



Support The Hobby

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 August - 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: Thoughts on Responsible Metal Detecting
[Read the Complete Article](#)

The term Responsible Metal Detecting can be found in the Code of Practice on Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales a May 2006 publication. However, the term Responsible Metal Detecting in the U.S. is rarely used or defined. I have used the term in a number of articles but have never really thought about what this term encompasses. This short article will be an attempt to provide some definition for Responsible Metal Detecting.

Responsible Metal Detecting is to:

- Know and Follow the Law.
- Gain Permission.
- Apply the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics.
- Join a Metal Detecting Club and National Metal Detecting Association.
- Understand the Potential Cultural Value of Your Find.
- Volunteer Your Services to the Hobby.

Know and Follow the Law means that one should read and understand the American Antiquities Act of 1906 and Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979. Archaeological resources are part of our Nation's heritage and these two acts cover archaeological resources and their recovery on public and Indian lands.

The two acts cover all national public / Indian lands and in many cases also have been adopted either wholly or in part by many states to cover state lands. There are also additional regulations that have been developed by the USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Parks Service.

Most states also have laws that cover just state parks, beaches and recreation areas. States usually have a specific web-site where you can find out almost everything you need to know. Some states do not allow metal detecting under any situations, while most states require either verbal, written permission or a permit.

Then there are the county, city and school district laws. Each of these entities may also have laws regulation metal detecting on their specific lands. Contacting the authorities for these public entities should yield the information you need.

A good rule of thumb is if it is national, Indian land or is a historical site it is off limits to metal detecting and other lands require permission.

- MDHTALK Event Calendar
- [September](#)

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other News

- Treasure hunter reveals he found \$4.5 million in gold coins off Wabasso.
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- [Prospecting and Mining Journal \(IMCJ\) August News](#)
- [Gold Prospectors Association of America \(GPAA\) - News on](#)

- Gold fever in Victoria's Golden Triangle. [Read Article](#)
- Louisbourg boy may have found part of history. [Read Article](#)
- Do Those Guys With Metal Detectors Ever Find Treasure? [Read Article](#)
- Antiquities Looting Increases in Crisis-Stricken Greece. [Read Article](#)
- Boys find class ring with metal detector, hunt for owner. [Read Article](#)
- Group uses metal detectors to find lost wedding rings. [Read Article](#)
- Ohioville treasure hunter coins a new hobby. [Read Article](#)
- This Buried Treasure Could Be Yours: Mel Fisher's Amazing Shipwreck Finds. [Read Article](#)
- Relic hunters vital but troublesome for Civil War history. [Read Article](#)

U.K. News

- Has a lost Nazi ghost train carrying gold finally been found? Two treasure hunters think so. [Read Article](#)
- Teen finds gold bar while swimming in German Alpine lake. [Read Article](#)
- 'My precious' - Post-medieval gold ring found in Carmarthenshire declared treasure. [Read Article](#)
- Historic Celtic coin unearthed in Derbyshire. [Read Article](#)
- Pledge campaign launched for hoard of unique coins. [Read Article](#)
- The rise of detecting: Holding history in your hands. [Read Article](#)
- Nostalgia: New history of traders' tokens in the 17th century. [Read Article](#)
- Gwent metal detector finds priceless 800-year-old cross. [Read Article](#)

Legislation and Regulation Issues

- **Public Lands for the People** - Joshua Tree National Park: Eagle Mountain First Class Miners, and Minerals and Mining Advisory Council took the lead at the August 5th meeting in Joshua Tree with over 100 miners and pro-multiple land use advocates in attendance. The Environmental Lobby crowd was outnumbered by at least 2:1. We know it was impossible for most of you to attend this meeting because of your location. To those who did attend, thank you very much. We were very satisfied with the turnout numbers, and now we will ask all of you to involve yourself and your friends by submitting public comments to stop the Obama Administration from taking more land out of the public domain. The comment process is easy and will be detailed near the end of this message. [Read the Complete Press Release](#)
- **It's over for detecting in Pittsburgh Pa** - So it appears Allegheny county Pa hired park Rangers to take over the city and county parks...they have taken the applications for permits to detect off the website and are kicking detectorists out of the parks some have hunted for 35 plus years unmolested, I have seen the turf damage and garbage left by unethical detectorists and that is at least partially to blame, some TV shows and a few you-tubers that some of you like also are contributing to the issue and I'm not surprised by the recent ban on our hobby that is occurring all over and in my backyardsad to say this but I told ya so! I'm going to do my best to fight this locally. [Read the Complete Discussion](#)

legal issues for the gold prospecting community [August News](#)

- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [July News](#), [July Newsletter](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors**. Relocating Underwater Sites Easy with Acoustic Beacons. [August Press Release](#)
- **Minelab** [August Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- The crazy story of a lost, then found, wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Man helps Ocean City vacationers find (accidentally) buried treasures. [Article Link](#)
- 50-year-old Bergenfield tale has a nice ring to it. [Article Link](#)
- Ring finder returns wedding band lost in Castle Rock Lake. [Article Link](#)
- Northwood Jewelers looking for owner of a wedding band found at Maumee Bay State Park. [Article Link](#)
- Piece of the past returned to rightful owner. [Article Link](#)
- Group uses metal detectors to find lost wedding rings. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters in Tacoma help newlyweds uncover ring that fell into Puget Sound. [Article Link](#)
- Found class ring makes its way home. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Did a bright meteorite crash to earth close to Ashbourne last night? [Article Link](#)
- Meteor Watch: In Search for Lost Meteorites. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite sighting in Argentina. [Article & Video Link](#)
- There's a Fine Line Between Gift Shop Rocks and Meteorites. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- National Park Service buries report on effigy mounds scandal. [Article Link](#)
- USA: Ruins of Viking Settlement Discovered near Hudson River. [Article Link](#)
- The Roanoke Island Colony: Lost, and Found?. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists extract clues from Kiskiack's pre-colonial past. [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"> • September 02, 2015 (Five Days)
Burnt River, Oregon
2015 Burnt River Outing • September 05, 2015 (Two Days)
Butler, Ohio
Gold Rush Days
Ohio Buckeye Chapter of the GPAA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 12, 2015 (Two Days)
Foresthill, California
Annual Foresthill Heritage Celebration,
Gold Panning Championship
Auburn Goldhounds • September 12, 2015 (One Day)
Knox, New York
45th Annual Club Hunt
Empire State Metal Detector Assn • September 12, 2015 (Two Days)
Chaffee, New York
30th Annual International Treasure Hunt
Niagara Frontier Relic Hunters • September 16, 2015 (Five Days)
Scott Bar, California
2015 Scott Bar Outing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 20, 2015 (One Day)
Shelton, Washington
2015 MDAW Membership Picnic Hunt
MDAW-Metal Detecting Assn of Washington • September 20, 2015 (One Day)
Lathrop, Missouri
39th Annual Treasure Hunt
Mo-Kan Search and Recovery Club • September 23, 2015 (Five Days)
Columbia, California
2015 Italian Bar Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn • September 26, 2015 (One Day)
Jones Beach Field, New York
Super Fall Hunt |
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- **September 11, 2015** (Two Days)
Penticton, British Columbia
7th Annual Treasures in the Sand Open Hunt
Penticton Metal Detectors Club

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the Complete Event Details for September](#)

- LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **September 19, 2015** (One Day)
Lovelock, Nevada
3rd Annual Rye Patch Nugget Shoot
GPAA of Northern Nevada Reno
- **September 19, 2015** (One Day)
Milton, Massachusetts
2015 John Govoni/Charles Garrett
Memorial Open Hunt
Massachusetts Treasure Hunting Assn

- Atlantic Treasure Club
- **September 26, 2015** (One Day)
Bremerton, Washington
By the Light of the Silvery Moon Hunt
Olympic Peninsula Treasure Hunters
- **September 26, 2015** (Two Days)
Java Center, New York
17th Annual International Hunt
Genesee Valley Treasure Seekers