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TLC Geocaching Policy

The Triangle Land Conservancy permits Geocaching on some properties, but requires that certain guidelines are met to uphold TLC's mission of environmental conservation and stewardship. Geocachers wishing to place caches on TLC's Nature Preserves and Open Lands must first receive permission by submitting a Special Activity Form to Land Manager Walt Tysinger. Geocaches will be approved only if all guidelines are met. TLC reserves the right to remove caches that threaten environmentally or culturally sensitive areas.

Regulations:

1. Geocaches are permitted on TLC's Nature Preserves and Open Lands only, not on other land owned by TLC. Please refer to http://www.triangleland.org/lands/places_to_visit.shtml for a list of TLC's Nature Preserves and Open Lands.
2. Geocaches placed on TLC lands must be listed with www.geocaching.com and must comply with all regulations as described in the official Geocaching rules found at <https://support.groundspeak.com/index.php?pg=kb.book&id=11>.
3. Prior to cache placement, cache owners must receive express written approval from TLC by filling out a Special Activity Request Form. Contact Land Manager Walt Tysinger at wtytinger@tlc-nc.org for the application form.
4. Geocaches may not be placed in environmentally or culturally sensitive areas. Sensitive areas may include but are not limited to wetlands, rare plant habitat or any structure found on TLC property. Digging, removing naturally occurring items, and permanently marking any part of the natural environment are not permitted under any circumstances.
6. TLC requests that cache owners include that their cache is located on TLC owned land in the description on the Geocache website. Including a link to TLC's website at www.triangleland.org is also appropriate and appreciated.
7. Caches may not contain dangerous or inappropriate items, no food or scented items are allowed in caches and all cache contents must be family-friendly.
8. No cache may be placed in a location where it is likely that searchers will harm or modify the natural or man-made environment in their attempts to find or retrieve the cache. If TLC observes any harm to the environment apparently caused by a Geocache's placement the cache may be moved immediately in order to prevent further harm. When appropriate, TLC will attempt to notify the owner if a cache is in violation of these regulations and request archival of the cache before removal. However, TLC reserves the right to remove Geocaches from TLC owned properties without prior notice to the cache owner. TLC will contact Geocache owners through the official Geocaching website if a cache is removed.
9. Geocaches already placed on TLC's process are currently under review and some owners may be asked to archive and remove caches in environmentally sensitive areas. Once an inventory of caches on TLC owned properties is completed, TLC will contact existing cache owners via the Geocaching website and request that they fill out a Special Activities Form. TLC may remove a cache if we are unable to make contact with a cache owner.