

Bowie Nature Park

Geocaching

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The City of Fairview Parks Department has implemented a set of guidelines that work to allow geocaching while protecting the park's natural resources and the enjoyment of the park by all. Geocachers are asked to follow the rules posted on the national geocaching website, geocaching.com, and follow the rules and regulations established by the City of Fairview Parks Department.

CACHE PERMITS

1. Each person placing a cache must sign a "Hold Harmless" agreement with the park.
2. Outside groups sponsoring a geocaching "Special Event" will be required to fill out a "Park Use Agreement". Permission for the event must be obtained prior to the placement of caches.
3. A permit application must be filled out and approved before placing a geocache. Any cache located on park property that does not exhibit the required permit is unauthorized and will be removed.
4. Permit applicants must have a valid address, telephone number, email address, drivers' license number, and the website address on which the cache will be posted.
5. All permits are for a specific location and are good for that location only. The permits are in effect for a period of six months from the date issue. After the six months, the permit will be reviewed to either extend the permitted location or the cache must be moved to a different location or removed entirely.
6. Upon expiration of a permit, the permit holders are responsible for removing the cache from the park and from the website or any information source. If the permit holder fails to remove the cache, it will be removed by park staff.
7. If it is determined that a cache has been the cause of environmental damage or disruption to park visitors, the cache will be removed by the park staff and the permit canceled.

CACHE LOCATIONS

1. The exact cache location must be pre-approved by the Parks Department.
2. Caches cannot be located in places that may lead to the creation of a trail. They may not be buried, nor can vegetation or soils be disturbed to place a cache.
3. All caches must be public, no member only or subscription caches are allowed.
4. All caches must be at least .5 miles apart and no more than 3 feet off a designated trail. Tags are not permitted in Bowie Nature Park.
5. Caches may not be in or around a cemetery, underground, underwater, or in a dangerous, inappropriate, protected area.

CACHE CONTAINERS AND CONTENTS

1. The cache container must be non-breakable, have some sort of latch or other closing to prohibit content exposure to wildlife, and must be approved by park staff.
2. Each cache must be clearly labeled as such with a geocaching symbol on the outside of the container.
3. Caches cannot contain any items that may be inappropriate for children, such as but not limited to: food, medications, personal hygiene products, pornography, sharp objects, lighters, matches, or any items that may violate any rules, policies, regulations, City of Fairview, or State laws.
4. If the cache causes disruption to the enjoyment of the park or environmental damage, park staff will remove the cache from the site and notify the cache owner to pick up the cache and remove its location from the website/s.

COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with this policy will result in the revocation of issued geocaching permits. Continued failure to comply with these guidelines will prevent the issuance of any further geocaching permits to non-compliant groups or individuals.

If geocaching activities as a whole are found to have an adverse impact on park resources or if safety becomes an issue in geocache searches, the Parks Department may ban geocaching in certain areas or from the entire park.

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Geocache Permit

Please Print

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Cache Name: _____

Cache Coordinates: _____

Physical Description of area: _____

Type of Cache: _____

Physical Description of Container: _____

Website where the cache will be posted: _____

This permit is valid for 6 months from the date issued. After that date, the permit will be reviewed to (1) extend the permit (2) require that the cache be moved to a new location or (3) require that the cache be removed.

I agree to abide by all Park rules, ordinances, and provisions for geocaching in Bowie Nature Park: _____

Signature

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
Date Submitted: _____	
Approved _____	
Denied _____	
Hold _____	
By: _____ Date: _____	