



GEOCACHING

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure-hunting game. Players hide geocaches (typically small containers with a logbook or small trinkets) and then pinpoint the location using GPS technology and share the co-ordinates online. Anyone with a GPS device can try to locate the geocache. It is the ideal way to discover and explore our parks and trails.

The City of Vaughan and TRCA welcome geocaching on our lands – but please remember we need to protect our natural areas.

We have developed guidelines to ensure the protection of the natural heritage system when geocaching on TRCA parklands and conservation properties as well as Vaughan parks. To learn more about geocaching and to read the guidelines, please visit: trca.ca/activities/geocaching

PRESERVE NATURAL AREAS

The TRCA and partnering agencies help preserve natural areas for the benefit of all living things. Natural areas cleanse water, reduce pollution in the air, help control soil erosion and flooding, and provide food and shelter for countless species of birds, mammals, insects and amphibians.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Residents and visitors can help by reporting NON-EMERGENCY activity occurring illegally in parks, woodlots and open spaces:

Access Vaughan905-832-2281

York Regional Police1-866-876-5423

Please provide as much of the following information as possible:

- Park name and location of sighting
- Date and time of occurrence
- Identifiable marks of the off-road vehicle (colour, size, make)
- Licence plate number
- Street name of where the vehicle is coming from
- Number of vehicles and riders
- Physical description of person riding

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TIPS TO MAKE YOUR VISIT TO VAUGHAN'S TRAILS AND PARKS FUN AND LAWS YOU SHOULD KNOW TO STAY SAFE.



Off-road vehicles are prohibited in parks, woodlots, open spaces and on any highway or road within the city of Vaughan.



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WHERE CAN I OPERATE AN OFF-ROAD VEHICLE?

Off-road vehicles can be driven on approved trails and private property. Please visit the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders at oftr.ca for approved trails in Ontario.

The City of Vaughan is responsible for 225 parks, more than 85 kilometres of trails, more than 270 playgrounds and 275 sports playing facilities.

ETIQUETTE

- Be respectful of the environment and City property
- Put litter in garbage bins
- Respect others enjoying the park

BIKE RIDING

- Be aware of pedestrians and do not block paths
- Ride on designated paths
- Do not exceed 20 kilometres/hour

DOGS

- Keep them on a leash
- Pick up after them and place droppings in a garbage bin or take them with you
- Keep dogs out of beaches, ponds, swimming areas, farm areas, gardens, landscaped areas, playgrounds and sports fields

CAMPFIRES AND BARBECUES

Use only in designated areas and with a permit from the City. To inquire about a permit, call Access Vaughan at 905-832-2281.

FIREWORKS

Fireworks are not permitted in any parks without a permit and never on city streets or boulevards. Consumer fireworks are permitted on private property on Victoria and Canada Day only.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES IN PARKS AND ON TRAILS

Off-road vehicles are not permitted to operate anywhere within the City of Vaughan. It is dangerous for pedestrians and disturbs the natural habitat.

The City is working with York Regional Police and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to address illegal off-road vehicles in Vaughan parks and forests. This partnership will strive to increase awareness of our by-laws and provincial legislation to stop this illegal and unsafe activity.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I BREAK THE LAW?

The owner and/or operator can be charged and convicted of an offence under the Off-Road Vehicles Act, Highway Traffic Act, Insurance Act, Trespass to Property Act and City of Vaughan by-laws.

If you are stopped by YRP, the City of Vaughan or TRCA, you must provide identification. Offences include, but are not limited to:

- Operating a motorized recreational vehicle in a park
- Using a public facility or public land in a manner other than its lawful intended use
- Damaging plants and park property
- Emitting noise from a combustion engine
- Driving carelessly
- Operating an unregistered vehicle
- Operating without insurance