

## City of Merriam Parks and Recreation Metal Detecting Policy



The City of Merriam Parks and Recreation Department prides itself in providing first class recreational opportunities to the citizens of Merriam. While staff strives to provide a wide range of experiences within the park system, it is important to ensure all users have a positive experience.

### **METAL DETECTING / TREASURE HUNTING CODE OF ETHICS**

Those who wish to participate in metal detection / treasure hunting are asked to follow the following Code of Ethics:

- a. Respect city property.
- b. Appreciate and protect heritage of natural resources.
- c. Remove and dispose of any trash.
- d. Do not destroy property, buildings or structures.
- e. Do not tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.

### **METAL DETECTING POLICY**

Merriam Parks and Recreation allows for metal detecting under the following guidelines:

1. Digging by hand implements only (e.g. trowel). Small probes or sand sieves are acceptable. Digging is limited to 3 inches in depth and 3 inches in width. Return ground to holes and restore area to original condition as much as possible. Recommendation is to preserve the “plug” of ground that is removed, then placed back in hole for minimum disruption to turf and no noticeable impact to park property resulting from metal detecting activity.
2. A litter apron or bag is to be worn or carried during metal detector use. All litter discovered shall be disposed of in trash containers or removed from site.
3. If an object of historical or archaeological value or interest is found, the metal detecting activity shall cease, and park staff notified.
4. Plants and trees may not be dislodged or have their roots disturbed.
5. Metal detecting is prohibited in landscaped locations or if causing interference of the enjoyment of other park users.
6. Metal detecting hours are daily from sunrise to sunset.