

# Guidelines for Geocaching in CRD Regional Parks



The Capital Regional District recognizes geocaching as a recreational activity in regional parks and trails. The guidelines encourage geocaching as a low impact and healthy activity in regional parks and trails while ensuring that geocaching participants respect the ecological sensitivity of park environments and the safety and needs of other park users.

Guidelines for geocaching apply to all CRD regional parks and trails with the exception of regional park reserves where public access is prohibited.

*(See Regional Park Reserves  
<https://www.crd.bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-trails/find-park-trail>)*

## Other Existing Policies and Regulations

Participants in geocaching activities must adhere to all other applicable policies and regulations including, but not limited to, specific regulations and policies respecting hiking and trail use in regional parks and trails.

*(See Parks and Recreation Bylaws  
<https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/document-library/documents/bylaws/parksandrecreation>)*

## Placement of Caches

Caches may only be placed in areas that are accessible from official park trails or along approved travel routes. The placing of a cache must not result in the disruption of soils, vegetation, wildlife, or other natural and cultural assets. Caches must not be placed within or near sensitive sites or areas identified as having unique natural or cultural values. CRD Regional Parks reserves the right to remove any caches deemed to be located in an inappropriate location. Prior to placing a cache in a regional park or on a regional trail you must report

the UTM coordinates and a description of the cache to [crdparks@crd.bc.ca](mailto:crdparks@crd.bc.ca).

## Cache Lifespan

Any cache placed in a regional park or trail will not be considered as “permanent.” The owner of a cache must remove the cache if they are no longer actively promoting the cache or if the cache has been in place for three years, whichever happens soonest.

## Cache Identification and Contents

All cache contents must be in a container marked “geocache” on the container’s outside surface. The contents of the cache must include the owner’s name and contact information. A cache may not contain any items that could potentially attract wildlife and cache containers must not have been previously used for food storage. A cache without proper identification or with inappropriate content may be removed by Regional Parks’ staff.

## Permits Not Required

A Park Use Permit is not required to place a geocache as long as the cache is placed in accordance with these guidelines and in a location that is deemed to be safe by Regional Parks’ staff.

## Geocaching Events

A Park Use Permit may be required for a geocaching event. Event organizers are requested to contact Regional Parks to provide event details.

*(See Permits <https://www.crd.bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-trails/crd-regional-parks/park-usage-rules/park-use-permits>)*