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Metal Detector Permit and Regulations City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department

1. Use of metal detectors is limited to developed parks that do not contain any designated archeological sites or are not designated Natural Areas. Certain parks, in their entirety, are off limits. This list may be amended at any time by the Director of Parks and Recreation. Use is prohibited in the following parks and general locations:
 - a. Nifong Park, Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary, Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area, Bear Creek Nature Area located in Cosmo Park
 - b. Athletic fields, including open playfield areas utilized for practice
 - c. Fenced locations or sites that normally require an entry fee for access
 - d. Golf courses: LA Nickell Golf Course and all of Lake of the Woods Recreation Area
 - e. Landscaped beds
 - f. Park construction sites
2. Metal detecting at Stephens Lake Park swimming beach shall be from 7:00 am to 10:00 am. only.
3. A metal detector permit does not reserve a park area. Activities may not occur in areas where someone holds a park reservation permit or during special events in the park.
4. Only “probes” such as a screwdriver no larger than 3/8” diameter are allowed. Shovels, trowels, plug cutters and knives are not permitted. Metal must be removed with minimal sod disturbance. Sod may not be lifted in any manner. There should be no noticeable impact to park property resulting from metal detecting activity.
5. A litter apron or bag is to be worn or carried during metal detector use and all litter disposed of in trash containers or removed from site.
6. If an archeological artifact is found, the metal detecting activity shall cease and the permit holder shall promptly notify the Parks and Recreation Department.
7. The Director of Parks and Recreation may approve use of a metal detector in areas where their use is normally prohibited, only upon special arrangement, in cases when a specific item is lost or to assist with official investigations.
8. All other park policies must be followed.
9. A copy of this permit must be in possession of permit holder when using metal detector and permit holder must have photo identification. Park Rangers may review permit and check on activity. If actions are questionable, as per the Ranger, metal detecting should cease immediately until situation is clarified.
10. Failure to follow established procedures will cause permit to be revoked and may cause civil action if warranted.

Applicant Information

Permit Holder: (Name and Address) _____

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

To be completed by Parks & Recreation Office:

Permit is valid from: _____

Authorized Parks & Recreation Signature: _____ **Date Signed:** _____

Approved Permit Email to: _____ **Mailed:** _____