



General Provisions:

All requests for geocache placement in the San Dieguito River Park (SDRP) will be in writing and must be submitted to Park Ranger staff for approval and authorization. Any geocaches not meeting the guidelines in this policy will be removed. SDRP reserves the right to amend this policy.

Required Info:

Each Geocache placement shall be submitted for approval to the SDRP office with a Geocache Site Registration form **before** the physical cache is placed in the park.

- 1) Registration form
 - a) Proposed geocache location, coordinates included.
 - b) Name and contact info for person(s) requesting authorization for placement of geocache.
 - c) Geocache container and site descriptions
- 2) Picture and or example of cache container.
- 3) Picture of proposed cache site.
- 4) List of items at time of placement.

Geocache Placement Requirements:

- ✦ Geocache name must be clearly visible on the exterior of all geocache containers. An "Official Geocache" green and black sticker is preferred.
 - Alternatively, "Official Geocache" and cache name must be written on the outside of the cache in ½ in letters
 - Micros and other special cases will be dealt with individually.
- ✦ Caches need to be public, no "Members only" caches or "Subscriber only" caches.
- ✦ Geocache must not contain any food items.
- ✦ Geocache must not contain any inappropriate, offensive, or hazardous materials.
- ✦ Caches must be placed adjacent to already existing trails. NO bushwhacking. Any off-trail hiking is prohibited, as it negatively impacts the native flora and fauna.
 - Undisturbed habitat areas are off-limits for caches. Only disturbed habitat areas will be approved for placement.
 - Examples and descriptions of native plants and habitat in San Diego can be found online at <http://www.sci.sdsu.edu/plants/sdpls/indexnf.html> or <http://www.cnpssd.org/>
- ✦ Cache must be in a secure, waterproof container.
- ✦ General Park rules, available from the park office, and rules regarding Geocaching must be kept within the cache and a link to the posted rules must be available on any online postings for the cache.
- ✦ Multi-caches, creative placements and usage of existing man-made features along the trail is encouraged.

Requirements for Geocache Owners:

- ✦ Cache must be checked once a month and maintained as a family-friendly cache.
- ✦ When a cache is removed, the responsible party will deactivate or archive any online postings for the removed cache within seven days of removal.