

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.

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I, _____, the owner of the property;

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

have given permission to the bearer of this agreement, to use a metal detector to search for and recover buried coins, relics, and other artifacts located on my property. It is understood that item recovery involves the digging of small holes, which will be repaired as nearly as possible to the land's original condition. This permission shall remain in effect.

Property:

Start Date & Time: _____

End Date & Time: _____

after which it is agreed that no further metal detecting will be allowed on the property.

Owner's Signature and Address:

Hobbyist Signature and Address:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Liability Waiver Form

In consideration of permission granted to me to search for and recover buried relics, coins and other artifacts, using a metal detector at the property address below,

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

and owned or legally occupied by, _____,

I, _____, agree to release and discharge any and all liability claims resulting in any personal injury incurred at this site, during the period this written permission is in effect. This document shall be forever binding.

Date: _____ Time: _____

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.