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Policy for Geocaches at Scenic Hudson Parks and Preserves

Scenic Hudson is a nonprofit organization working to protect and restore the Hudson River and its majestic landscape as an irreplaceable national treasure and a vital resource for residents and visitors. Scenic Hudson safeguards landscapes, protects farmland, transforms neglected industrial waterfronts, and purchases strategic properties that can revive communities.

Scenic Hudson has preserved more than 28,000 acres in nine counties, and created or enhanced parks and preserves that protect natural and cultural resources and provide public enjoyment—including those in communities that previously had little or no access to the river. Many of these parks and preserves are possible through partnerships with state and local government, other nonprofit organizations and committed volunteers. For more information, go to www.scenichudson.org.

Scenic Hudson realizes that geocachers may be interested in placing caches on Scenic Hudson owned properties. While we encourage appropriate activities listed with the rules at our parks, we manage lands for other purposes, such as conservation of sensitive plant or animal communities and preservation of historic, archeological and ecological resources. In some cases, these other uses will be incompatible with the placement of geocaches.

Our policy favors the placement of geocaches in parks where appropriate recreation infrastructure (maintained trails, parking areas, kiosks, etc.) is present. **All geocaches placed in Scenic Hudson parks and preserves must be registered with Scenic Hudson prior to placement. Scenic Hudson has the right to deny permission or remove the geocache at any time.**

Scenic Hudson will evaluate each proposed geocache on an individual basis using the following criteria as guidelines:

1. Geocaches must be located close to existing trails and the grade from the trail to the cache must be gentle (less than 12%).
2. The total number of geocaches in a particular area or park will be kept to a reasonable number (at the discretion of Scenic Hudson).
3. Geocaches cannot be located in or beneath any structure, building or ruin, including stone walls, bridges, kiosks, signs or benches.
4. Geocaches must be located a sufficient distance from any ecologically or historically sensitive areas such as wetlands and archaeological sites. No geocaches will be permitted at West Point Foundry Preserve.
5. Geocaches must be located a sufficient distance from any potentially hazardous areas such as cliffs.

6. In the geocache description, Scenic Hudson should be credited as the owner/manager of the property and the contact information from the header of this sheet is provided. Please use the following credit line: *This park is owned and managed by Scenic Hudson. Individuals seeking geocaches do so at their own risk and must follow the park rules listed on the park's kiosk. www.scenichudson.org.*

To request permission to place a geocache on Scenic Hudson property, please complete the form below and return to Geoff Carter, parks and stewardship manager at gcarter@scenichudson.org.

Geocache Permission Request Form:

Name: _____

Geocaching.com Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Associated group, if applicable, and website: _____

Cache Location

Park/Property: _____

Location within park/property: _____

Coordinates & coordinate system: _____

Name of geocache: _____