

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 parks' natural resources and the enjoyment of the park by all. Geocachers are asked to follow the rules posted on the national geocaching website, www.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. Placement of a cache on park property must be secured with a permit. Any cache located on park property that does not exhibit the required permit number is unauthorized and will be removed. Non-permitted caches 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 issued. After that date, the permit will be reviewed to either extend the permitted location or the cache must be removed or moved to a new permitted location.
6. Upon expiration of a permit, the permit holders are responsible for removing the cache and for removing the cache location from all websites and 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 cancelled.

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, may not be buried, nor can vegetation or soils be disturbed to place a cache.
8. Caches cannot disturb or disrupt wildlife or wildlife habitat.
3. All caches must be public, no member only or subscription caches are allowed.
9. All caches must be at least .5 miles apart and no more than 3 feet off of a designated trail. Tags are not permitted in Bowie Nature Park.
4. Caches may not be in or around a cemetery, underground, underwater or in a dangerous, inappropriate or protected area.

CACHE CONTAINERS AND CONTENTS

1. The Parks Department prefers logbooks over exchange items.
2. Cache containers must be non-breakable, have some form of latch or other closing mechanism to prohibit content exposure to wildlife and must be approved by park staff-no ammo boxes.
3. Each cache container must have an identification label affixed to the outside identifying it as an approved cache and containing the permit number and expiration date.
4. 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 item that may violate any rules, policies, regulations, City of Fairview or State laws.
5. If the cache causes disruption to the enjoyment of the park or the cache causes environmental damage, park staff will remove the cache from the site and notify the cache owner to pick up the cache and remove the site from the web.

COMPLIANCE

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

If geocaching actives 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 from certain areas or from the entire park.

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

**City of Fairview
Bowie Nature Park
Geocache Placement Site
Permit Application**

Please Print

Name: _____

Please Print

Address: _____

Phone (day): _____ (evening): _____

Fax: _____ E-mail address: _____

Cache name: _____

Cache coordinates: _____

Physical description of area: _____

Type of cache: _____

Physical description of container or object(s): _____

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