



## ORANGE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION METAL DETECTOR USE GUIDELINES

### Metal Detecting Conditions

- Lifetime permits are granted for Metal Detecting at all eligible sites only.
- Parents or guardians are responsible for signing applications for their minor children.
- Metal detecting activities should not contribute to trail-blazing and should not be conducted in prohibited areas or areas where activity is discouraged (wetlands, environmentally-sensitive areas, archaeological sites, areas of historical significance or within any facility or structure).
- When metal detecting, the surrounding environment shall not be disturbed. The cutting of vegetation is prohibited.
- A hand tool for digging purposes is permitted. Holes should be no more than six-inches in depth.
- Any holes created must be refilled immediately. Failure to comply with this condition will result in the revocation of the user Agreement and Metal Detecting Permit.
- Metal detecting shall be conducted in patron-use areas only. All park structures shall be utilized appropriately during any search.
- Any actions that result in the harassment, endangerment, or death of any wildlife constitute grounds for immediate termination of the Agreement, loss of lifetime Metal Detecting privilege, expulsion from the park site and, additionally, may result in action by law enforcement.
- Metal detecting must take place within known park boundaries and cannot be conducted within 1,000 feet of neighboring houses or commercial industries adjacent to park perimeters.
- Metal detecting must take place during established park operating hours.
- All local regulations and ordinances must be followed while metal detecting.
- All Orange County Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations must be followed while on park property.
- Metal detecting is prohibited in construction areas.
- Metal detecting may not be permitted in partnership properties or lands not owned by Orange County.
- If physical signs of activity are impacting an approved location, management has the right to request that metal detecting activity cease in this area.
- Any person(s) found in violation of the above conditions may be restricted from metal detecting for up to one-year (1) at any Orange County Park or Recreation Site.
- Orange County Parks and Recreation is not liable for any damage to personal metal detectors from weather, vandalism, natural disaster, etc. or management activities conducted by the County or its contractors.

# Metal Detector Use Application

An Orange County Parks and Recreation *Metal Detector Use Permit* is required for individuals wishing to utilize a metal detector at approved Orange County Parks and Recreation sites. To obtain a permit, please complete this form in full and forward it to:

Orange County Parks and Recreation Division  
ATTN: Metal Detecting  
4801 West Colonial Drive  
Orlando, FL 32808  
FAX: 407-296-5159  
Scanned documents: [parks@ocfl.net](mailto:parks@ocfl.net)  
For questions, please contact 407-836-6200

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City, State ZIP

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **initial** next to each statement. By initialing, you are accepting the rules/regulations governing metal detector use.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all items found utilizing a metal detector must be reported to park staff.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that park staff may confiscate any item I have discovered if said item(s) have been reported as lost or stolen.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that any item I have discovered that is deemed as a historical artifact may be kept by the park.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have received a copy of and agree to adhere to the Orange County Parks and Recreation Metal Detector Use Guidelines.

## HOLD HARMLESS/INSURANCE AGREEMENT

I certify by signing this application that the above is true and correct.

The User will indemnify and hold harmless Orange County and the Orange County Sheriff's Office harmless against all claims, damages, loss and expenses, including court costs and attorney fees, resulting from the occupancy of the Park by the User, its agents, servants, invitees and guests under this license.

The User will take all reasonable precautions for the safety of, and will provide reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to all persons and property in the Park. The User will comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, or other orders regarding the safety of persons or property, or their protection from damage, injury, or loss.

The Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, P.S. 73 2260.101 *et seq.*, and other applicable state and federal laws permit the use of electronic signatures. By signing below, I agree to the terms of the waiver above, and further agree that my electronic signature is the legally binding equivalent to my handwritten signature. Whenever I execute an electronic signature, it has the same validity and meaning as my handwritten signature. I will not, at any time in the future, repudiate the meaning of my electronic signature or claim that my electronic signature is not legally binding.

I have read the conditions governing this Agreement and the accompanying Guidelines and Conditions and agree to abide by them in my operations pursuant to this Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

## OFFICE USE ONLY

- Approved
- Denied: Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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PROGRAM MANAGER SIGNATURE DATE