

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP**  
**GEOCACHE IDENTIFICATION FORM**  
Return completed form to [parks@westwhiteland.org](mailto:parks@westwhiteland.org)

RESPONSIBLE PARTY'S Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work or cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
User ID \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ web site

- Please attach a 4x6 photograph or email of the cache/caches with your identification/registration form.  
 I have read and understand the <http://www.geocaching.com/about/guidelines> listing requirements and placement guidelines and will abide by them.

The RESPONSIBLE PARTY desires to place a geocache at the following Township Park(s).

Approved WWT Parks:  Boot Road  Miller  Ship Road  Exton  Banbury  Ivy Glen  
 Waltz  Meadowbrook Manor  Burke Road  Mill Valley  Sunset Grove

Type of Cache:  Traditional  Multi-cache  Letterbox  
 Event/CITO  Mystery  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**CACHE NAME (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

CACHE LOCATION: (use the final site if multi-cache):  
\_\_\_\_\_

LATITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_

LONGITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: CHESTER

CACHE CONTAINER DESCRIPTION: (size, color, container description)  
\_\_\_\_\_

GEOCACHE WEBSITE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (if needed):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

IF MULTICACHE, LIST ADDITIONAL SITE(S):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CACHE NAME (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

CACHE LOCATION: (use the final site if multi-cache):  
\_\_\_\_\_

LATITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_

LONGITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

CACHE CONTAINER DESCRIPTION: (size, color, container description)  
\_\_\_\_\_

GEOCACHE WEBSITE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (if needed):  
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## West Whiteland Township Geocaching Guidelines

Questions? Call Pam Gural-Bear at 610-363-9525, x3217

1. Placement of geocaches on lands administered by West Whiteland Township requires authorization of the park superintendent or designee. This authorization will be considered through a review process.
2. A geocache contact person responsible for necessary upkeep of the geocache must be identified prior to approval by the park superintendent or designee.
3. All geocaches will be identified clearly on the outside of the cache and on the inside of the cache as an Official West Whiteland Township permitted cache. The permit will be issued after review and approval of cache placement.
4. There should be no earth disturbance or vegetative impact to any approved site, nor should the cache be readily discernable by the general public. The site must be approved by the park superintendent.
5. All cache seekers or cache owners must abide by park hours and all other open space and park rules and regulations. They will also review and follow the listing requirements and guidelines on geocaching.com.
6. Cache(s) shall not be placed in a plastic (PVC) pipe. No ammo cans, no military markings. Township park superintendent or designee should use their discretion to determine what is a permissible container to house the cache(s) contents. A photograph of the cache must be attached to Geocache Identification Form.
7. The cache may not be placed within Natural Areas, Wild Plant Sanctuaries, on stream banks, riparian zones, wetlands, prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, exemplary natural communities, ecologically sensitive areas, unique geological features, dam structures, or unsafe areas. You must contact the park superintendent/designee for possible additional restrictions or questions concerning the proposed location.
8. A cache may remain at the approved site for no more than three years at which time it must be removed, the site restored to its original condition, and the park superintendant informed in writing of the removal. This will control cache abandonment and assist in preventing renegade trail development to the site. Certain conditions may constitute the re-approval of an existing cache that has been in a park for three years. If the cache remains a viable attribute to the visitor experience and does not have a current or foreseeable environmental impact on the site, it can be considered for re-approval. The park superintendent/designee should use their discretion to determine if the cache meets the aforementioned conditions.
9. Unauthorized geocaches in a park will be removed and treated as abandoned property, and the responsible person may be cited for littering.
10. The placement of a "Premium Member only" geocache will not be permitted on West Whiteland Township lands. These caches require a monthly fee to access their coordinates and therefore make it impossible for the Township to monitor their locations. All caches on public lands shall be available to the public without a fee.
11. Responsible party shall delete site location(s) from all publications and/or website(s) within seven days of removal.
12. The geocache owner shall notify the Township upon any change of identification information (address, phone, e-mail, geocache web site user ID).
13. Geocaching is a privilege that may be revoked by West Whiteland Township if policy and guidelines are not met. The Township reserves the right, at its discretion, to remove a geocache when it deems the geocache conflicts with park development, infrastructure repairs, maintenance, natural ecosystems, historical resources or any other reason. The Township will notify the geocache owner when a geocache is removed, but shall not be liable for any failure to do the same. It is mutually agreed that the geocache and its contents have no monetary value.

## **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Hours – Sunrise to Sunset (except for those activities specially permitted by the Township).
2. Facilities. The reserved use of Township parks such as recreation fields and other facilities by organized groups or individuals shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Township; a permit shall be issued specifying the date, time and location of the use and such use shall be subject to any conditions that may be imposed thereunder. A permitted activity will supersede any recreational activity on the fields. (An organized activity or group involves a number of people doing something together in a structured way, rather than doing it by themselves.)
3. Alcoholic Beverages – No individual or group shall possess, consume or sell any alcoholic and/or intoxicating beverages in any park unless specifically granted permission by the Board of Supervisors.
4. Personal Conduct — No individual or group shall engage in conduct within the parks that annoys or risks injury to any other person using the parks or persons occupying adjacent property.
5. Trash/recycling – All trash and recycling shall be disposed of in the appropriate receptacle designated for each. Littering is prohibited.
6. Township Property – Defacing or damaging park property including buildings, playgrounds, signage, markers or monuments and/or disturbing or removing wildlife or vegetation is prohibited. All items found within the park must remain in the park. No signs, notices or placards shall be posted at any place within the parks other than by authority of the Township.
7. Motorized Vehicles —No person shall operate, stop or park any motorized vehicle except on park roads, parking areas or other areas so designated for such use. Nor shall any person operate any motorized vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner, in excess of the posted speed limit, or in such a manner as to become a nuisance to other park users or persons occupying adjacent property.
8. Firearms – Possession of a firearm in a Township park shall be in accordance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act. Discharge of a firearm is prohibited.
9. Fires – No person shall set or maintain a fire in any park except in stoves, grills, or fireplaces maintained for the purpose and located by authority of the Township.
10. Pets/animals. Pets/animals are not allowed in the parks with the exception of leashed dogs unless otherwise posted.
11. Dangerous Equipment and Activities – No person shall use sharp objects, weapons or dangerous athletic equipment unless the Township has expressly permitted the use and the user follows strict safety guidelines.
12. Golf – The playing or practicing of golf is prohibited.

13. Sound Equipment – No person shall use any sound amplification equipment in a Township park, unless specifically permitted by the Township.
14. Fireworks – No person shall possess or ignite any fireworks in a Township park without an approved permit.
15. Unmanned/Manned aircraft is prohibited.
16. Operating a Business — Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the Township, is prohibited.