

Regulations for setting up a geocache on land owned by South Gloucestershire Council

Before you set up your own geocache, you need to seek the permission of the landowner. To find out who owns the land you can undertake a land search by contacting the land registry. If the land is owned by South Gloucestershire Council, please follow these rules:

- Register your geocache with the Council by emailing your contact details to CommunitySpaces@southglos.gov.uk, We will send you a registration form for your geocache.
- If the location is designated as a local nature reserve or open space, we reserve the right to consult any 'Friends Groups' that may help manage the site and have an opinion. As a result of this consultation, we reserve the right to refuse permission to site a geocache.
- Ensure the cache container is clearly marked, stating that the content is harmless and giving the placer's e-mail address or other contact method. Only items that would be deemed safe and acceptable for an unaccompanied child to find should be placed in the cache.
- No cache may be placed in such a way as to risk damage or disturbance to any Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM).
- No items of food or drink of any kind should be placed in the cache.
- No lighters, matches or flammable objects should be placed in the cache.
- Caches must not be buried, and holes must not be dug to place a cache. Caches must not be hidden in animal holes or runs.
- Trees, plants, fences, walls and other features should never be damaged when placing or seeking a cache.
- Maintenance of the cache is the responsibility of the placer.
- When leaving the cache site, after finding or hiding a cache, there must be no visual sign of disturbance.
- All Byelaws (where applicable) must be obeyed.
- Failure to follow these guidelines may result in permission being withdrawn and your geocache being removed from the hosting website.

For more information, please refer to our Geocaching web page:

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/orienteering-and-geocaching>

Further guidelines can be found on the Geocaching Association of Great Britain.

Local Nature Reserve designations are mapped nationally on the DEFRA Magic website.