

There are no property's (land) in the U.S. that will not have an owner, either public or private. To be able to metal detect on these lands you may need the property owner's permission and when ever possible it is best to get permission in writing (Private Property Only).

Remember that all National Park Lands, National Recreation Areas or any other Historical lands, monuments or building are off limits to metal detecting or even having a metal detector in your possession on these lands may be against the law.

Also many states, cities, school entities and counties have regulations that will make metal detecting against the law. In some cases there may be a requirement to get a metal detecting permit from a public agency.

If you are successful in getting permission to search, remember to ask the property owner if there are historical locations on the property. This is important as you may not detect at an historical place on the land (This may vary from State to State) even with the property owner's permission.

DISCLAIMER:

The following permission letter is not a lawyer created metal detecting legal letter. If a MORE formal permission to metal detect letter is required you must contact a legal representative in your area.

Liability Waiver:

Please note the following concerning a liability waiver. Waivers maybe used between individual, however, if there is an injury or other issue that may arise insurance companies could get involved from either party. Insurance Companies will probably not honor any previously agreement made between the parties either oral or in writing.

Metal Detecting Permission Agreement

I _____ **Owner** agree to provide metal detector
Hobbyist _____ subject to conditions in this agreement temporary right
to enter the property described.

Property Address: _____, City _____, State _____, Zip
Code _____ Description of the property portion that can be entered searched. _____

Purpose: *Hobbyist* is allowed access to property only for the purpose of metal detecting to locate, dig and
recover metal items. (Items maybe coins, iron relics, jewelry, metal / brass buttons and other misc. metal
objects.)

Liability Waiver: *Hobbyist* will not hold Property *Owner* responsible for any *Hobbyist* loss, damage to
equipment or personal injury or for any claim made by others that may arise from items found on *Owners*
property.

Found Items Ownership: *Hobbyist* will gain ownership to all items found while metal detecting on
described property unless otherwise noted. _____

Property Conditions: *Hobbyist* will leave property in like condition before metal detected to the extent that
is practical. All holes made by *Hobbyist* will be filled.

Term: Metal Detecting Start Date: _____, Time: _____
Stop Date: _____, Time: _____

Termination: *Owner* may terminate this agreement at any time unless otherwise noted:

Agreed to: Date: _____ Time: _____

Property Owner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Agreed to: Date: _____ Time: _____

Hobbyist: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Attached is a copy of our Metal Detecting Ethics

Ethics for Responsible Metal Detecting

- I **will** check Federal, State, County and Local Laws before searching. It is my responsibility to KNOW and UNDERSTAND THE LAW.
- I **will** report to the proper authorities, individual who enters and or remove artifacts from Federal or State Park / Preserves / Historical Sites.
- I **will** never remove or destroy priceless historical archeological treasures.
- I **will** not enter Cemeteries for the purpose of metal detecting.
- I **will** protect our Natural Resource and Wildlife Heritage.
- I **will** not enter private property without the owner's permission and when possible, such permission will be in writing.
- I **will** take care to refill all holes and try not to leave any damage.
- I **will** remove and dispose of any and all trash and litter that I find.
- I **will** not destroy or tamper with any structures on public or private property or what is left of Ghost Towns.
- I **will** not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I **will** not tamper with signs, maintenance facilities or equipment and leave all gates as found.
- I **will** approach and educate those who do not follow good metal detecting practices.
- I **will** not metal detect in competitive hunts if I am the Hunt Master or plant hunt targets.
- I **will** make every effort to return found property to its rightful owner.
- I **will** be an ambassador for the hobby, be thoughtful, considerate and courteous at all times to others their property.