



City of Monroe

Department of Recreation

Metal Detecting Guidelines for City of Monroe Parks

All federal and state antiquity laws must be obeyed. Persons finding valuable articles who wish to keep the articles in their possession must comply with the State Laws regarding the finding of valuable property.

Metal detecting in all areas of Munson Park is prohibited.

If you find an item of **possible historic or cultural significance**, leave the item where you found it. Please contact the Recreation Dept at (734) 384-9193. When in doubt, it shall assumed that the item has historical significance

All articles found in parks of value must be turned over to the City of Monroe Police Department. These items may be returned to the finder in cases where the rightful owner does not claim same within the statutory time frame (See Chapter 514, Property Abandoned, of the Code of Monroe).

The tools to probe and dig for items are limited to the use of an ice pick, screwdriver, or small knife. The use of larger digging tools is prohibited.

Holes shall be no more than six-inches in depth. Any holes created shall be filled immediately, and all turf, dirt, etc. must be left in the original condition after digging. **Failure to restore a dig site may result in a fine or other restitution in accordance with Chapter 519, Property Damage, of the Code of Monroe.**

The cutting of vegetation and driving of motor vehicles to the digging site is prohibited.

Prohibited areas include any manicured lawn or sports turf; on or within 10 feet on either side of a walking trail, and landscape beds/areas.

Metal detecting in large groups is discouraged, especially at neighborhood parks due to the limited size and availability of resources.

The City of Monroe makes no claims in regard to the safety of metal detecting related excavation activities. Individuals are responsible for ascertaining that excavations will not in any way interfere with buried utilities and shall be responsible for any damage caused by excavation activities.

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