

Geocaching Policy and Procedure for Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation

For the purposes of this policy, procedure and permit, Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation will be using the following definitions:

Cache – A hidden container filled with a logbook, pen/pencil, cameras, and possibly trinkets.

Datum – A point or line used as a basis for calculating and measuring.

Geocaching – Geocaching is a game for GPS (Global Positioning System) users. The basic idea is to have individuals/organizations place caches and share the locations of these caches on the Internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates to find the caches. Once found, the user records their find on <http://www.geocaching.com>.

Multi-cache – Multiple cache containers are located from information received from the previous container.

Offset cache – Coordinates will take the visitor to a location to find a number stamped/written in or on an item at the location or once at the location, the user will continue the search according to instructions on the initial information received from www.geocaching.com.

Virtual cache – A virtual cache means there is no cache container. It's the location that is the cache itself. Nothing is normally traded, except photos or experiences.

Geocaching Policy

1. To place a cache in any City of Mt. Pleasant Park a person must first obtain a permit. Permits can be obtained, at no cost, from the Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation office located at City Hall (320 W. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858).
2. Caches must be transparent. Do not use ammo boxes, PVC pipes or other containers that might cause alarm. The cache must contain the permit and information of Geocaching in case any non-participant finds the cache.
3. Offensive, illegal or dangerous items are not allowed in any cache.
4. When placing caches, do not disturb the surrounding environment in any way. Digging holes, cutting vegetation, or attaching caches to living resources is prohibited.
5. Place the cache in a safe area, keeping in mind the safety of the cache hunters.
6. Place the cache so that people can use the established trails in the park systems as much as possible.
7. Cache hunting and hiding must abide by the City of Mt. Pleasant Park hours and regulations.
8. After one year the cache must be removed or permit renewed with the parks and recreation department. At this time a new permit is required.
9. Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation or the City of Mt. Pleasant is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property.
10. Cache at your own inherent risk.

Geocaching Procedure

1. The cacher obtains a permit from the Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation office located at City Hall (320 W. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858).
2. The cacher completes the application in full, with signature and date.
3. Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation will review the application and either approve or deny the application permit. If denied, the process is over at that point. If approved, the owner will be issued a permit and can place the cache in the park for the specified period.