Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Beech Bluff County Park: Geocaching Guidelines

1. **Approval is required prior to placing a cache at Beech Bluff County Park**. To obtain approval, complete and submit the online Beech Bluff County Park: Geocache Placement Request form. Please allow at least one month for park staff to review your cache placement request. After your request has been reviewed, park staff will contact you to let you know the status of your request.

2. There is a maximum number of caches allowed in the park. If this maximum number has been reached, park staff will place your name on a waiting list and contact you when a cache space becomes available.

3. There is a **2 geocache placement limit per person** (this includes all types of caches).

4. A multi-cache may not have more than **three** stages (including the final stage). PMO (Premium Member Only) caches are **limited to one at this park and for a specific timeframe**.

5. Cache containers must be non-breakable, water-resistant, fire-resistant if placed in the Longleaf Savannah and prairies (as we burn periodically) and have some form of secure latch/lid to prevent the contents from being exposed or trapping animals in the container (Example: military ammunition can or plastic container). The container must be approved by park staff. If the container is changed after the geocache is placed, park staff must be notified.

6. Geocaches must not be placed such that you or anyone looking for it would have to dig or disturb the soil, harm trees or other plants, or damage natural resources. The geocache location must not put a geocacher in unsafe conditions. Think safely when hiding and/or seeking a cache. Use common sense!

7. Geocaches may **NOT be placed** on or in manmade structures such as bridges, buildings, picnic shelters, benches, kiosks, tables, signs, etc.

8. **DO NOT** place your cache in plain view. Attempt to conceal the cache to minimize the chances that a non-participant will spot it, which could cause worry, theft, or vandalism. Try to hide the cache off the beaten path by at least a few yards to provide the finder some measure of privacy to sign the log without arousing alarm. Caches may not be placed within **528 feet** of another geocache and must be placed on park property.

9. Containers must be labeled on the outside and clearly marked as “Geocache” so as not to be mistaken as containing hazardous substances. This also prevents other park users from removing the cache, believing it to be litter.

10. If the cache is large enough, place a note inside explaining the sport to any non-participant who may discover the cache. Examples of these types of notes can be found on geocaching.com.

11. As a cache seeker, or cache owner, you must abide by park hours and all other park and trail rules and regulations. Be prepared to show your GPS unit so that you can explain your activity.

12. Someone searching for a cache must be able to legally park to hunt for a cache. No caches should be placed on the side of a road, bridge, etc. that encourages illegal parking.

13. **Park staff reserve the right to remove a cache for any reason** including, but not limited to, the cache not being maintained or kept in good condition by cache owner, the area becoming unsafe for a cache location, geocache guidelines are not being followed, or significant degradation of natural resources has occurred.