



May I Search?

I'd like to ask your permission to metal detect for old coins in or near your property at your convenience. This is simply a hobby and I have answered questions below:

Why did I give you this note? Since most old lands are private now, I made this note to help find opportunities to continue my hobby without trespassing. I respect all property owner's rights when I search and follow a strict code of ethics (below.)

Who am I? I am _____, and

I live in _____

My phone number is _____

Will this damage my yard or property? *No!* I use a special "coin probe" which looks like a brass ice pick, combined with a screwdriver or coin knife. I am *extremely* careful not to damage grass (otherwise I've done nothing but spoil my reputation!)

Why do I metal detect? It's a wholesome hobby. I collect old coins, and this is just part of that. I've been metal detecting for years, and I do it to relax, like fishing. I started doing it back when I was a Boy Scout and have been hooked ever since!

Who gets to keep what is found? I like to agree on this with the property owner ahead of time. Generally the homeowner keeps all non-coin finds, like jewelry, and I take all coins for my collection. All junk is removed and thrown away (your yard will be safer when I'm done, and you may find a family heirloom!)

How does a metal detector work? A metal detector sends and receives radio signals much like a cordless phone. It uses a special hoop to guide the radio signals into the ground. When the radio signal detects a coin, the detector tells me. You can try it!

How long will it take? Generally, it takes about 10 minutes per 100 square feet, but I will stay *only* as long as you wish. You are free to watch or try it yourself! If the soil is too dry, I will not continue, because grass is more prone to damage when it's dry.

I follow the Metal Detector's Code of Ethics:

- I WILL respect private property and do no coin searching without the owner's permission.
- I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.
- I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.
- I WILL leave gates as found and be mindful of flowers, trees, and other landscaping.
- I WILL remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find.
- I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I WILL follow all instructions agreed to with the property owner.