



ELKHART COUNTY PARKS

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METAL DETECTING POLICY #13-2 JULY 2013

The Elkhart County Park Ordinance No. 12-177 Section 7 (B) states that “it shall be unlawful for any person to displace, excavate, carry away, otherwise or modify the arrangement of soil, sand, gravel, stone, rock, asphalt, or other ground material within any park”. We do recognize the use of a metal detecting device as a recreational pursuit or serviceable tool but only in a very limited basis within our parks.

- I. Metal detecting may be used **ONLY** in established parking areas within our park areas.
 - A. Metal detecting must only be done on the surface.
 - B. No disturbing the ground.
 - C. A permit will be issued for this activity free of charge
- II. Metal detecting may be used in other limited public use areas with a special use permit issued by park administration to the owners of lost items in a designated park.
- III. Permits issued must be in the possession of the user while in the parks.
- IV. All metal detector users must abide by all park rules and regulations. Violations of this policy or the park ordinance may result in revocation of the user’s permit. Penalty for the violation is a minor misdemeanor and may result in a court citation and fine.
- V. All detecting in the Elkhart County Park and Recreation property must follow the codes as set forth in the American Antiquities Act of 1906 16 USC 431-433 and the Indiana Antiquities Act IC 14-21.



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Metal Detecting Permit

Applicant Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone or Cell _____

My signature indicates I have read, and agree to abide by the Elkhart County Park and Recreation Metal Detecting Policy, Park Ordinance, and all applicable state and national laws.

Applicant Signature Applicant Name Printed Date

Issued by _____ Permit Expiration Date _____

Location of Permit _____

Adopted and approved July 8, 2013