

Kludahk Outdoors Club Geocaching Policy

Introduction

Purpose

To provide direction for the management of geocaching as a recreational activity in areas managed by the Kludahk Outdoors Club

Scope

This policy applies to all trails and managed areas with the exception of ecological reserves where geocaching is prohibited.

Strategic Direction

Goals/Objectives

In line with the Kludahk Outdoors Club philosophy of shared natural resources, this policy is intended to limit potential activities that could damage a sensitive area, while not hindering anyone's ability to enjoy the area.

Operational Policy

Other Existing Policies Apply

Participants in geocaching activities must adhere to other related policies, regulations and management direction. This includes specific regulations and policies respecting other recreation activities such as hiking and trail use as well as conservation policies.

Placement of Caches

Cache placement may only occur in areas accessible from established trails or along approved travel routes (including remote backcountry areas that allow travel in areas without established trails). Cache placement must not result in disturbing of soils, vegetation, wildlife or other natural or cultural heritage phenomenon. Caches may not be placed within or near sensitive sites. The Kludahk Outdoors club retains the right to remove any caches deemed to be located in an inappropriate location. Caches must be more than 200m from existing structures.

Cache Lifespan

Caches placed in protected areas must not be considered "permanent" by the cache owner. Caches must be removed once the cache is no longer being actively sought or are deemed "temporarily disable" on geocaching.com

Cache Identification and Contents

All caches must be marked "Geocache" on the outside of the container and the owner's name and contact information must be inside of the cache. Caches may not contain food items or any other materials that may attract wildlife. Any caches without proper identification and owner information or any caches that may be deemed inappropriate may be removed by Kludahk volunteers.

Permits Not Required

Permits or prior authorization is not required for placing a cache providing the cache is placed in an area open to public use and consistent with the direction of this policy. All geocachers should ensure that cache placement is consistent with protected area management direction and in areas normally accessed by the public.

Total Number of caches

The total number of caches within the Kludahk trail system will be limited to 15.

Geocaching Events

Geocaching events are not permitted in the areas managed by the Kludahk Outdoors Club in order to minimize impact on the land.

Related Recreation and Park Management Activities

Geocaching or cache placement may not occur anywhere that may interfere with other approved recreational activities or where it may be contrary to other trail management objectives.

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