



WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

960 Wentz Road Blue Bell, PA 19422



METAL DETECTING PERMIT APPLICATION

Permits and Permit Holders shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The use of a metal detector requires a permit. Permits are only issued to Whitpain Township residents.
2. There is an annual permit fee of \$30.
3. Permits are issued for the calendar year (Jan 1- December 31).
4. Applicants are limited to one permit per calendar year for one park.
5. Metal detecting is only permitted in certain parks or specific areas within parks (no trails unless specifically allowed, sports fields, dog park, "active" areas as defined in the assigned permit).
6. Metal detecting shall be limited to the following parks or open space:
 - a. Armentrout Preserve
 - b. Wurtz Tract
 - c. Mermaid Lake Park
 - i. Along mown trails. Excludes meadows.
 - d. Prophecy Creek Park
 - i. Along mown trails. Excludes meadows.
 - ii. Outside of Manor House 5-acre premise.
 - e. Wentz Run Park
 - i. Excludes all active areas, including sports fields, playground, and gazebo lawn.
7. List of acceptable grounds may be updated annually and modified as necessary by Parks and Recreation Staff.
8. Metal detecting may only take place during normal park hours in park areas open to the public as specified by the permit.
9. Metal detecting is not permitted along Township trails unless specifically permitted and identified in permit.
10. Metal detectors may not be used in landscaped areas.
11. Metal detecting may not take place in locations that will encourage erosion or trail damage.
12. Metal detectors may not be used on any prehistoric or historic archaeological site or at any human burial location. Permit Holder shall report the discovery of items of significant historical value to the Township. No person shall collect, excavate, injure, destroy, or appropriate prehistoric or historic artifacts or human skeletal remains from parks.
13. All surfaces disturbed by digging must be immediately restored.
14. There shall be no digging where it could disturb a Heritage Tree, as defined in the park policy.
15. Only short probing rods and garden trowels (or similar garden tools that are small and have short handles) are allowed. No shovels, spades, or similar implements may be used. Tools larger than 1.5" wide by 6" long may not be used to dig.
16. Holes shall be limited to 3 inches in diameter; no hole shall be dug more than 5 inches deep, and all holes must be refilled. Repairs must not be detectable. For turf areas, leave one edge of sod plug attached so it can be folded back into refilled hole.
17. Permit Holder must carry approved permit while metal detecting and present approved permit to Township staff if asked.
18. It is the Permit Holder's responsibility to remain on Township property.
19. The Permit Holder is required to comply with all standard park rules as posted, including areas not open to the public, and standard terms and conditions posted on our website and permit.
20. Operators of a metal detector shall wear or carry a litter apron or bag, and all litter found is to be deposited in an approved trash receptacle.
21. Operators may keep any non-identifiable items with a nominal value of less than \$25.00. Identifiable items, such as rings, watches, etc., and all other items of value that may exceed \$25.00 are to be returned to the Township Parks and Recreation Department. These provisions apply to all lost and found articles including those found without the aid of a metal detector.
22. All historical, archeological, or paleontological items found are to be left undisturbed and their location reported to the Township.
23. The Permit Holder is responsible for all injuries they incur while metal detecting.



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The use of metal detecting devices is a privilege. Whitpain Township reserves the right to revoke permit if permit holder is not abiding by the rules and regulations. Metal detecting permits are only available to Whitpain Township residents.

Please Print – All Fields Required

Name _____ DOB _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number (H) _____ (C) _____

Email Address _____

Choose One – Available on a first come, first served basis

Armentrout Preserve Mermaid Lake Park Prophecy Creek Park

Wentz Run Park Wurtz Tract

Notes _____

By signing this document, I hereby agree to abide by all metal detection program rules and regulations and other park rules and regulations.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parks and Recreation Use Only

Permit Year _____ Permit Fee _____ Check Number _____ or Cash / Credit Card (circle one)

Department Approval _____ Date _____

Notes _____