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Geocaching



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PRINCIPLES

TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY

- AVOID MODIFYING THE ENVIRONMENT WHEN HIDING A CACHE.
- USE MAPS TO FIND A ROUTE THAT WILL MINIMIZE IMPACTS.
- NOTE WAYPOINTS DURING YOUR JOURNEY TO ASSIST YOU ON YOUR RETURN TRIP.
- WHEN TRAVELING ON FOOT IN AREAS WITHOUT TRAILS, SPREAD OUT TO DISPERSE IMPACT AND AVOID CREATING A NEW TRAIL.
- IF TRAVELING BY VEHICLE, STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS.



- PRACTICE THE LIFT, LOOK, REPLACE TECHNIQUE.
- IF YOU LIFT A ROCK TO LOOK UNDER IT, REPLACE IT EXACTLY AS YOU FOUND IT.
- WHEN FINISHED SEARCHING FOR A CACHE, THE AREA SHOULD LOOK AS THOUGH YOU WERE NEVER THERE OR BETTER THAN WHEN YOU ARRIVED.

RESPECT
THE RIGHTS
OF OTHERS



- FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS IN YOUR AREA BEFORE YOU DECIDE WHERE TO PLACE A CACHE.

- NEVER BURY A CACHE.
- NEVER PLACE FOOD IN A CACHE.

EDUCATE YOURSELF



AVOID SENSITIVE AREAS

- AVOID PLACING CACHES IN SENSITIVE HABITATS INCLUDING WETLANDS, CAVES, STEEP SLOPES, CRYPTOBIOTIC SOILS, TUNDRA AND SEASONAL NESTING OR BREEDING AREAS OR CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES.

- AVOID PLACING CACHES OR DISTURBING HISTORICAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL, AND PALEONTOLOGICAL SITES.

- AVOID DISTURBING LIVESTOCK AND WILDLIFE.



DO YOUR PART

- BE A GEOCACHING ADVOCATE BY CARRYING A SMALL TRASH BAG TO PICK UP LITTER ALONG THE WAY.

- FOLLOWING A TRIP, WASH YOUR GEAR AND SUPPORT VEHICLE TO AVOID THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES.

- CONSIDER JOINING A LOCAL ENTHUSIAST ORGANIZATION.



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