

Metal Detectors in City of Branson Parks

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The use of a metal detector in any park owned or operated by the City of Branson shall be allowed, subject to the metal detectorist's adherence to each and all of the following terms, conditions and regulations.

1. Metal detectorists actively using metal detectors are expected to be ambassadors for their hobby and should observe the highest standards of respect for persons and property at all times. Metal detectorists shall not interfere with reserved activities, organized sporting activities, or other park users or activities. Metal detectorists are prohibited from digging in athletic fields/infields.
2. Metal detectorists shall not disturb sprinkler heads, pipes, irrigation system components, or any other infrastructure above or below ground. Persons damaging or destroying city property, whether purposefully or inadvertently, shall be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement.
3. Metal detectorists shall have access only to areas open to the general public. Metal detectorists entering closed or restricted areas may be subject to trespassing or other criminal charges.
4. Only probes shorter than eight inches (8") and one-fourth inch (1/4") across may be used to dig. Metal detectorists shall not dig with knives, trowels, or other sharp or destructive implements.
5. Plugs of earth or sod shall not be removed from the ground. Retrieval of an object from the ground shall occur by cutting a neat flap without removing the plug entirely, extraction of the object, and carefully reinstating the grass, sand or soil.
6. Metal detectorists shall abide by all City of Branson ordinances and Branson Parks & Recreation rules and regulations.

Please direct questions related to this policy to the Branson Parks & Recreation Department at (417)335-2368.