

Metal Detecting Guidelines for City of Olathe Park Properties

General:

Metal detecting is allowable at certain locations on City of Olathe park property. Metal detectors may not be used on any historic site or at any human burial locations as these areas are protected by state and federal laws.

Guidelines:

These guidelines are applicable only on City of Olathe park properties. Violations of these guidelines may result in loss of privilege to use metal detectors on City of Olathe parklands.

Locations for use:

Metal detectors may be used at the following locations, provided this activity does not interfere with the public use of the facilities:

- The surrounding areas adjacent to:
 - picnic shelters (only when shelter is vacant)
 - parking lots
 - boat ramp
 - skate and court areas
 - playgrounds

May not be used at:

- Olathe Memorial Cemetery
- Heritage Center and Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Museum
- Lone Elm Park
- Ensor Farm & Museum
- Landscaped flower and shrub beds
- Inside the fenced areas on ball fields
- Manicured lawn areas surrounding all city buildings

Extracting Objects:

- Digging by hand implements only (e.g. trowel). Small probes or sand sieves are acceptable.
- Digging limited to 6 inches in depth and 6 inches in width
- Return ground to holes and restore area to original condition as much as possible. Recommendation is to preserve the “plug” of ground that is removed, then placed back in hole for minimum disruption to turf