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I would like to point out to the News Brief readers that there are a number of organizations taking on the challenge against various types of legislation dealing with metal detecting and gold prospecting. MDHTALK's recommendation is to visit their website and give strong consideration to joining the fight. In some cases your support may be to send emails and / or write a letter to specific legislators or to provide funds to help with the fight. Here are the organizations and a link to their website.

[Go to the Join The Fight MDHTALK Webpage to read more about each of these organizations](#)

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Website This months featured article is: *Roaming Access to Public Lands has Disappeared for Metal Detectorist and Others*. The Ideal Situation is to have complete access to public lands with no restrictions but alas that is far from today's reality.

Today's Reality is that more and more public lands are being put behind man made barriers. These barriers come in the form of laws, regulations and rules that prohibit or limit many personal outdoor activities on public lands.

This is the biggest single issue facing many out door activities (recreational metal detecting, gold prospecting, fossil and mineral collecting, rock hounding, off road vehicles, etc). Access to public lands is not just a metal detecting issue but is also the single most important major issue for the many outdoor recreational activities.

Why are more and more public land being put off limits to metal detectorist? Metal detectorist are being pushed off of public land because the hobby is considered to be destructive by many public land managers, archaeologist and nature preservationists.

Public land managers find that their many parks, school yards and ball fields are being heavily damaged by irresponsible detectorist. Many new detectorist have entered the hobby and have not taken the time to learn how to correctly recovery a target from the turf. The result is that there is a great deal of damage caused to manicured public parks grass, ball fields, etc. All detectorists must afford the same consideration, care and non-destructive behavior toward public lands as he / she would towards their own lawn and property.

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General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- The treasure-hunting Sanford family strikes gold again by finding a intricate religious artifact lost for nearly 300 years. [1st Article Link](#), [2nd Article Link](#)
- Volunteers spruce up park after JazzFest. This persons way of lending a hand is a little different than everyone else. Each year he brings out his metal detector while picking up trash. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds WWII explosive in Guam while searching the waters with his metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Nine-year-old girl finds wedding ring in a bag of Goldfish. [Article Link](#)
- It may not be Spanish doubloons or a secret stash of gold, but this metal detectorist is finding some amazing treasures along Newfoundland's coast. [Article Link](#)
- Western Australia has welcomed a record number of prospectors swinging their metal detectors. [Article Link](#)
- In Idaho's Salmon River area miners began illegally dredging for gold this week in an effort to challenge what they call the federal government's overreach into the waterway. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting in the surf can be very rewarding if one follows a few simple steps. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- The largest treasure haul ever found three years ago in Worcestershire will be on display for years. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist offers to help others after discovering historic items in Tiverton. [Article Link](#)
- French sites pillaged by wannabe metal detectorist archaeologist. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds mystery silverware haul in a County Durham field. [Article Link](#)
- Digging through a cave in central Britain, archaeologists uncovered 26 ancient gold and silver coins. [Article Link](#)
- Bracelets, ring and thimble found by metal detectorist declared treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Bizarre Bronze Age blade found near Hereford. [Article Link](#)
- A metal detecting teacher finds rare Celtic and medieval coin. [Article Link](#)

Other News

- JW Fisher Detectors. Police and Dive Teams Gear Up for Underwater Search. [July News Release](#)
- Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ) - [July News](#)

Legislation and Regulation Issues

- Western Mining Alliance representatives Harold Lowenfels and Avery Marder from the Task Force, met with the following representatives from the NYC Parks on July 23rd, 2014. [Read Press Release](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Siberia end of the world mystery hole is solved. The crater was caused by rising temperatures. [Article Link](#)
- Mars rover Curiosity finds huge iron meteorite. The meteorite is almost seven feet wide. [Article Link](#)
- Priceless meteorites found in the Oman deserts are being smuggled out of the country and sold. [Article Link](#)
- An object that streaked across Australian skies was most likely part of a Russian satellite. [Read More](#)

Jewelry Returns

- A class ring lost in Lake Huron 31 years ago is found and returned to it owner. [Article Link](#)
- A grandmother is reunited with lost engagement ring after 38 years. [Article Link](#)
- The Ring Whisperer, finds and returns diamond ring to its owner. [Article Link](#)
- WW I insignias returned to family. [Article Link](#)
- Class ring lost in lake 60 years ago reunited with woman. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Lake George. Archaeologists are excavating an 18th-century battleground that was the site of a desperate stand by Colonial American troops. [Article Link](#)
- Tree rings solve age mystery of World Trade Center ship found during

- Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA) - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community. [July News](#)
- Read about the new Fisher F19 metal detectors. [Select Here](#)
- White's July Newsletter [Read Here](#)

- construction. [Article Link](#)
- ST. Augustine, FL. Archaeologists develop plan for an oceangoing expedition to find the lost French fleet of Jean Ribault that sank 449 years ago. [Article Link](#)
- Amateur historians discover Seminole Indian War fort in Florida Everglades. [Article Link](#)

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2014 hunt information on the web. The sooner it is out and available to the metal detecting community the greater the chance for people to see it and give your event some consideration. [Add Your Event Information Here](#)

- **August 02, 2014** (One Day)
Orting, Washington
PSTHC - Lenny Phay Memorial Hunt
Puget Sound Treasure Hunters Club

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- **August 09, 2014** (Two Days)
Marietta, Georgia
36th Annual Southeastern Civil War Show and Sale
North Georgia Relic Hunters and the Marietta Parks & Recreation Department
- **August 09, 2014** (One Day)
Tunkhannok, Pennsylvania
31th Annual Black Diamond Treasure Hunt
Black Diamond Treasure Hunters Club
- **August 16, 2014** (One Day)
Daytona Beach, Florida
Annual Open Night Hunt
Daytona Dig & Find Metal Detecting Club

- **August 16, 2014** (Two Days)
New Concord, Ohio
35th Annual Buckeye Championship Hunt
By Don & Bill Hayes
- **August 22, 2014** (Three Days)
Liberty, Washington
2014 PNW Miners Rally
Resources Coalition
- **August 23, 2014** (Two Days)
Sonora, California
2014 Gold & Outdoor Festival
Delta Gold Diggers
- **August 30, 2014** (Two Days)
Bellville / Bulter, Ohio
Gold Rush Days
Ohio Buckeye Chapter of the GPAA