



GEOCACHE PLACEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Jones County Conservation Board
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Number: _____

E-Mail _____ Home _____ Cellular _____
Address: _____

Geocache Name as listed on Geocache Website: _____

Proposed Geocache Coordinates:

UTM Format: _____

Latitude/Longitude: _____

Please attach map showing geocache location.
Caches may not be placed in any area needing ropes, ladders or any other vertical equipment in order to access the area.
Caches CANNOT be buried on Jones County Conservation Board lands.
No food products or any items with a distinct odor may be placed in the container due to wildlife concerns.
Caches should be located along established trails or areas to minimize "off-trail" hiking and negative impacts to the environment.

Type of Geocache:

Traditional: _____

Material used in container construction: _____

Container design: _____

Contents of container: _____

No food products or any items with a distinct odor may be placed in the container due to wildlife concerns.
No alcohol, firearms, explosives, drugs, dangerous or adult items shall be placed in the cache.

Virtual: _____

Brief description: _____

Applicants Signature:

Sign: _____

Print: _____

Date: _____

Authorizing Official Signature:

Sign: _____

Print: _____

Date: _____

Expires One (1) Year after authorization

Jones County Conservation Board

Policy on Geocaching

(Revised 1/1/2009)

1. Approval of cache contents, design, and location must be granted prior to placement of any items on public lands.
2. Participants of Geocaching must restrict their activities to areas that are open to the public. Caches are off limits on closed roads, unless traveling on foot.
3. Caches will last for no more than one year. Reapplication and authorization must be done in order to keep caches on public lands.
4. Access routes and caches will avoid fragile areas, such as rock shelters, caves, bogs, wetlands, steep slopes, National Registered Historic sites and structures, and other sensitive sites. Do not use areas closed to the public.
5. At all areas, adhere to all JCCB rules and regulations and laws of the State of Iowa.
6. Caches will not be placed alongside cliff/bluff edges or any location needing climbing equipment or any other safety equipment to be located.
7. Caches will not interfere or detract from other visitors experiences.
8. Applicants will not dig soil or cut vegetation when developing a cache.
9. Caches will not be more than 2 gallon or 12 inch X 12 inch X 12 inch in size.
10. Caches will not contain any food, hazardous material, alcohol, drugs, explosives, pornography, adult items or other illegal items.
11. Containers will be labeled on the outside so that it would not be mistaken as containing hazardous materials. All caches must be identified as a Geocache.
12. Caches will be publicly accessible. There will be no "members only" of subscription caches on public land.
13. Geocachers are encouraged to follow "Leave No Trace" outdoor ethic techniques.
14. Items found in a cache deemed inappropriate will be removed.
15. If at any time geocachers violate Jones County Conservation Board policy, the cache will be removed and the individual will be held appropriately liable.
16. The person named on the application permit is responsible for the care and maintenance of the cache. All caches will be services on a quarterly basis at a minimum.
17. All permits are good for one year from date of issue. After that date, the cache must be moved or removed and a new location permitted.
18. The Jones County Conservation Board or its designated representatives reserve the right to terminate this approval at any time for any reason.

Safety:

Geocachers should only attempt hunting sites according to their individual experience level. Please carry a map and compass in case of poor satellite reception. GPS units compute distances in straight lines only. Differences in distance due to access as well as obstacles (cliffs, rivers, ponds) should be considered before attempting a cache location. The Jones County Conservation Board does not take any responsibility for any injuries that may occur to an individual due to hazardous placement of a geocache.

I agree to uphold all policy and safety procedures stated above and am familiar with the official regulations of the Jones County Conservation Board:

Sign: _____

Date: _____

Print: _____

Forms should be returned to the Offices of: Jones County Conservation Board

Attn: Ranger
12515 Central Park Road
Center Junction, Iowa 52212