

POLICY

USE OF METAL DETECTORS

Williamson County, Tennessee was the location of the historical Battle of Franklin occurring during the Civil War. The historical significance of Williamson County is an essential part of Williamson County, who strives to preserve the historical significance as well as the historical items that may be located on park property. For these reasons, the following policy concerning the use of metal detectors must be adhered.

The use of any mineral or metal detecting device capable of detecting the underground location of metal, geological, archaeological, or any historical objects or materials is strictly prohibited except for an individual engaged in a limited search for a lost item under supervision of a Park Superintendent. The destroying, digging, cutting, removing, defacement, alteration, or possession of any tree, shrub, or other plant or removal of any small item or materials is prohibited within any county park or upon any county property. Any recovered item(s) must be presented and reported to the Park Superintendent. All property found that is not the lost item described by the individual shall be turned over to the Park Superintendent and shall be deemed Williamson County property. Permission to use a metal detector to find lost items is granted in the sole discretion of the Parks and Recreation Director and any property that is damaged looking for the lost item shall be the responsibility of the individual.

Should permission be granted by Williamson County Parks and Recreation, the metal detectorists shall not disturb sprinkler heads, pipes, irrigation system components, or any other infrastructure above or below ground. Individuals damaging or destroying Williamson County property shall be responsible for all costs to repair or replace the property. Any permissible metal detecting shall not interfere with reserved activities, organized sporting activities, or other park users or activities. A hand tool for digging purposes is permitted. Holes shall 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 metal detecting approval.

The following uses shall be exempted from the prohibitions contained in paragraph B, but shall still be subject to paragraph C.

1. A County approved archeological or historical investigation.
2. Educational based program or class.
3. State sponsored historical endeavors.
4. Request by a local law enforcement agencies conducting an investigation.

Any questions concerning this policy shall be directed to the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department.