



## Marion County Board of County Commissioners

### Parks & Recreation

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## Metal Detecting Rules and Guidelines

The use of metal detectors in County owned/managed park facilities may only be performed as permitted by the Parks & Recreation Director, or designee. The following requirements must be met and adhered to in order for metal detecting to be permitted:

- **The user must obtain a Metal Detecting Park Pass by submitting an application through the Parks & Recreation office. Call 352-671-8560 for more information. Metal Detecting Park Pass is available for \$10 plus tax and administrative fee.**
- Pass must clearly be visible on the pass holder while metal detecting.
- Metal detecting activity may only occur during the normal operating hours.
- Items of archeological or cultural significance may not be kept. Discovery of such items must be reported to the Park Ranger immediately.
- Metal detectors or digging tools are not permitted at Horseshoe Lake Park & Retreat, Fort King National Historic Landmark or any County owned/maintained sports fields.
- Metal detectors or digging tools are not permitted in areas that may be deemed significant. A significant area is one that may contain historically and/or culturally significant items or an area related to a certain crime.
- If restricted items are kept, or use of metal detecting or diggings tools are used in restricted areas, applicable penalties may be enforced.
- Metal detecting activity must not disturb other guests.
- Where holes are made to extract found items, each hole must be backfilled and compacted to prevent injury and to prevent further damage to the site.