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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 October 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 extent 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.

A typical statement on a National Monument websites is: Metal detectors are strictly prohibited on park grounds. Relic hunting by the use of metal detectors or other means is prohibited and violators will be prosecuted. [Read the Complete Article](#)

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other News

- New Hampshire man's message in a bottle returned to his family 56 years later. [Article Link](#)
- I recommend — a hobby. [Article Link](#)
- Military vet finds new mission in life. [Article Link](#)
- Eureka! A new generation of gold miners heads for the hills. [Article Link](#)
- New treasure awaits Steamboat Arabia crew. [Article Link](#)
- Another big diamond unearthed at Arkansas state park — 2-carat stone for dad-daughter duo. [Article Link](#)
- Silver Madonna Sends Detectors on Decades long Search. [Article Link](#)
- Rio History: What's This? The Treasure Ships of Spain. [Article Link](#)

- Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [September News](#)
- Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [October News](#)
- American Mining Rights Association** is not a gold club but rather an advocacy group for miners and public land users to preserve and maintain their rights as they pertain to access to their public lands. [October News](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Third shipwreck from Luna fleet discovered. [Article Link](#)
- Ice Age Cave Dwellers in Oregon Lived Among Extinct 'Stout-Legged' Horses, Fossils Show. [Article Link](#)

- Strike it rich in fun with Highland Lakes Metal Detecting Club. [Article Link](#)
- These relic hunters find amazing stuff in the ground. [Article Link](#)
- Civil War Cannonballs Uncovered by Hurricane Have Been Detonated. [Article Link](#)
- Asian Metal Found in Alaska Reveals Trade Centuries Before European Contact. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- A day out metal detecting with the man who found the 'Malmesbury Coin Hoard'. [Article Link](#)
- Hunting for treasure in North Yorkshire - Army-style. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting group add to church roof repair fund. [Article Link](#)
- Three Bronze Age axe heads thought to be around 4,000-years-old have been found in Argyll by one of Scotland's most successful metal detectorists. [Article Link](#)
- Thousands of listed buildings damaged by crime: English Heritage. [Article Link](#)
- Rare 350-year-old gold ring found near Wotton-under-Edge declared treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Dealers Wartski buy metal detectorist's medieval ring. [Article Link](#)
- Gold and silver treasures unearthed after centuries beneath our feet. [Article Link](#)
- Amateur detectorist finds 15th century ring worth thousands in North Yorkshire village. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Ancient Meteorite Impact Rained Debris On US East Coast. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorites pummel the Moon far more than expected. [Article Link](#)
- Morning 'fireball' seen over Lake Pontchartrain was a meteor. [Article Link](#)
- Taylorlight LLC Adds Meteorite Inlays to Their Ever-Expanding Exotic Inlay Collection. [Article Link](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Colonie official finds missing WWII-era bracelet while metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Lost wedding ring found in Alberta football field, 50 years later. [Article Link](#)
- Long lost wedding ring brings back memories of marriage. [Article Link](#)
- Weymouth Man Finds Wedding Ring Missing for 26 Years. [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](#)

- **November 12, 2016** (One Day)
Grand Bay, Alabama
Sahara Shoot-out
South Alabama Historical Research
and Recovery Association

[Select here to View the Complete Event Details for November](#)