



Public Geocache Placement Application/Registration Boston Mountain Ranger District

Registration #: 0810_____

Expires 1 year after authorization

Name: _____

Personal

Address: _____

Drivers license or acceptable proof of identification required

Contact Number:

Home: _____

Cellular: _____

Proposed Geocache Coordinates:

UTM Format: _____

(Please Use NAD 83, Zone 15 N)

Latitude/Longitude: _____

(Format example: WGS84 35° 25' 30.5"N 93° 45' 27.8"W)

Please attach map showing geocache location

Caches may not be placed in any area needing ropes, ladders or any other vertical equipment in order to access the area.

No more than one cache/square mile with caches spaced at least 1/4 mile or further apart.

Type Of Geocache:

*Traditional**: _____

Material used in container construction: _____

Container design: _____

Contents of container***: _____

Virtual: _____

Website used for publication of geocache coordinates: _____

Applicants Signature:

Sign: _____

Date: _____

Print: _____

Authorizing Official Signature:

Sign: _____

Date: _____

Print: _____

*Containers may not be buried on Forest Service property.

**We ask that no food products or any items with a distinct odor (soaps & deodorants) be placed in the container due to wildlife concerns



Ozark-St. Francis National Forest Policy On Geocaching Boston Mountain Ranger District (Revised 3/4/08)

- Approval of cache contents, design, and location must be granted prior to placement of any items on public lands.
- No more than one Cache site per customer per quarter (three month period) per year (total limit 4 Caches per year).
- No more than one Cache per square mile with Caches spaced at least 1/4 mile or further apart.
- Participants of Geocaching must restrict their activities to areas that are open to the public. Caches are off limits on closed roads, unless traveling by foot.
- Caches will last for no more than one year. Reapplication and authorization must be done in order to keep caches on public lands.
- Access routes and caches will avoid fragile areas, such as rock shelters, caves, bogs, wetlands, steep slopes, National Registered Historic sites and structures, and other sensitive areas. Do not use areas closed to the public.
- At developed sites, adhere to all rules and regulations posted at sites.
- Traditional Cache sites are prohibited within wilderness areas. Only virtual caches will be allowed in wilderness areas.
- Caches will not be placed along side cliff edges or any location needing climbing equipment or any other safety equipment to be located.
- Caches will not interfere with or detract from other visitors' experiences.
- Applicants will not dig soil or cut vegetation when developing a cache.
- Caches will be no more than 2 gallons or 12 inch x 12 inch x 12 inch in size.
- Caches will not contain any food, hazardous materials, alcohol, drugs, or other illegal items.
- Containers will be labeled on the outside so that it would not be mistaken as containing hazardous materials.
- Caches will be publicly accessible. There will be no “members only” or subscription caches.
- Geocachers are encouraged to follow “leave no trace” outdoor ethic techniques.
- If at any point Geocachers violate Forest Service Policy, the cache will be removed and the individual will be ticketed/fined appropriately.

Safety:

Geocachers should only attempt hunting sites according to their experience level. Please carry a map and compass in case of poor satellite reception. GPS units compute distances in straight lines only. Differences in distance due to access as well as obstacles (cliffs, rivers, ponds, canyons) should be considered before attempting the cache location. Geocachers must plan ahead for their hunt by making sure they have adequate water, food, proper clothing, footwear, first aid kit and other items needed for travel in the forest. The use of ladders, ropes and other vertical equipment can be dangerous for you and future hunters. Caches should not be placed in areas needing any of this equipment to access. The USDA Forest Service does not take any responsibility for any injuries that may occur to an individual due to hazardous placement of a cache.

I agree to uphold all policy and safety procedures stated above.

Applicants Signature:

Sign: _____

Date: _____

Print: _____

For District Use Only:

Registration Number:

Districts are asked to use the following prefixes attached to the number of the application.

Bayou: 03__

Boston Mountain: 05__

Buffalo: 02__

Magazine: 06__

Pleasant Hill: 04__

St. Francis: 07__

Sylamore: 01__

Authorized Personnel:

Acting Rangers of each district will be asked to approve applications. Applications should be placed on file at the district with a copy sent to Jake Lubera in the S.O.