

RECREATION AND PARKS DIRECTIVE #39

TITLE: Use of Metal Detectors in Parks

DIRECTIVE: Guidelines for use of metal detectors are outlined on the permit and information paper (copies attached). Staff must make it clear to metal detector users that any items found are county property (number 6 under *Basic Rules* of the *Metal Detector Permit*). The following parks are available for metal detector permits.

Belmont Park	Hannah More Park	Miami Beach
Charlesmont Park	Hillcrest Park	Oregon Ridge Park
Double Rock Park	Loch Raven Center	Rocky Point Park
Gwynn Oak Park	Merritt Park	Seminary Park

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Originated 8/1/89

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

METAL DETECTOR PERMIT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Make of Car: _____ License #: _____

Metal Detector Club Membership (if any): _____

Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____

Exception Dates: _____

Signature of Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks Representative

RULES

1. The local recreation and parks staff member may issue a permit for up to 90 days.
2. All vehicles are to be parked in Park parking lots or street next to the Park.
3. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
4. Metal detectors allowed only in designated areas, during park operating hours.
 - A. No metal detection is allowed on ball diamonds or athletic fields.
 - B. Metal detectors cannot disrupt other park users.
5. All digging areas must be restored before leaving Park. Only hand held trowels and scoops may be used when digging. Any dirt removed should be laid on a plastic sheet next to the hole, and then returned to the hole with sod tamped down when finished. Digging at a depth lower than 6" is prohibited.
6. **Ownership rights of property found, i.e., "treasure trove", are retained by Baltimore County and any such items found are not the property of the finder but must instead be turned over to County authorities.**
7. Copy of permit should be kept on person who is metal detecting. Permits are non transferable.
8. If a Department of Recreation and Parks representative is on duty in the Park, report to that person and show your permit.

I agree to the above regulations,

Signature

Date

Distribution:

Original- Metal Detector User

Copy- Community Recreation and Parks Office

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