

Administrative Policy #05-001  
July 19, 2005

**Geocaching Guidelines**

A policy to define, authorize and regulate Geocaching along the Paint Creek Trail.

- 1). All geocaches must adhere to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and [www.mi-geocaching.org](http://www.mi-geocaching.org) standard guidelines for placement.
- 2). Per the Uniform Trailways Regulations, participants will adhere to the following ordinances when placing or seeking a cache:
  - a) **Motor Vehicles**  
No person shall drive, propel or park a motor vehicle or motorized sports equipment of any nature upon Trailways property.
  - b) **Natural Features**  
No person shall dig for, remove, injure or destroy any tree, flower, shrub, plant or growing thing or any wild bird or animal, or any earth, rock or other material within the boundaries of the Trailways land without written permission from the Trailways Commission.
  - c) **Damage to Property**  
No person shall injure, deface, disturb, defoul, change or remove any portion of any marker, structure, equipment, fence or any other property within Trailways land.
  - d) **Trespass to Adjacent Lands**  
No person shall go onto land adjacent to Trailways land which is in private ownership, without the expressed permission of the owner of the land.  
The person going onto any such land shall be the owner or a member of the family of the owner, or carry in his or her possession written permission allowing entry onto the private land, signed by the owner.

A full set of Uniform Trailways Regulations can be obtained by contacting the Trailways Commission office at (248) 651-9260.

- 3) The Paint Creek Trailways Commission reserves the right to remove any cache without notification.
- 4) Caches must be placed within 20 feet on either side of the Paint Creek Trail surface.
- 5) Participants must respect the existing trail and not create any new ones.
- 6) To place a cache along the Paint Creek Trail a person must obtain a permit. Permits can be obtained, at no cost, from the Trailways Commission office via the internet, mail, fax, email, or in person.

# Application for Geocaching Placement

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cache Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MiGO user name \_\_\_\_\_

Waypoint # \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the cache container and contents. \_\_\_\_\_

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Do Not Write in this Box

Coordinates of cache: \_\_\_\_\_

Geocacher must notify Trailways Coordinator of any change in location of the cache and register the change with Geocaching.com.

This permit may be revoked at any time. Permit is valid only for the cache listed above and in non-transferable.

Questions? Please call or e-mail Trailways Coordinator Kristen Myers at (248) 651-9260 or [PaintCreekTrail@aol.com](mailto:PaintCreekTrail@aol.com).

Statement of liability: Permittee hereby releases, waives, discharges, and covenants not to sue the Paint Creek Trailways Commission, its officers, employees and agents, from any and all liability to Permittee, its officers, employees or agents, whether caused by the Paint Creek Trailways Commission, its officers, employees or agents.

Statement of Indemnification: Permittee hereby covenants and agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, defend and represent the Paint Creek Trailways Commission, and its member communities against any and all claims for bodily injury or property damage or any other claim arising out of or related to (1) this permit; (2) the activities authorized by this permit; and (3) the use of occupancy of the premises which are the subject of this permit, as well as any other Trailways Commission owned lands. This indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall extend to all loss, injury, death, or damage, proximately caused or arising out of the negligence of the Paint Creek Trailways Commission, its member communities, officers, employees and agents.

I have read the conditions governing this permit and the accompanying guidelines and agree to abide by them in the conduct of my operations under this permit.

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Permittee Signature                      Date                      Trailways Coordinator                      Date