



### 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 June 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?**  
[Read the Complete Article](#) (Updated (06-18-18))

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.*

*Park rangers enforce a number of federal regulations in the park, including the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36 (36 CFR), and the United States Code, Titles 16, 18 and 21. Within 36 CFR, park superintendents are granted the right to make park-specific regulations. **36 CFR 2.1 (7)** Possessing or using a mineral or metal detector, magnetometer, side scan sonar, other metal detecting device, or sub-bottom profiler.*

### General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

### Other News

- Detecting a hobby that can have value. [Article Link](#)
- Keep a Few Coins In Your Wallet When You Go Adventuring Outdoors. [Article Link](#)
- Drain the Oceans: Sunken Treasures. [Article Link](#)
- **American Mining Rights Assn** 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. [June News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [June News](#)

- Treasure Hunter Looks for Shipwrecks Near Miami Using a Map Drawn From Space. [Article Link](#)
- Using Metal Detectors to Help Campers with Brain Injuries. [Article Link](#)
- Police 'Render Safe' Grenade in West Ky. Man Found While Metal Detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Man's hobby has a nice ring to it. [Article Link](#)
- Stealth Diggers delve deep into local history. [Article Link](#)
- Looking For Something? This Triad Metal Detectorists Club May Be Able To Help. [Article Link](#)
- Historic find: Man finds 1916 deputy badge buried in Florida park. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter Sandy Thuet at next Fireside Chat. [Article Link](#)
- Children search for treasure at Menifee's. [Article Link](#)
- Burt to the rescue as supermodel's ring is recovered. [Article Link](#)
- 4 Japanese treasure hunters arrested in Capones island. [Article Link](#)
- Who is 'E.M.L.'? Mysterious 1990 Bergenfield class ring found in Alabama. [Article Link](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors** - PT-1; Pipe Tracking Made Easy for Land and Sea [Press Release](#)
- **Lost Treasure E-Magazine June Issue**
- **PLP- Public Lands for the People June News Release**
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ) June News**
- **Western Mining Alliance May Newsletter**
- **White's Discover May/June Magazine**
- **1715 Fleet Society July Newsletter**

### Jewelry Returns

- Corwen man's wedding ring found in treasure hunt. [Article Link](#)
- Leicester man finds long-lost class ring of Cushing Academy alum. [Article Link](#)
- Wedding ring in Mission Beach sand found. [Article Link](#)
- Ardmore Man Reunited With Stolen Ring After 26 Years. [Article Link](#)
- Corwen man's wedding ring found in treasure hunt. [Article Link](#)
- The officer uses a metal detector to locate a Pennsylvania woman's missing ring. [Article Link](#)

### North America Archaeology News

- How Climate Change Could Destroy Thousands of Archaeological Sites. [Article Link](#)
- In digging for Shaker remnants, history unearthed, veterans find avenue of rehabilitation. [Article Link](#)
- Jamestown Unearthed: Cellar under church catches experts by surprise. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeological field school from SIUC discovers a previously unknown American fort. [Article Link](#)
- Conservatism took hold here 1,000 years ago. Until the people fled. [Article Link](#)

### U.K. News

- Warning over nighthawk raiders using metal detectors in search for treasure on Hadrian's Wall. [Article Link](#)
- Bomb disposal called after old mortar found in Barnoldswick. [Article Link](#)
- Precious finds at ancient Polish site. [Article Link](#)
- Man discovers 600-year-old dress fitting on mum's farm in Mablethorpe area. [Article Link](#)
- Winfarthing's Anglo-Saxon treasure to stay in Norfolk. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure trove includes relic left by 10th Century Viking raiders. [Article Link](#)
- Anglo-Saxon treasure found in Norfolk field saved for nation and will go on show at Norwich Castle. [Article Link](#)
- 'Treasure trove' discovered at ancient fort destroyed by Vikings. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure of the first Christian King of Denmark found with metal detectors. [Article Link](#)
- Detectorist finds unexploded bomb on Teignmouth seafront. [Article Link](#)

### W.W. Meteorite News

- 'It pierced the clouds': Fireball spotted blazing over Europe. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorites for sale at US\$8,000 per gram after fireball near China-Myanmar border sparks treasure hunt. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite fragments found in Yunnan after shower damages village homes. [Article Link](#)
- Meteors - what you need to know. [Article Link](#)
- The meteorite 'hunter' who greets and shelters China's visitors from the cosmos. [Article Link](#)

### PLP - Public Lands for the People June Press Release

Public Lands for the People has a long history of fighting legal battles in court and providing educational help to the mining community as well as all public land users. Much of this important history did not get transferred to the new website 3 years ago when we brought [www.publiclandforthepople.org](http://www.publiclandforthepople.org) live on line. Also, within the last couple of years, PLP won a landmark Federal case we affectionately call "The Cheerios Decision", the importance of which is explained in the accomplishments list below.

Very early in the 1990's, PLP and some individual miners worked together in good faith with the state of California to craft the 1994 Suction Dredge Regulations and permit process. PLP made concessions to help facilitate the process. Jerry Hobbs explained later that we found out the hard way that because we compromised when working with government agencies, we could never get back what we compromised on, even though it was a right, not a privilege. Because we had submitted ourselves to regulatory agencies that didn't have authority to materially interfere, only to reasonably regulate.

Take a piece of paper in your hand. That paper represents your mining rights. Fold it in half because you compromised to get along and "play nice" so you could get through the process and "get back in the water". Several years later they come back and want more. You now have a half sheet of paper to start with. Fold it in half again because you compromised on something else, but this time you started with half a sheet and you have a quarter of a sheet. It's to the point where there isn't much left. You see the same process play out with "Gun Control" advocates. They take a little bit at a time. They are content with small takings, because they are cumulative. It's the same with our mining rights and we must not give up an inch of ground!

After experiencing this hard lesson with the 1994 Suction Dredge Regulations, PLP became the 'NO COMPROMISE' mining rights advocacy group, and that principle has guided us through many, many battles in the quarter century since. Many folks within the mining community don't understand why we take such a hard line, but we must not compromise our rights away if we are going to maintain our Federally granted rights. Because

If you think the CA 1994 regs were good, what we had before that were much closer to the intent of the 1872 Mining Act. Without going into the many details; the fact that we gave up some ground in the process of the 1994 EIR and Suction Dredge Regulations, we realized we made a mistake, and we would never repeat it again.

just like freedom, mining rights once lost, are nearly impossible to get back. We shouldn't have to compromise, because the law is on our side, whether or not the judges in judiciary system recognize those laws. That's why we often say, "Let's take it back and keep it!" We must remain ever vigilant and proactive! [PLP June Complete Press Release](#)

#### Event News

##### **Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.**

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2018/19 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.

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

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- **July 06, 2018** (Three Days)  
Black Hawk, Colorado  
2018 Rush to the Rockies Open Treasure Hunt  
Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club
- **July 14, 2018** (Eight Days)  
New Stanton, Pennsylvania  
2018 Treasure Week  
Many Sponsors
- **July 21, 2018** (One Day)  
Palmer, Alaska  
42nd Annual Metal Detecting Hunt  
Alaska Treasure Seekers Society
- **July 22, 2018** (Seven Days)  
Vallonia, Indiana  
10th year Southern Indiana Treasure Fest  
Treasure Fest  
Metal Detector Manufactures
- **July 27, 2018** (Three Days)  
Nekoosa, Wisconsin  
22nd Annual Open Hunt and State Championship  
MidState Metal Detector Club
- **July 28, 2018** (One day)  
Renton, Washington  
Annual \$ilver \$hoot  
Cascade Treasure Club