

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.

Informal Permission Letter

I am requesting permission to search for coins and relics with a metal detector on your property. I am a metal detecting hobbyist and preserve my finds for the pure enjoyment. My recovery methods require the use of hand tools, such as a probe, screw driver or a small trowel and I try to leave no identifiable trace of my activities. I respect all property and will not deface or alter anything in regards to my target recovery methods.

Property Address:

The metal detecting will take place during non-working hours, unless approved otherwise, and will not interfere with the work in progress.

Specific Time: _____

Hobbyist: _____

Guest: _____

Starting Date: _____ Time: _____

Ending Date: _____ Time: _____

Hobbyist and his guest are fully aware that they are entering the property solely at their own risk, and in doing so will hold free of any claims and /or liabilities against said property owner or authorization party.

This Permission request must be in possession when on the property, and available upon request.

Authorizing Party: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Phone: _____

Hobbyist: _____ date: _____ Time: _____

Phone: _____

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.