

## How Geocaching Works

Using a GPS unit, a geocacher places a cache and posts the coordinates on a geocaching Web site. The most popular is [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).



Other cachers search for the cache. When searchers find the cache, they may

take an item, leave an item and sign the logbook. They post their experiences on the website so others can follow the history of the cache.



## Geocaching Etiquette

Geocachers have developed a few simple rules of etiquette for themselves.

- \* If you take something from a cache, leave something behind.
- \* Sign the logbook in the cache.
- \* Register your find on the website.
- \* Don't leave any food, weapons, alcohol or anything harmful or inappropriate.
- \* Don't move a cache (unless you are instructed to do so).
- \* Tread lightly when geocaching.

For more information on upcoming geocache events, requirements, or caches at Conservation District sites:

[www.MCCDistrict.org/re-geocache](http://www.MCCDistrict.org/re-geocache) or  
email: [geocache@MCCDistrict.org](mailto:geocache@MCCDistrict.org)



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# GEOCACHING:

## Finding Hidden Treasures



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## Geocaching on District Sites

Geocaching is a great activity for all ages who enjoy hiking and being outdoors. Conservation District sites are perfect places to enjoy this popular treasure hunting sport. The District has developed its own list of requirements for placing a cache on its property:

1. The cache must be registered with the District's staff.
2. The location can only be in areas that are open to the public and no more than 12 ft. from a designated trail.
3. The container must be made of clear (see through) material, with size no greater than 4" x 8" x 12".
4. The cache may not be attached or buried and no vegetation or natural features can be disturbed.

## How to Register a Cache

All caches on District land must be registered with staff. A simple, one page form will be sent to you. Do not place your cache until you have been given permission from the District. Once you have permission, you may place your cache to get the exact coordinates for the paperwork.

**To register your cache with  
the Conservation District**

**CALL: (815) 338-6223**

or

**EMAIL: [geocache@MCCDistrict.org](mailto:geocache@MCCDistrict.org)**

## Virtual Caches

McHenry County Conservation District has several virtual caches on our sites.  
Once you locate the spot, you can send a description of what you found to [geocache@MCCDistrict.org](mailto:geocache@MCCDistrict.org).

### STICKNEY RUN

**Coordinates:** N42 18.188 W88 16.068

**Clue:** Near the banks of a settler's river, once an Irish family came;  
Nothing's left behind but a legend and a name.  
A single stony sentinel a lonely vigil stands,  
Remembering a family that lived and farmed the lands.

Located just south of the city of McHenry, on W. State Park Road, this site has one mile of trails and a fishing pond. The site also has a shelter, picnic area, hiking, cross-country skiing, restrooms, and drinking water. **Directions:** Take Barreville Road to State Park Road.

### SILVER CREEK

**Coordinates:** N42 15.405 W88 14.112

**Clue:** Where golden sunlight off silver water shows;  
Through the woods and wetlands the explorer goes  
To the spot overlooking a wild domain,  
A rich mesic site with a rich sounding name.

Located just outside the city of Cary, this site has over a mile of hiking trails, fishing spots, picnic tables, restrooms, drinking water, two scenic overlooks and cross-country skiing trails. **Directions:** Take Three Oaks Road to S. Rawson Bridge Road and go left. S. Rawson Bridge Road ends at Rawson Bridge Road. Turn left.

### GLACIAL PARK

**Coordinates:** N42 25.213 W88 19.857

**Clue:** From the bottom of ice to the top of the sky,  
A rare formation brings Wisconsin close by.  
See small waters flow once more on their way  
And where the sun slowly sets at the end of the day.

Located north of McHenry, this site has several miles of hiking trails and horse trails for the warmer months with snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and sledding in the winter. **Directions:** Take Route 31 north. Left at Harts Road.