

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A METAL DETECTING / RELIC HUNTING PERMIT, YOU MAY FILL OUT AN APPLICATION AT THE NEGAUNEE POLICE DEPARTMENT DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS (MON – FRI, 9AM TO 4PM). CALL (906)475-4154 WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS.

The Areas of Permitted Metal Detecting/Relic Hunting Activity Include City-Owned Property Including Parks and “Old Town” Area

The following are the rules and regulations for Metal Detecting activities:

Definitions:

- “Recent Coins” shall mean coins still in common circulation and/or of a value of less than \$25 (“Nominal Value”).
- “Significant Object(s)” shall mean any object of an historical, paleontological, or archaeological nature, or any coin or object whose value significantly exceeds its face value. A Recent Coin is not a Significant Object.
- “Ball Fields” shall mean areas designated for athletic activities including but not limited to baseball, softball, soccer, football, other sporting activity fields and bleacher/dugout areas etc.

Permit Conditions:

1. Metal detecting activity on the City of Negaunee’s Parks and Recreational properties requires a valid permit from the City of Negaunee. Permits are available from the Negaunee Police Department M-F 8am-4pm.
2. All recovered Significant Objects must be reported to the Negaunee Police Department (906-475-4154) within 48 hours of finding. Applicant shall submit a photo of the Significant Object to the Negaunee Police Department upon request. The Negaunee Police Chief will determine whether to retain title and possession of the recovered Significant Object(s).
3. Every reasonable effort will be made by the City of Negaunee to publicly display all such recovered Significant Objects retained by the Negaunee Police Department. Such displays shall include appropriate acknowledgements regarding Applicant’s involvement.
4. Any identifiable property found by Applicant (such as jewelry or other tangible items) must be turned over to the Negaunee Police Department where applicable procedures will be followed. The Negaunee Police Department will provide the Applicant with a receipt and hold the object(s) for a determined period of time while Applicant assists the Negaunee Police Department in locating the proper owner of the lost property.
5. Applicant shall show all found objects in his/her possession to any official upon request.
6. Applicant shall use hand tools that can be used by one hand only for metal detecting. Hand tools shall be limited to 4 inches wide and 12 inches long.
7. Applicant shall restore any disturbed area to its original condition by removing all evidence of digging and/or probing. All trash, litter or other debris uncovered must be removed and placed in an approved trash receptacle.
8. Probing or digging is strictly prohibited within 10 feet of a tree or within the drip line of the tree, whichever is greater, and in the following areas: Ball fields, manicured lawns, newly seeded lawns, flower beds or gardens, or any other area restricted by signage.
9. Applicants shall not destroy or tamper with property, signs, buildings, ghost towns or structures.
10. Applicant shall comply with any directives to move or cease their actions by any City official.
11. Applicant shall not cross any fences and shall leave all gates as found.
12. Applicant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the City of Negaunee, its elected and appointed officials, employees, volunteers and others working on behalf of the City against any and all claims, demands, suits, or losses incurred which may arise out of his/her activities on City property.
13. While actively metal detecting or relic hunting, a valid permit must be worn visibly on the exterior of your person.

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