

- Materials used to hang geocachers must be sturdy in nature and not subject to rapid degradation when exposed to the elements. Inappropriate materials include fishing line, tape, string, etc. Caches may be hung with sturdy wire in a manner that will not harm the plant or feature to which they are affixed.
- Caches must be placed near sanctioned Regional Parks trails. Off-trail hiking is prohibited.
- Cache placers must use environmentally friendly practices when placing a cache. A guideline of Leave No Trace principles is available through the Leave No Trace Center For Outdoor Ethics, <http://www.lnt.org/programs/principles.php>.

Cache Contents

- Geocache must not contain any food or scented items.
- Geocache must not contain any illegal, obscene, or hazardous materials.

Cache Containers

- Containers must be of a sturdy nature, impervious to water and able to be secured in such a way that wildlife is unable to gain access to the container and the feature to which the cache is attached is unharmed.
- No unmarked tubes, containers marked “biohazard” or “hazardous material” or similar suspicious-looking containers will be allowed. Any suspicious logos or labels on the containers must be removed or covered by a geocache label.
- Containers shall be labeled 'Geocache' and the name of the cache as it appears on Geocaching.com. Caches that are too small to accommodate an external label must contain a log with the name of the cache as it appears on Geocaching.com.

Park Staff Procedure

- Regional Parks will work with Geocaching.com to delineate areas within parks where caches may not be placed.
- If Park staff discovers a compliance issue regarding a cache that is an immediate hazard to life, property, vegetation or wildlife, they are authorized to immediately remove the cache and notify a Park Ranger. Non-emergent compliance issues with caches can be reported to Park Rangers with the cache left in place.
- The Supervising Ranger and his or her designees shall have the authority to remove any geocache where the placement is deemed inappropriate and incompatible with the protection of park resources, park facilities, or other park use.
- Regional Parks staff will make a reasonable effort to contact the cache owner before removing a cache to correct a problem or arrange for the owner to retrieve the cache.
- All geocaches shall be considered abandoned property without value, therefore Regional Parks has no responsibility to maintain, preserve, protect or replace any geocache or the contents of any geocache placed on or removed from Sonoma County Regional Parks land.