

METAL DETECTORS GUIDELINES

1. The use of metal detectors is limited to developed parks that do not contain any designated archeological sites or are not designated Natural Areas. Individual parks, in their entirety, are off-limits. This list may be amended at any time by the Director of Leisure Services.
2. A Permit Request Form must be submitted and signed, acknowledging receipt and understanding of Metal Detectors policies.
3. The Leisure Services Department will issue a permit. Permits are limited to six (6) months in duration.
4. Use is prohibited in the following locations.
 - ball fields, including open playfield areas utilized for practice,
 - fenced sites that generally require permission to access
 - metal detection in cemeteries is prohibited
5. A metal detector permit does not reserve a park area. Activities may not occur in areas where someone holds a park reservation permit or during special events in the park.
6. No tools for digging of any kind are allowed.
7. A litter apron or bag is worn or carried during metal detector use. All litter is disposed of in trash containers or removed from the site.
8. If an archeological artifact is found, the metal detecting activity shall cease. The permit holder shall promptly notify the Leisure Services Department.
9. The Director of Leisure Services may approve the use of a metal detector in areas where their use is typically prohibited, only upon special arrangement, when a specific item is lost or to assist with official investigations.
10. All other park policies must be followed.
11. A copy of the permit must be in possession of the permit holder when using a metal detector. The permit holder must have photo identification. The City of Perry authorities may review the permit and check on activity if actions are questionable.
12. Failure to follow established procedures will cause the permit to be revoked and may cause civil action if warranted.

Metal Detectors Code of Ethics

- (1) Respect the rights and properties of others.
- (2) Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
- (3) Never destroy priceless historical or archaeological treasures.
- (4) Leave land and vegetation as it was.
- (5) Remove all trash and litter when you leave.
- (6) Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others.

For more information about metal detecting in the City of Perry, please contact the Leisure Services Office at (478) 988-2860.