

MCPD 45th Anniversary - Allardale

Size:  (Regular) Difficulty:  Terrain:  (1 is easiest, 5 is hardest)

N 41° 11.721 W 081° 41.958

This cache is part of the [Medina County Parks 45th Anniversary Challenge](#). You do not have to participate in the challenge to do this cache, but we hope you will anyway!

[Allardale](#), one of the most scenic parks in Medina County, is located in Granger Township. Named after Stan and Esther Allard who donated their family farm to the park district in 1992, this rolling site offers a wide variety of habitats and scenic areas. A tribute to the Allard's commitment to land stewardship, this site boasts one of the finest reforestation areas in the state of Ohio. Beginning in the 1930s, Stan Allard planted trees on areas too steep to farm. Over his lifetime, more than 100,000 trees were planted at Allardale. The nature trails provide visitors an opportunity to view these tree plantings, from the newest stands of Tulip Poplar and Oaks to mature woods. This park also has a reservable picnic shelter, sledding hill and a paved, accessible trail.

A 1.2 mile round-trip hike will be required to get this cache. Begin from the parking lot and use your GPS or the poem below to get you from there to the cache.

Park your car, walk to the sign,
Keep to your left, you're doin' fine.
At first fork, keep walking straight,
What a nice pavilion for a picnic date!

Further down, see the trees?
There's a sign, what trees are these????
At the V, take the grassy straight,
Up the hill the view is great!

Past the rocks, and down you go,
Be careful now and take it slow.
Turn left, over the bridge you'll see,
Go on to the creek, cross carefully.

At path's curve before the climb,
To the left, a "TREE HOUSE" of natural kind.
Look for hikers here and there,
Stick your hand in if you dare!

The cache, a regular sized lock-n-lock container, is located about 6-8 feet from the trail, so please do not bushwhack. Please remember to cache in and trash out. Park closes at dark.

If you have questions or concerns about any of the caches in this challenge, please contact Shelley Tender at 330.239.4814 or stender@medinaco.org.

This cache will expire on October 31, 2010.

