

## **GEOCACHING GUIDELINES**

### **Introduction**

Geocaching is defined by [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) as a, “worldwide game of hiding and seeking treasure. A geocacher can place a geocache in the world, pinpoint its location using GPS technology and then share the geocache's existence and location online. Anyone with a GPS device can then try to locate the geocache.”

Geocaching is a healthy, recreation activity that brings people out to the parks and gets them physically active while having fun. Because Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Board is committed to providing quality leisure opportunities, they will work closely with the Minnesota Geocaching Association (MnGCA) to help promote safe and responsible geocaching and to encourage this positive, family-oriented outdoor activity in the park system.

The following Guidelines are established as a supplement to the “*Policies for Usage of Public Parks, Recreation, Facilities and Equipment.*”

### **Guidelines**

1. Caching is allowed in the Maple Grove Parks system.
2. Caching is not allowed in forest preservation areas in the City.
3. Caches must be at least 1/10 mile or 528 feet apart.
4. Caches are not to contain items that are determined by the Board as offensive, dangerous, illegal, or perishable.
5. Caching activity must take place between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
6. Caching activity must be in compliance with City Code Article III Section 22:65 and all other applicable local, state and federal rules and regulations.
7. Caches shall not be buried.
8. The Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Board retains the right to remove, or have removed a cache it determines in its sole discretion, is in an inappropriate location or is causing undo impact on the habitat.
9. It is recommended to use [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) to post cache location, and to have the name of the cache on container as it appears on the website.
10. Questions regarding these guidelines can be directed by email to [panderson@ci.maple-grove.mn.us](mailto:panderson@ci.maple-grove.mn.us) or call 763-494-6504.