



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. A crusader for the valley since 1963, we are credited with saving fabled Storm King Mountain from a destructive industrial project and launching the modern grass-roots environmental movement. Today with more than 25,000 ardent supporters, we are the largest environmental group focused on the Hudson River Valley. 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.

Scenic Hudson parks and preserves are managed to meet goals of providing public access and protecting natural and historic and scenic resources. Our policy favors the placement of geocaches in parks where appropriate recreation infrastructure (maintained trails, parking areas, kiosks, etc.) is present. All geocaches placed 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 ruin, 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. In the geocache description shared on social media or through a geocache website, Scenic Hudson must be credited as the owner/manager of the property and must use the following credit line: *This land is owned/managed by Scenic Hudson and this geocache is approved in advance by permission of Scenic Hudson. Individuals setting and seeking geocaches do so at their own risk and must follow the park rules listed on the park's kiosk. [www.scenichudson.org](http://www.scenichudson.org).*
8. **An individual cache owner or association is limited to no more than 5 permits.**
9. If existing owner wants to change the existing locations of the cache a new permit must be obtained and the old permit must be canceled.
10. Owner of the cache must maintain the contents of the cache twice a year to ensure appropriate, family-friendly contents.
11. If a geocache location has become inactive, it must be removed by the cache owner within 9 months of inactivity.

**To request permission to place a geocache on Scenic Hudson property, please complete the form on the next page and return to Carley Kiernan, Parks & Trails Coordinator at [ckiernan@scenichudson.org](mailto:ckiernan@scenichudson.org).**



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# Geocache Permission Request Form

Return this form to Carley Kiernan, Parks and Trails Coordinator at [ckiernan@scenichudson.org](mailto:ckiernan@scenichudson.org)

## TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Geocaching.com name \_\_\_\_\_

Associated group, if applicable, and website \_\_\_\_\_

Cache location

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: \_\_\_\_\_