



# Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

Alaska Department of Natural Resources

## Park Use Permit

Park Unit: Alaska State Park Permit # 14-KA-973

First Name: Wesley Last Name: Skinner

Company Name: Geocache Alaska Inc

Address: 200 W. 34th Ave. P.O. Box 314 City: Anchorage State: AK Zip: 99503

KPB Tax Parcel # \_\_\_\_\_ KRC Tracking # 552

### Location of Authorized Activity

State of Alaska State Wide

### Description of Authorized Activity

This permit authorizes the Geocache Alaska, Inc. for the placement of Geocaches and Earth Caches within the Chugach State Park, Mat-Su/Cooper Basin Area, Kenai River Special Management Area, Kachemak Bay State Park and Prince William Sound/Resurrection Area.

A list of locations including GPS coordinates and a map where all caches are hidden is to be submitted to the Kenai State Park permitting office annually.

Approximately 500 people will visit the site year round.

All caches within the Kenai River Special Management Area must have, impermanent marker, the following notation. Alaska State Parks Permit # Geocache AK

All caches within the Chugach State Park must have, impermanent marker, the following notation. Alaska State Parks Permit # Geocache AK

Issue Date: 05/22/14 Expiration Date 12/31/14

The permittee agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this permit, including any attached stipulations, and will confine his/her activities to those described herein. Permit required by 11 AAC 18.010.

[Signature]  
Permittee Signature

[Signature]  
Issuing Official

Natural Resource Specialist  
Title  
5/22/14  
Date

MAY 30, 2014  
Date

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT STIPULATIONS

1. Standard caches must be placed at least 10 feet away from any trail, road, structure or sign. They must also be at least 100 yards from any State Park Public Use Cabin. Micro caches (35 mm film canister size or less) may be exempt from this stipulation with the area District Ranger approval.
2. Caches may not be placed within 1/10<sup>th</sup> mile from each other.
3. Cache must not include any food or edible item.
4. Cache may not contain any items that have a noticeable odor.
5. Cache may not contain any profanity, offensive material or anything otherwise that would be inappropriate for young children.
6. Caches must have a waterproof log.
7. All caches within the Kenai River Special Management Area must have, in permanent marker, the following notation **Alaska State Parks Permit # Geocache AK**
8. All caches within the Chugach State Park must have, in permanent marker, the following notation **Alaska State Parks Permit # Geocache AK**
9. Cache must be placed in a durable, sealable, watertight, non-biodegradable container and must be kept in clean, dry and serviceable condition.
10. Cache container may not be greater than 400 cubic inches in size (equal to a 50 caliber ammo can, ~10.5 x 5 x 8 inches), and must be a color that blends in with the surroundings.
11. No surveyors flagging shall be used in marking the Cache location.
12. No natural resources will be damaged or destroyed in the placing of the Cache. Live vegetation may not be cut or disturbed.
13. Caches may not be buried.
14. Historic Parks: Cache location may not be placed in any location that could damage, disturb, or otherwise impact a historical site, building, or artifact. No caches may be placed in areas that are intentionally fenced, signed or otherwise marked as hazardous or closed to the public.
15. Cache location must not present a hazard to the general public.

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16. The Permittee shall visit the cache at least once per year to ensure that the stipulations are followed and sign the log indicating that the cache has been inspected.
17. Annual Report: By March of each year, the Permittee shall provide the issuing office an annual list of caches in the Kenai and Chugach State Park Areas. The list shall include at minimum: Cache name, cache code, coordinates, date of installation.
18. The Permittee agree to provide Individual Membership Accounts, for Park Rangers within the Kenai Area.
19. Permit Term: This permit is valid for the calendar year issued.
20. State park staff may, without notice, remove the cache is any of the special stipulations are violated.

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## GENERAL STIPULATIONS

- 1. NON-ASSIGNMENT.** This permit may not be assigned without the written approval and acceptance of the assignee by the director or his/her designee. Further, the licensee shall not sublet or enter into any third party agreements involving the privileges authorized by this permit.
- 2. STATE HELD HARMLESS.** The permittee agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Alaska from any and all liability claims arising from the actions of the permittee or his/her agents, employees or clients while conducting activities under this permit on state park lands or waters.
- 3. FORFEITURE.** The permittee shall forfeit the permit if he/she defaults in the performance or observance of any of the permit terms, covenants, stipulations, or of a statute or regulation.
- 4. LITTER REMOVAL.** The permittee shall remove all litter caused by their activities and shall make a reasonable effort to pick up and remove from the park litter which they find in the vicinity of their activities within the park.
- 5. PROTECTION OF PARK LAND OR PROPERTY FROM DAMAGE.** The permittee shall exercise diligence in protecting from damage the land, property and resources of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation in the area covered by and used in connection with this permit and shall pay the division for any damage resulting from negligence or from the violation of the terms of this permit or any law or regulation applicable to the use of state parks by the permittee or by his/her agents and employees when acting within the scope of their employment.
- 6. GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATION.** This permit is applicable only for the use areas described.
- 7. NO PREFERENTIAL RIGHT OF RENEWAL.** No rights of renewal or preferential rights for renewal are attached to this permit.
- 8. CANCELLATION BY THE STATE.** It is understood and agreed that this permit may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the director or his/her designee without compensation to the permittee or liability to the state.
- 9. DISTURBANCE OF PARK RESOURCES.** All activities shall be conducted in a manner that will avoid or minimize disturbance of park resources including natural drainage systems.
- 10. ACTIVITY AREA.** All activity areas and campsites shall be kept clean and maintained in an orderly manner.
- 11. NATURAL HAZARDS.** The permittee recognizes and understands that natural hazards are likely to exist within the area of his/her operation. The permittee agrees to take all reasonable precautions to make himself/herself aware of these hazards and to avoid injury to persons or property.

**12. AESTHETICS.** The permittee shall protect the scenic aesthetic values of the area under this permit, and the adjacent land, as far as possible while conducting activities authorized under this permit.

**13. STATE INSPECTION OF PERMIT AREA.** The state reserves the right to inspect areas of activity under this permit. It is understood, however, that the state will only inspect the site during normal periods of activity by the permittee or at other times that are convenient to the permittee unless in an emergency situation.

**14. STRUCTURES.** Permanent structures are prohibited from being placed by the permittee on state park lands or waters, unless otherwise authorized by permit.

**15. PERSONAL PROPERTY.** If personal property is authorized to be placed or located on park lands or waters under the provisions of this permit, the personal property shall be removed prior to the expiration of the permit or it will be impounded by the state.

**16. VALID CLAIMS.** This permit is subject to all valid claims and applicable laws and regulations.

**17. FIRES.** The permittee and his/her agents/employees agree to take all reasonable precautions to prevent, suppress and report promptly all fires on or endangering state park lands. No material shall be disposed of by burning during a closed season established by law or regulation without a written permit from the state forester.

**18. PUBLIC ACCESS.** The permittee, employees, agents or clients shall not interfere with free public use of roads and trails in the area or their activities except as may be authorized by special stipulation of this permit.

**19. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS:** The issuance of this authorization does not alleviate the necessity of the permittee to obtain authorizations required by other agencies for this activity.