

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation

Metal Detecting Policy

In order for the general public to perform metal detecting activities on Springfield Township Parks and Recreation properties, an individual will need to acquire a permit from the Parks and Recreation Department prior to starting said activities. It is preferred that permit holder come in person to the Parks and Recreation office to obtain the permit so that office staff is able to talk to the individual since the permit potentially could allow someone to tear up a piece of grass or land, potentially injuring someone else.

A Metal Detector Use Application must be submitted by each individual must in order to obtain a permit from the Department.

Metal Detecting Rules:

1. Metal detecting is allowed with a permit from the Parks and Recreation Department in any of the Township Parks, however it is not allowed on any sport field or areas where the activity is discouraged (wetlands, environmentally-sensitive areas, archaeological sites, areas of historical significance).
2. Parents or guardians are responsible for signing an Application for their minor child.
3. When metal detecting, the surrounding environment shall not be disturbed. Destroying, damaging or removing any tree, shrub, wildflower or other vegetation or property without the permission of the Parks and Recreation Department is prohibited.
4. A hand tool for digging purposes is permitted. Holes should be not 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 Metal Detecting Permit.
5. Large-scale digging to retrieve objects shall not be allowed unless authorized as part of a Department archeological research project.
6. Any actions that result in the harassment, endangerment, or death of any wildlife constitute grounds for immediate termination of Metal Detecting Permit and may result in additional actions.
7. All Park Rules and Regulations must be abided at all times.

8. While out metal detecting, an individual may not interfere with a reserve activity, organized sporting activity, or other park uses.
9. Metal detecting must take place during established park operating hours.
10. If Park Staff observe a problem or has a concern they have the right to stop you or ask you to leave whether you have a permit or not.
11. Metal detecting permit must be carried with you, otherwise if approached by Park Staff you may be asked to leave and obtain a permit from the office.
12. Once issued, permits are good for one year.
13. If physical signs of activity are impacting an approved location, the Parks and Recreation Department has the right to request that metal detecting activity cease in that area.
14. Springfield Township 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 Township or its contractors.
15. Failure of an individual to abide by the rules and regulations will result in the revocation of the permit and necessary legal action.

Metal Detector Use Application

A Springfield Township Parks and Recreation *Metal Detector Use Application* is required for an individual to utilize a metal detector at any Springfield Township Parks and Recreation site. Multiple parks can be approved on one application. If you have any questions, please contact (248) 846-6558

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Park Name(s): _____

Please initial next to each statement. By initialing, you are accepting the rules/regulations governing metal detector use at the above named site(s):

_____ I understand that all items found while utilizing a metal detector must be reported to park staff.

_____ I understand that park staff may confiscate any item I have discovered if said items(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 the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Metal Detecting Policy and agree to adhere with said Policy.

Hold Harmless/Insurance Agreement

The User will indemnify and hold harmless Springfield Township Parks and Recreation from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the occupancy of the Park by the User, its agents, servants, invitees and guests under this license.

The User will take all responsible 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 of loss.

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.

Print Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only

Date Application Received: _____

Approved

Denied: Reason: _____

Program Manager Signature

Date