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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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What is a News Brief? The news brief provides a brief look into any news event. The intent of the news brief is to provide you, the reader, with news clips on what was taking place in the hobby last month. To read the whole story select the Article Link or go to [MDHTALK.org](#). There are more news stories placed on the MDHTALK website for September the news stories listed in the MDHTALK News Brief are just a portion of all the hobby related news reported the past month. **The news Brief is now available in Adobe PDF format, there is a link at the top of this webpage.** The news brief is no longer emailed; it is only available on the MDHTALK website and can be downloaded.

The Website's featured article for this month is: Where is it Legal to Metal Detect?

This question should be easy to answer but that is not the case. There are no uniform state laws or regulations across the fifty states or are there uniform municipal codes for the many thousands of cities and counties in the U.S. One way to get a handle on laws and regulations for your area is to join a local metal detecting or gold prospecting club. These clubs will usually know what the local law and regulation situation is for the hobby. So lets take one section of the U.S. at a time and try to find some answers.

National. There are a number of federal acts that control what can or can not be done on federal properties. These acts are the:

- 1906 American Antiquities Act
- 1966 National Historic Preservation Act As amended through
- 2000 / 1997 Archaeological Resources Protection Act
- 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

Each of these acts places protection for America's antiquities plus use restrictions on federal lands, historical sites and Native American Indian burial grounds.

The 1906 and the 1997 acts have an impact on the National Park System, National Monuments, National Sea Shore Beaches, Civil & Revolutionary War Battlefields, and to some extend on Native American lands. These acts indirectly make metal detecting illegal in any of these places. If caught metal detecting or have a detector in your possession while on any of these protected places it can be a felony with tough penalties. [Download This Article](#)

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Famous shipwreck isn't done revealing its secrets. [Article Link](#)
- Earning their metals - Illinois Valley metal-detecting club continues to grow. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters - Coinshooters club celebrates 5+ years. [Article Link](#)
- Striking gold: 'Apple Isle Prospector' shares his secrets with fellow Tasmanian treasure hunters. [Article Link](#)
- Washingtonians celebrated the centennial of the laying of the U.S. Capitol cornerstone, Sept. 18, 1893. [Article Link](#)
- Neighbors organize latest search for clues to the murder of Denise Robert. [Article Link](#)
- Sand volleyball player rallies to find lost ring. [Article Link](#)
- Lost jewellery? Who you gonna call? The Ring Finders. [Article Link](#)
- Florida family seeks ultimate Spanish bounty. [Article Link](#)

Other News

- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [August News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [September News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [September News](#), [August Newsletter](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors.** Relocating Underwater Sites Easy with Acoustic Beacons. [September Press Release](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Owner reunited with missing ring 51 years later. [Article Link](#)
- Stranger to the rescue after wedding ring lost on beach. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Roman Silver Coin Hoard Discovered Near Norwich, England. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter guards biggest find of Roman coins by sleeping in his car. [Article Link](#)
- Amateur metal detectorist to be British Museum star after finding priceless relic mistaken for 'coffee pot lid'. [Article Link](#)
- Seventeenth-century ring found in field near Shincliffe. [Article Link](#)
- Nether Heyford graves of girl and soldier could shed light on Dark Ages. [Article Link](#)
- St Albans Roman gold coin hoard goes on display. [Article Link](#)
- Lump of whale poop will make dog walker rich. [Article Link](#)
- Shropshire coins find sparked treasure hunt row. [Article Link](#)

Legislation and Regulation Issues

- **Globe Gazette editorial: Metal detector ban seems unnecessary**
James Sayles came to the Mason City Park Board looking for support to be able to continue his hobby of using a metal detector in East Park, but didn't find an ally there. Instead, he found a Park Board ready to ban a hobby a small segment of the population enjoys.

Well, he has an ally here. We believe that people should be allowed to use metal detectors to see what they can discover under the surface of Mason City's public areas, provided they return the ground to the condition it was before they started poking around. And from what we've seen, that's seems to be pretty much an unwritten rule among metal detector users.

Sayles delivered some items he found in East Park to the Park Board. But instead of finding support, he ran into opposition. [Article Link](#)
- What lay beneath is still off limits at New Melones, other dwindling lakes. [Article Link](#)

- Northland river robs, then relinquishes one-of-a-kind ring. [Article Link](#)
- Lost ring is a band of hope. [Article Link](#)
- Long-lost keepsakes returned after 4 decades lost. [Article Link](#)
- Circle in the sand. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector finds class ring. [Article Link](#)
- The return of the ring: Volunteer helps reunite woman with diamond engagement band lost in sand at Huntington Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Couple takes the plunge after a hitch with the ring. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Newfound meteor showers expand astronomical calendar. [Article Link](#)
- Traces of meteorite that hit Sweden 460 mn years ago found. [Article Link](#)
- This Couple Built a Meteorite Museum in the Middle of the Desert—And It's Awesome. [Article Link](#)
- Charred corpse of ALIEN found at site of 'meteor' impact which almost ended life on earth. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Archaeologists recover cannon from sunken Confederate ship. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology: Book about America's discovery gets it all wrong. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologist says he has found actual Mountain Meadows Massacre graves; it's not on LDS-owned land. [Article Link](#)

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events. Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2016 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](#)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 02, 2015 (Three Days)
Pacific Beach State Park, Washington
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Cascade Treasure Clubs Pacific Beach State Park• October 03, 2013 (Two Day)
Paducah, Kentucky
Annual Hunt
West Kentucky Treasure Preservation Society• October 03, 2015 (Two Days)
Trion, Georgia
2nd North Georgia Fall Seeded Hunt | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 09, 2015 (Four D (Four Days)
Randsburg, California
PLP Octoberfest Fundraiser
Sleepy Bear Mining & American Prospector Treasure Seeker• October 09, 2015 (Two Days)
Cullman, Alabama
42st Annual Deep South Treasure Hunt
Warrior Basin Treasure Hunters Association• October 10, 2015 (One Day)
Annapolis, Maryland
Annual Silver Frenzy Treasure Hunt
Maryland Artifact Recovery Society (MARS)• October 10, 2015 (One Day)
Washingtonville, Pennsylvania
Treasure Hunt
Susquehanna Valley Metal Detecting Club• October 10, 2015 (One Day)
Long Branch, New Jersey
24th Annual Open Beach Treasure Hunt
Deep Search Metal Detecting Club• October 10, 2015 (Two Days)
Mt. Vernon, Illinois
13th Annual Treasure Hunt
Tri-State Metal Detecting Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 11, 2015 (One Day)
Annapolis, Maryland
Club Open Hunt
Maryland Free-State Treasure Club• October 17, 2015 (One Day)
Boonville, Mississippi
10th Annual Memorial Open Relic Hunt
Tri-Sate Coin & Relic Hunters Club• October 17, 2015 (Five Days)
Duisenberg, California
2015 Duisenberg Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn• October 17, 2015 (One Day)
Irving, Texas
41st Annual Open Hunt
Lone Star Treasure Hunters Club• October 21, 2015 (Five Days)
Loudmine, Georgia
2015 Loudmine Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn• October 24, 2015 (Two Days)
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
FMDAC Fall Convention
Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeology Clubs• October 28, 2015 (Five days)
Nebo, North Carolina
2015 Vein Mountain Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn |
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