



Geocaching Policy & Guidelines for Staunton City Parks:

Effective July 1, 2008 and applies to all Parks within the City of Staunton

- 1) Geocaching is permitted in the City parks with an approved permit.
- 2) Permits are issued at Montgomery Hall Park Irene Givens Administrative office. The office is open Monday – Friday from 8am – 5pm. Permits are free.
- 3) Park use hours (6am – 11pm) apply to those hiding or seeking a cache.
- 4) Staunton Recreation and Parks Department caches take precedence over all other caches.
- 5) No cache will be placed within 100 yards of a Staunton Recreation and Parks Department cache.
- 6) Caches must have the name of the cache on the exterior.
- 7) Caches will not be permitted in the following park areas:
 - a. Gypsy Hill Golf Course
 - b. Near the mini-train
 - c. Playgrounds
 - d. Benches
 - e. Athletic Fields
- 8) All Department staff has the right to pull caches if they are not permitted, interfere with park operations, or if they cause undue impact on park habitat. This means the Recreation and Parks Department reserves the right to remove any cache even if a permit was granted. Geocaching is secondary to primary park uses like special events, walking, disc golf, baseball and softball games etc.
- 9) If owner removes cache, Staunton Recreation & Parks must be notified.
- 10) We request that the owner monitor the cache every six months and it is maintained to be family friendly.
- 11) Caches cannot contain items that are offensive, dangerous or perishable.
- 12) All caches should be placed no farther than 10 yards away from the trail, side walk or road so as not to disturb flora or soil.
- 13) We request that you direct people seeking your cache to follow, as much as possible, established trails most of the way to your cache. We discourage off trail hiking as it negatively impacts the environment.
- 14) Caches are not permitted to be buried. A cache is considered buried if it must be dug by hand or by tool.
- 15) Caches cannot be placed in restricted areas.
- 16) Caches cannot be placed where tree climbing is required to hide or find them.
- 17) No person/family may hide more than 10 caches in the Staunton Parks system.