



TLC Geocaching Policy

The Triangle Land Conservancy permits Geocaching on some properties. However, it requires that specific guidelines be met to uphold TLC's environmental conservation and stewardship mission. Geocachers wishing to place caches on TLC's public nature preserves must first receive permission by submitting a Special Activity Form to Land Manager Walt Tysinger. Geocaches will only be approved 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 public Nature Preserves only, not on other land owned by TLC.
2. Geocaches placed on TLC lands must be listed with www.geocaching.com and must comply with all regulations described in the official Geocaching rules found at <https://www.geocaching.com/play/guidelines>.
3. Before cache placement, cache owners must receive express written approval from TLC by filling out a Special Activity Request Form. Contact Patrick Boleman, Land Stewardship Manager (East) pboleman@triangleland.org or Nick Adams, Land Stewardship Manager (West) at nadams@triangleland.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 any naturally occurring items, and creating permanent markings on any part of the natural environment is not permitted.
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. Suppose TLC observes any harm to the environment caused by a Geocaches placement. In that case, TLC will remove the cache immediately to prevent further harm. When appropriate, TLC will attempt to notify the owner if a cache violates 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.