



GUIDELINES FOR PLACING GEOCACHES ON TOWN COUNCIL LAND

Background

Geocaching is a “real world, outdoor treasure hunting game” in which participants use a GPS enabled device to hide and seek small waterproof containers, called geocaches, at specific locations. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS co-ordinates and then attempt to find the geocache hidden at that location. The Town Council is supportive of this activity when carried out in line with the guidelines set out below.

Instructions for Placing a Geocache on Town Council Land

In order to place a geocache on Town Council land, you must apply for and receive written permission from Thornbury Town Council (see contact details below). A condition of permission being granted is that you will follow the geocaching guidelines below. These guidelines will ensure that geocaching activities take place safely, in harmony with other activities/users of the land, and within any legal constraints. Any geocache containers found by staff where permission has not been sought, will be removed as the Town Council has no assurances that the guidelines below are being adhered to.

To place a geocache, **you must:**

1. Provide your contact details inside the geocache container.
2. Only use a robust container, which is in good condition, and retain responsibility for the maintenance of the geocache container.
3. Ensure the geocache is clearly marked as such, stating the contents are harmless.
4. Include only items deemed safe and acceptable for an unaccompanied child to find. No food or drink of any kind should be placed in the geocache.
5. Not damage any land or property, or leave any signs of disturbance, when placing the geocache. It should not be buried nor any holes dug in order to hide the geocache.
6. Choose a location that is unlikely to lead those hunting the geocache to inadvertently cause any damage.
7. Not hide the geocache in any location that may affect wildlife e.g. animal burrows or runs.
8. Not place the geocache inside any kind of bag.
9. Park sensibly and legally if driving to geocaching locations and avoid obstructing any other users of the land or neighbouring residents.

Further guidance on safe, respectful and legal geocaching can be found at:

Geocaching Association of Great Britain – www.gagb.org.uk

Geocaching.com – www.geocaching.com

Contact Thornbury Town Council to obtain permission to place a geocache:

Thornbury Town Council, The Town Hall, 35 High Street, Thornbury, Bristol, BS35 2AR

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