



SAVING THE LAND THAT MATTERS MOST

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Policy for Geocaches at Scenic Hudson Parks and Preserves

Scenic Hudson preserves land and farms and creates parks that connect people with the inspirational power of the Hudson River, while fighting threats to the river and natural resources that are the foundation of the valley's prosperity. To date Scenic Hudson has created or enhanced more than 65 parks, preserves and historic sites up and down the Hudson River and conserved more than 40,000 acres. www.scenichudson.org

Scenic Hudson parks and preserves are managed to meet goals of providing public access and protecting natural, historic and scenic resources. Our geocache policy favors the placement of geocaches in parks where appropriate recreation infrastructure is present, (maintained trails, parking areas, kiosks, etc.). All geocaches on Scenic Hudson land must be registered with Scenic Hudson prior to placement. Scenic Hudson has the right to deny permission or remove the geocache at any time.

Geocaches are considered on a case-by-case basis. Scenic Hudson will evaluate each proposal using, but not limited to, the following criteria:

1. Geocaches may only be placed in a location and manner that avoids disturbance or alteration to any natural or historic feature or area of ecological concern.
2. They must be placed no farther than 20 feet away from the marked trail and the existing grade from the trail to the cache must be on a flat or gentle grade.
3. Geocaches cannot be located in, beneath or on top of a structure, building or historic structure/remains, including stone walls, bridges, decks, kiosks, signs or benches. Burying caches is strictly prohibited.
4. Geocaches are prohibited at West Point Foundry Preserve.
5. Geocaches must be located a sufficient distance of 100 feet from any ecologically or historically sensitive areas and habitats such as wetlands, seasonal woodland pools, streams, and the Hudson River.
6. Geocaches must be located a sufficient distance from any potentially hazardous areas such as cliffs.
7. An individual cache owner or association is limited to no more than five permits.
8. If existing owner wants to change the existing location of cache a new permit must be obtained and the old permit must be canceled.
9. Owner of the cache must maintain the contents of the cache twice a year to ensure appropriate, family-friendly contents.
10. If a geocache location has become inactive, it must be removed by the cache owner within nine months of inactivity.
11. In the geocache description shared on social media, through a geocache website, or other public means, Scenic Hudson must be credited. The following must be included: *Scenic Hudson owns/manages this land. This geocache is approved by Scenic Hudson. Individuals setting and seeking geocaches do so at their own risk and must follow park rules listed on the trailhead kiosk.* www.scenichudson.org.

To request permission to place a geocache on Scenic Hudson property, please complete the form on the next page and return to Parks & Trails Coordinator Carley Kiernan, ckiernan@scenichudson.org.



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Geocache Permission Request Form

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TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Name _____

Address

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Geocaching.com name _____

Associated group, if applicable, and website _____

Cache location

Scenic Hudson park/property _____

Location within park/property _____

Coordinates and coordinate system _____

Name of geocache _____

Date to be installed, if approved _____

Date of removal and notification to Scenic Hudson _____

Initial if you have read and agree to abide by geocaching and specific park rules _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by Scenic Hudson:

- Approved
- Denied

_____ Date: _____