

Para NB – Sport & Recreation

Accessible Geocaching Checklist



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This checklist is designed to help promote the preferred elements for an accessible cache so individuals with a physical disability have success finding geocaches and cache owners have a tool to accurately rate and plant their caches. Geocaching is a social sport so buddies or partners are always welcome but following these standards will help individuals to be as independent as possible while participating.

As a cache owner, you can use this checklist to determine whether your cache meets “accessibility” standards before applying the accessible attribute to your cache on www.geocaching.com. We look forward to seeing more accessible caches in New Brunswick giving individuals with a physical disability the opportunity to enjoy the same access to this great outdoor activity!

Note: The optional geocaching accessibility features at the bottom are not required to label your cache accessible but they provide additional suggestions to increase the accessibility of your cache.

PLEASE PLACE AN “X” IN THE BOXES THAT APPLY TO INDICATE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF YOUR CACHE.

Review the location and access to the cache area!

Ensure there is accessible parking along the route and curb cuts in the sidewalk where needed allowing access to the cache area.

Ensure the cache is located less than 500 feet (150m) from parking, along an accessible route.

Ensure the route to the cache is level (paved, boardwalk planks or crusher dust) and free from obstructions such as branches, long grass, rocks and rough terrain.

Ensure that the cache can be reached from a sitting position.

Ensure the cache at a height of 2 feet to 3 feet above ground (60cm to 1m).

Prepare your cache! Containers & contents

Ensure cache containers can be opened without tight grasping (e.g., easy to open medication containers from a pharmacy, plastic containers that peel easily without tight grasping, peanut butter jars).

Ensure containers requiring turning such as a peanut butter jar, have a note on top saying “please do not close too tightly”.

Ensure maps are labelled with a descriptive legend, avoiding the use of too many colors and are written in easy to read font (e.g., Verdana, size 18 to 24 pt. font).

Ensure a black or white color patch of tape or fabric is used to provide contrast if containers are camouflaged (e.g., with tape).

Identify what the cacher is looking for

Ensure cache contains a tactile object.

Ensure information given to the cacher is as clear as possible. (e.g., if using a paper map, an “X” is placed, using black marker on white paper, to mark cache location.)

Ensure maps are labelled with a descriptive legend, avoiding the use of too many colors and are written in easy to read font (e.g., Verdana, size 18 to 24 pt. font).

Ensure clues are written in very descriptive text (e.g., cache is high/low).

Optional geocaching accessibility features

Audible caches (e.g., the device/object inside the cache plays a message).

Audio descriptions of a maps or audio clues are used to indicate details of the map and clues for each cache.

Descriptive braille component on the caches to help identify that the cache has been found by matching the braille on the map.



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