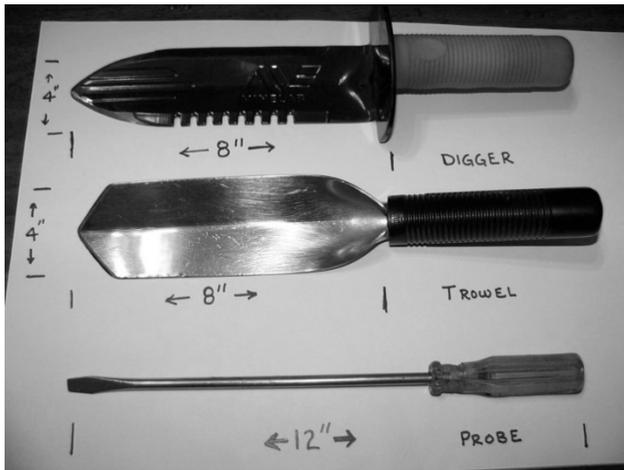


Metal Detecting Policy

City of O'Fallon Parks and Recreation Department

The use of metal detectors is allowed within City of O'Fallon parks, free of charge and without a permit, as long as the user complies with the following provisions:

- a. To minimize disruption of the ground and maximize restoration of the area, the only permissible excavating tools are hand tools that are no longer than four (4) inches in width and twelve (12) inches in length. Shovels and long handled tools are prohibited.



- b. Disturbed areas must be returned to their original condition so there is no noticeable impact to the park property resulting from the metal detecting activity. All trash and scrap metals detected must be removed and placed in appropriate trash/recycle receptacles.
- c. Metal detecting activities must not interfere with other park uses, events or activities.
- d. Park areas with prohibitions or restrictions for metal detecting are as follows:
 - i. Metal detecting is prohibited in historical areas and archaeological sites in Fort Zumwalt and Dames Parks; inside TR Hughes Stadium; as well as in all decorative landscaped beds containing plantings.
 - ii. Surface detecting only (no digging or probing) is allowed on athletic fields in Dames, Ozzie, Westhoff and Sports Parks; on irrigated lawns at City Hall, the Veterans Memorial Walk and in front of TR Hughes Stadium; and in areas where power lines, water lines, sewer lines, telephone lines/cables, etc. are known to be buried.
- e. Permission for the temporary use of metal detectors in areas with restrictions will be considered by the Director of Parks and Recreation upon request. Requests for permission should be submitted to the attention of the Director at the Parks and Recreation Office, 400 Civic Park Drive, or by e-mail at ldavis@ofallon.mo.us. The request will be processed within a maximum of two business days, and a written list of

any parameters will be provided. Reasons for granting such a request may include, but would not necessarily be limited to, things such as:

- i. The search for a missing item.
 - ii. A City approved archeological or historical investigation.
 - iii. A request by a local Police Department conducting an investigation.
- f. We request that items found meeting the following criteria be turned into the City of O'Fallon Parks and Recreation Department for further review and so that attempts can be made to find the original owner as appropriate:
 - i. Items of archeological or historical significance.
 - ii. Identifiable personal property, including jewelry, which does not belong to the finder.
- g. Items turned into the City will be handled in the following manner:
 - i. Items of archeological or historical significance will be evaluated by the City for retention and display in City facilities, or donation to a local historic organization as deemed appropriate. The person locating the object will be given credit for the find upon request.
 - ii. Identifiable personal property will be returned to the rightful owner when possible.
 - iii. Items not claimed and not being retained by the City will be handled in accordance with our current Lost and Found procedure.
- h. These provisions will be enforced by City of O'Fallon Parks and Recreation employees, Park Rangers and Police Officers.
- i. A copy of this policy will be posted at www.ofallon.mo.us/parks&rec/policies on the City's website, and will be mailed upon request.