

Guidelines for Developing a ColdCache Site

All ColdCache Sites must meet the requirements of an EarthCache Site

EarthCaches are a special variety of geocache which must be developed in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Geological Society of America (<http://www.earthcache.org>) and Geocaching.com (<http://www.geocaching.com>). Please check their websites for more information.

Additional ColdCache Guidelines include:

1. **ColdCache sites must be accessed via the Ice Age Trail.** They must be either directly on the Ice Age Trail or a public spur/loop/side trail accessed from the Ice Age Trail.
2. **ColdCache sites must be on public or Ice Age Trail Alliance property.** The site must be far enough away from private property so that there is no doubt about who owns the land. You may cross private property so long as you remain on the Ice Age Trail, but information-gathering activities should be done on public or Ice Age Trail Alliance property. Each site is unique and will be evaluated individually.
3. **ColdCache sites must be approved by the Ice Age Trail Alliance** or an individual designated by the Ice Age Trail Alliance (to ensure the site meets the criteria established by all the appropriate partners of the Ice Age Trail Alliance). The ColdCache Coordinator can be contacted at coldcache@iceagetrail.org.
4. **The Ice Age Trail Alliance retains the right to retract an EarthCache's designation as a ColdCache for any reason.**

The Ice Age Trail Alliance will request the EarthCache developer to include the code "IATCC" (**I**ce **A**ge National Scenic **T**rail - **C**old**C**ache) and insert information (shown below) regarding the ColdCache project in the description of the site.



IATCC is the cache designation to highlight a series of EarthCaches along the **ICE AGE** National Scenic **TRAIL** grouped into a special category called "**COLDCACHE**."

The Ice Age Trail is one of eleven National Scenic Trails designated by the National Park Service. This unique trail is entirely within the state of Wisconsin and follows along the terminal moraine of the most recent glacier.

This project is supported by the Ice Age Trail Alliance. The goal is to bring more visitors to the trail and promote public awareness, appreciation, and understanding of Wisconsin's glacial landscape. For those who have the *Ice Age Trail Atlas*, this site is located on map -f.

More information on the *Ice Age Trail Atlas*, the ColdCache Project and Awards Program is available at <http://www.iceagetrail.org/coldcache.htm>.

In order to gain the required permission for your EarthCache listing, you will need to know who manages the area you are interested in. A good place to begin your search for a particular land manager is the Wisconsin Geocaching Association's website. You may find the following link helpful:

<http://www.wi-geocaching.com/modules.php?name=Wiki&pagename=Hiding%20A%20Cache>.