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HPD REQUIRES A PERMIT TO HIDE GEOCACHES AND LETTERBOXES

Geocaching is a high tech treasure hunt in which thousands of people participate every year. Participants use a GPS (Global Positioning Systems) unit to locate caches or "treasure chests" hidden in parks and public places around the world. The Hancock Park District welcomes geocaching and letterboxing in its parks. In order to limit the impact on native plants and animals in certain management areas, the Hancock Park District requires all geocaches and letterboxes hidden in the parks to have a permit. Current caches will need to have a permit in order to remain in the parks or they will be removed. Persons wanting to place new caches in HPD parks will need to submit a permit application and receive approval prior to placing the cache.

Applications will be reviewed by park personnel before a permit is issued. Approved permits are valid from the date they are issued to December 31 of the following year. After that date, the cache must be removed unless a renewal application is submitted and approved. Permit applications are available at the HPD Office and at www.HancockParks.com. The rules and guidelines can be found on the back of the application.

For more information about other upcoming programs, view the HPD Seasonal Program Guide at www.HancockParks.com under the "What's New" section or call the HPD office at 419-425-PARK/7275 and "Discover Your Hancock Parks".