



TOWN of TOLLAND/ 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, Connecticut 06084

## Tolland Conservation Areas Geocaching Guidelines

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1. Approval should be obtained from the Conservation Commission prior to hiding a geocache on a town open space property. This is to avoid overpopulation of geocaches in any one area.
2. Conservation Areas are closed at sunset; ABSOLUTELY NO NIGHT USE ALLOWED.
3. The geocaches should be located within 20 feet of a trail.
4. Animals and potential animal nesting places (e.g., bluebird houses, caves) should not be disturbed when located a geocache.
5. The hiding place for a geocache should avoid sensitive areas (e.g., areas with endangered plants, wetland areas, or areas that could be seasonally wet).
6. Conservation Areas are “leave no trace” properties; carry out everything you carry in (unless it is placed inside the geocache container).
7. Conservation Areas are for passive recreation only; NO ACTIVE RECREATION ACTIVITIES (e.g., no golfing, no field sports, no ball playing, and absolutely no motorized vehicles).
8. No remote-controlled equipment, toys, or apparatuses (e.g., no drones, no RC cars/trucks, etc.)
9. Dogs must be kept on a leash and under control AT ALL TIMES on Conservation Areas.
10. Geocaches should be small; 10 liters (approx. 2.5 gallons) or less.
11. Fires, hunting, and alcohol are prohibited on Conservation Areas.
12. Geocaches should be hidden from plain view (especially from Muggles!).
13. Geocaches should not be located in places that might be dangerous to access (e.g., a ledge area with steep drop-off).
14. Geocaches should not be located close to private property (please respect our neighbors).
15. Permission to hide geocaches on a Town open space property may be revoked at any time.
16. Anyone found damaging property or violating these rules is open to prosecution under the law.

For further information on use of Conservation Areas, contact the Tolland Planning Department at 860-871-3601

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