

## APPLICATION TO PLACE GEOCACHE

A Map must be sent to Nicky Russell showing the exact location of your intended Geocache placement, you must also adhere to the following guidelines.

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1. Permission to place caches is limited to dedicated 'open access' Forestry Commission woodland in the East of England (<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/eastengland>). Current OS Explorer maps show open access woodland and further information on open access land may be found at:

<http://www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk/wps/portal/oasys/maps/MapSearch>

2. No vehicle access is permitted beyond the public highway or dedicated parking places. Vehicles must be parked sensibly and must not block forest entrances as these provide emergency access to the forest.

3. The vast majority of the Forestry Commission's land holding in the East of England is dedicated as a SSSI and SPA for ground nesting birds. To avoid disturbance and potential prosecution, caches should not be placed on open ground or woodland areas where the trees are less than 5m in height and placement must be within 5m of the ride edge.

4. To help protect archaeological features caches should not be placed on Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMS). Information on the location of SAMS is available at:  
[www.magic.gov.uk](http://www.magic.gov.uk)

5. Caches must not be placed in potential bat roosts, for example in tree crevices.

6. The Forestry Commission may close areas of the forest from time to time for forest operations and recreation events and these will be notified on the Open Access website (see Section 1); Geocachers must observe all warning and prohibition signs. The Forestry Commission East of England is not in a position to inform individual placers of pending Forestry Operations and caches are left at the risk of the placer.

7. Placers and finders must comply with GAGB Geocachers Code of Practice and Guidelines and Forestry Commission Byelaws:

GAGB Guidelines: <http://www.gagb.co.uk/gagb/guidelines/code.php>

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FC Byelaws: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-79ekjq>

Compliance will be monitored by the FC East of England team through random checks of registered locations. Note that Geocache events require written permission and will be subject to the standard recreation permission and charging process -

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