## **GEOCACHE APPLICATION UPDATED June 2024**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES:**

1. The Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District continues to offer its properties to those visitors that participate in Geocaching, Earth Caching, Letterboxing, or similar activity. To best manage this type of activity and to ensure the safety of both the visitors and the property, the park district has established guidelines and a permitting process for those requesting to place caches in Park District managed properties. For these guidelines Geocaches, Earth Caches, Letterboxes, or similar items will be referred to as caches.

2. Prior to placing caches, a permit from the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District is required.

3. Caches should be placed in a sealable container that includes the permit number. If the container is too small to write the number on the outside, it is acceptable to write the permit number on a piece of paper and place it in the container. The container should not be constructed or placed in a way that causes alarm to the public. Caches should be family friendly and not contain food, wildlife attractants, firearms, drugs, alcohol, pornography or other adult items, or any other inappropriate items.

4. Caches will not be permitted in areas deemed unsafe, areas closed to the public, or areas identified as restricted or culturally sensitive. Caches may be placed in any other areas that are open to the public and so it does not interfere with other visitors or general operations of the facility. Do not climb trees to place caches. All caches will be required to be above ground and not buried. Please contact the park office to discuss locations if you have any questions.

5. All cache permits will expire on December 31st of that year and are required to be renewed by permit no later than January 31st of the following year. Any cache not renewed by permit will be required to be removed by the cache owner. Any caches on property after January 31st that are not removed by the owner shall be removed by Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District. If the cache owner chooses to change the location, remove, or add additional caches, the cache owner must make notice to the Park District within 48 hours of the changes to the permit.

6. Caches shall only be permitted if available to the public without a fee. Caches advertised only to a fee based membership group will not be permitted.

7. Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District will not be responsible for the security of caches.

8. All Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District rules, and Ohio Administrative and Revised Code still apply.

9. Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District reserve the right at any time to limit the amount or remove a cache if it has an adverse effect to visitors, the property, or the park District's operations.

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## Geocache Placement Application

Name:
Address:
Phone: Email:
Type of cache (i.e. regular, micro, virtual, etc.):
Park where located, nearest parking area:
Location (Lat./Long. Coordinates): Physical Description of Container:
Original Items in Container:
The undersigned agrees to abide by the instructions and guidelines found on page 1.
SignaturePermit#
OFFICE USE ONLY
ApprovedDenied
Approval Signature: Date
Please forward any questions or concerns to the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District office:
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