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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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**The Website's featured article for this month is: Thoughts on Responsible Metal Detecting**

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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. ETC

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General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Man with metal detector finds 222-year-old coin near church. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter caught digging in Yellowstone cemetery is indicted by federal grand jury. [Article Link](#)
- The owner of a lost ring is offering a reward to help find the heirloom. [Article Link](#)
- Coastguards return to Brean beach after metal detector finds metal object. [Article Link](#)
- Brisbane tradie finds rare gold coin under tree. [Article Link](#)
- Head off on a modern day treasure hunt with these 5 activities. [Article Link](#)
- Right under our feet: Metal detecting event held in Claremont. [Article Link](#)
- Garrett Announces Acquisition. [Article Link](#)
- Lost Your Wedding Ring? A Global Network of Metal Detectorists Can Help You Find It. [Article Link](#)
- 'The Curse of Oak Island': Sneak Peek at Season 8's Discoveries (VIDEO). [Article Link](#)
- 1713 gold 'Royal' from 1715 Plate Fleet wreck in Sedwick auction. [Article Link](#)
- Jewelers restore fire-salvaged memories. [Article Link](#)
- Michigan genealogist helps link World War II artifact found in France with soldier's son in U.S. [Article Link](#)
- Deer Lake Diving. [Article Link](#)
- On the hunt: Lansing couple uses metal detectors to find, remove dangerous objects from playgrounds. [Article Link](#)
- Police: Polk woman tried to sell stolen ring back to jewelry store. [Article Link](#)
- 'It felt like a miracle': Denver woman finds lost wedding ring at Snowmass this fall. [Article Link](#)
- Proposed reforms to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill. [Article Link](#)
- Pieces of the past. [Article Link](#)
- Gold's record prices drives resurgence in prospecting activity across WA. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Two British Teens Using Metal Detectors Discovered 1,000-Year-Old Coins. [Article Link](#)
- Rare 900-year-old coin found in a Wallingford field could sell for £7,000. [Article Link](#)
- 'We knew it was special' - Teen metal detectorist finds historic coin possibly worth thousands. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting club save Blue Cross rescue dogs from metal shards. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detectorist Discovers Treasure Trove of Bronze Artefacts. [Article Link](#)
- The Detectorists is 'very realistic', says woman who discovered 1,500 year-old ancient warrior burial site. [Article Link](#)
- Illegal metal detector caught at Gosbecks Archaeological Park. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters reap rich harvest in N. Kingstown. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient warlord's skeleton and sword discovered after 1,400 years. [Article Link](#)
- Police call on the public to help protect vital heritage sites. [Article Link](#)
- Budleigh beach needs 'deep clean' after 'dangerous' nails found hidden in the pebbles. [Article Link](#)
- Heritage crime in the spotlight as police work to protect our history. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Archaeological misstep on Celestial Railroad site draws fine in Jupiter. [Article Link](#)
- 12,000-Year-Old Human Footprints Found in New Mexico. [Article Link](#)

Other News Sources

- **American Digger Relic Roundup.** For diggers and collectors of history. An hour long program every Monday Night at 9:00 PM eastern standard time. Join your hosts Butch Holcombe, Jeff Lubbert and Heath Jones as they explore the past. Learn more about Metal Detecting, Treasure hunting in all it's forms, and the preservation of history. [October Pod Cast Link](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [October News](#)
- **Garrett Searcher** [October Issue](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [October News](#)
- **Minelab** [October Newsletter](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [September News](#)
- **The Archaeology and Metal Detecting Magazine** The Archaeology and Metal detecting magazine are one of the lead online sites in their genre. Offering multiple platforms for Archaeological, Historical and metal detecting news, articles, research areas and much more. [October News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [November Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Massena man finds class ring after it was lost 55 years ago. [Article Link](#)
- Lost ring found after 50 years returned to owner. [Article Link](#)
- Oak Harbor graduate reunited with class ring lost in lake years ago. [Article Link](#)
- Actor Jon Cryer finds lost wedding ring thanks to Vancouver jewelry sleuth. [Article Link](#)
- Lucky husband finds lost wedding ring in Hampstead Heath Mixed Pond – with help of wetsuit and metal detect. [Article Link](#)
- A N.H. man lost his class ring skipping stones in 1967. His wife set out to find it 53 years later, and she did. [Article Link](#)
- Hornell native's WWII dog tag returns home. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector reunites wife with her husband's lost wedding ring after miraculously finding it buried in sand. [Article Link](#)
- New Brunswick couple reunited with wedding ring 23 years after it disappeared. [Article Link](#)
- Class ring missing since 1967 found in pond in Barrington. [Article Link](#)
- Story of lost ring leads to another reunion, 25 years after loss at Lake Sikome. [Article Link](#)
- UK: 11-year-old Indian Origin Girl Reunites Man With His Lost Wedding Ring. [Article Link](#)
- Lost ring missing for 37 years in Calgary has been reunited with its owner. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- 'It looked like fireworks, until it split into four dots': Fireball in the sky over Alaska. [Article Link](#)
- NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft lands on asteroid in bid to collect samples. [Article Link](#)
- Bright fireball widely seen over northeastern Mexico.

- The last known slave ship has spent 160 years under the Mobile River. Can it be preserved? [Article Link](#)
- UNF Archaeologists Find Ancient Artifact. [Article Link](#)
- U.S. Archaeological Sites Tell Stories, Leave Mysteries. [Article Link](#)
- Tribes, archaeologists are working to identify sites in Greater Chaco for protections from oil and gas. [Article Link](#)
- What Archaeologists Know About The Human Remains Discovered In Burlington. [Article Link](#)

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- 'It's Been A Long Time Since We've Seen Something Like This'; Meteor That Lit Up Pittsburgh Skies Was Seen In 15 States. [Article Link](#)

**Treasure Hunter Caught Digging in Yellowstone Cemetery is Indicted by Federal Grand Jury. [Web Link](#)**

**By Michael Bartiromo, Fox News**

There are just some places you shouldn't dig for a treasure. And a historic cemetery, inside a national park, is very much one of those places.

A Utah man has been formally indicted on charges of unlawfully excavating and damaging the Fort Yellowstone Cemetery in Wyoming between October 2019 and May 2020, allegedly in search of a hidden chest containing gold, gems and rare coins.

Rodrick Dow Craythorn, 52, appeared in federal court Thursday, where he pleaded not guilty to the two charges — one of which alleges that he willingly and knowingly attempted to “excavate, remove, damage, alter and deface” archaeological resources, and another which alleges he willfully intended to “damage, injure, and commit depredation against property belonging to the United States,” the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Wyoming, wrote in a news release.

Craythorn will next appear at trial on Dec. 14, in Casper, Wyoming.

The Attorney’s Office added that Craythorn was in search of a treasure chest hidden by Forrest Fenn, a New Mexico art dealer who publicly announced in 2010 that he had hidden a cache of gold, jewels and more jewels in the Rocky Mountain area. This announcement, which came by way of a book containing clues to the whereabouts of the treasure, kicked off a decade-long search in the Rocky Mountains and surrounding areas.

The treasure was eventually discovered in Wyoming in June 2020. Fenn died a few months later, in September.

Craythorn’s case isn’t the first incident of controversy sparked by the hunt for the Fenn treasure. Over the last decade, several people have died while allegedly in search of the chest. Other incidents of burglary or unlawful digging on private land have also prompted police to ask Fenn to call off the hunt.

Upon its discovery in 2020, Fenn publicly announced that “the search is over.”

“It was under a canopy of stars in the lush, forested vegetation of the Rocky Mountains and had not moved from the spot where I hid it more than 10 years ago,” said Fenn on his website. “I do not know the person who found it, but the poem in my book led him to the precise spot.”

**Event News**

**Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.**

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2021 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.

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- **November 14, 2020** (One Day)  
Lodwick, Texas  
Ghost Town Hunt  
Texas Assn of Metal Detecting Clubs hosting a TAMDC Members Only

**Check out your event before going it may have been postponed or canceled.**

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