Geocaching Policy and Guidelines

The Arboretum at Penn State is a wonderful place to visit, and geocaching (www.geocaching.com) is a great way to explore this 370-acre property of The Pennsylvania State University. Searching for existing geocaches is permitted if participants observe our posted rules of behavior (Garden Rules and Arboretum Rules¹). Please remember that seemingly remote and “wild” portions of the Arboretum may be the locations of active projects such as graduate student research.

New caches must have Arboretum approval in advance and they must adhere to the geocaching guidelines published at http://www.geocaching.com/about/guidelines.aspx. If you believe the location you have in mind will fit within these guidelines, please contact our director of horticulture, Shari Edelson, at ske13@psu.edu. She will assign you an arboretum volunteer to discuss your proposal before final approval is given. No caches are permitted within the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens, and other areas of the Arboretum may be off limits to geocaching because of possible interference with other activities or site values. Any caches found within the Arboretum that have not been approved by Arboretum staff will be removed. Your cooperation will ensure that geocaching continues to be welcomed within The Arboretum at Penn State.

¹ The garden and Arboretum rules are also accessible in the side bar on the Arboretum’s home page at arboretum.psu.edu)