthly to ensure they remain in good condition and comply with guidelines.
- If a non-permitted cache is discovered, park officials will remove it and retain it at the park office for 30 days. If the owner does not claim it within this period, it will be considered abandoned property.

6. Environmental Considerations:

- Cache placement in recognized wild and natural areas should be minimized to protect the environment.
- Caches should not be placed in areas scheduled for prescribed burns within twelve months of the placement date.

7. Safety and Accessibility:

- Caches should be placed in locations that are safely accessible to the public during park hours.
- Consideration should be given to the potential impact on wildlife and natural habitats.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

APPLICATION / PERMIT FOR GEOCACHING ON / IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, PARK PROPERTY

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____ . AGE: _____ .

ADDRESS: _____ .

CITY: _____ . STATE: _____ . ZIP: _____ .

PHONE NUMBER: _____ .

PARK / LOCATION: _____ .

CACHE COORDINATES _____ .

RELEASE

I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, do release and forever discharge Jefferson County, Missouri, its Departments, Boards, Commissions, Office Holders, servants, agents, employees, successors, assigns, and all other persons on its behalf liable, from all claims, demands, damages, judgments, actions, or causes of action arising or which may arise from myself, or my agents Geocaching on County Property.

I, the undersigned, further agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Jefferson County, Missouri, its Departments, Boards, Commissions, Office Holders, servants, agents, employees, successors, assigns, and all other persons on its behalf liable, from all claims, demands, damages, judgments actions or causes of action arising or which may arise from Geocaching on County Property.

I, the undersigned, fully understand and am aware that I am entering upon the land(s) of the County voluntarily. I am assuming all risks whatsoever they may be whether hidden or, open and obvious, and hereby waive any and all rights I may have now or in the future as and/or against the Jefferson County, Missouri. I assume all risks.

I, the undersigned, rely solely upon my own judgment without influence by anyone in making this release and I fully understand and agree that it fully discharges all claims and damages whatsoever, known or unknown, and whether specifically mentioned or not.

The Permit herein granted may not be assigned by the Applicant and an attempted assignment by said Applicant shall, at the option of the County, terminate the Permit granted herein.

This Permit may be revoked by Jefferson County at any time for any reason. Jefferson County, Missouri, accepts no liability and the Applicant herein assumes all risk and liability whatsoever they may be.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS PROVISIONS.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

GEOCACHING IN COUNTY PARKS.

Jefferson County, Missouri, through its Parks and Recreation Department, does hereby grant unto _____ authority to GEOCACHING in _____ a County Parks, from _____ to _____, during the hours of dawn to dusk.

Jefferson County Parks
Authorized Representative

DATED: _____

(SEAL)

Approved as to Form:
County Counselor
Jefferson County, Missouri
4-30-2019