

Ottawa County Parks

Guidelines and Rules for Geocaching

These guidelines and rules apply to all properties managed by the Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission. Geocachers must also abide by Ottawa County Parks Rules and Regulations. Rules and regulations are posted at most properties and are available online. For rules and more information on Ottawa County Parks, go to www.miottawa.org/parks. For questions on geocaching, call (616) 738-4810.

General Guidelines

- Participants must comply with all *Geocaching* and *Michigan Geocaching Organization* guidelines. Visit www.geocaching.com and www.mi-geocaching.org for guidelines.
- Ottawa County Parks & Recreation has the ability to revoke and remove any geocache on parks property at any time without notification.

Guidelines for Placing a Geocache on Parks Properties

- Geocaches are not allowed on selected parks properties (see attached list).
- Caches must be placed no more than 20 feet away from a designated trail.
- Containers must clearly be labeled "Ottawa County Parks Geocache" on the outside of the container.
- No offensive, illegal or dangerous items are allowed in the caches.
- Food is not to be placed in a cache to avoid attracting wildlife.
- When placing a cache, do not dig holes, cut vegetation, or alter the environment.
- Caches are not permitted in sensitive areas (wetlands, fragile dunes, steep slopes, protected areas and river banks).
- Geocaches should not be placed on or near any park structures (buildings, playgrounds, shelters, bridges, boardwalks, platforms, etc.)
- Do not place geocaches under benches, boardwalks, overlooks or decks.
- When placing a cache, be considerate of the seekers and their safety. Do not place in an area that is harmful or dangerous to others.
- Caches should not in anyway promote commercial, religious or political agendas.
- Ottawa County Parks has the right to limit the number of caches per site.

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Ottawa County Parks Properties Where Geocaching is Allowed

Adams Street Landing
Bend Area
Bur Oak Landing
Deer Creek Park
Connor Bayou
Crockery Creek Natural Area
Eastmanville Bayou
Eastmanville Farm
Grand River Park
Grose Park
Hager Park
Hemlock Crossing
Hiawatha Forest
Johnson Street Forest
Jubb Bayou
Kirk Park
Musketawa Trail (Marne Trail Head to the Ottawa/Muskegon County line)
North Ottawa Dunes
Pigeon Creek Park (including Pigeon Creek Forest)
Pine Bend
Port Sheldon Natural Area
Riley Trails
Riverside Park
Robinson Forest
South Grand River Ravines (formerly Fillmore at the Bend)
Spring Grove Park
Tunnel Park
Upper Macatawa Natural Area
Van Buren St. Dunes

Ottawa County Parks Properties Where Geocaching is NOT Allowed

Grand River Open Space (formerly the Bolthouse Property)
Historic Ottawa Beach Parks (Mt. Pisgah, Black Lake Boardwalk, and Holland Harbor Fishing Access)
Kuits Bayou
Macatawa Green Space (formerly Holland Country Club)
Marne Bog
North Beach Park
North Grand River Ravines
Olive Shores
Ripps Bayou
Rosy Mound Natural Area

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