



HAMPSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE

Application for a PERMIT for the use of a metal detector on land owned by Hampshire County Council

(* these items must be completed)

Applicants name*

Home address*

Postcode*

Telephone number

Mobile number

E-mail address

Land for which permission is sought*
include a grid ref.

Are you a member of;*

National Council for Metal Detecting

yes/no

membership no.

Federation of Independent Detectorists

yes/no

Other detecting club or society
(please specify which)

yes/no

I have current public liability insurance for;*

£

(please complete the amount and provide a photocopy of the insurance certificate)

I wish to be accompanied by;

Name*

Home address*

Postcode*

Reason for applying to detect detecting on this land*

Where metal detecting is used as part of a archaeological survey, please attach a project plan.

I have read and accept the terms and Conditions relating to this application:*

Signed

Date

Terms and Conditions for the use of a metal detector on land owned by Hampshire County Council

Hampshire County Council operates a permit scheme for the use of metal detectors on certain lands owned by the Council. Individual metal detectorists (not groups or clubs) may be granted a permit, subject to the following conditions:

1. The permit to detect will be operational for a period of one year and will be renewable annually.
2. Only one permit per landholding will be permitted (but see condition 6).
3. The permit will be specific to a particular landholding and cannot be transferred to another area without the written consent of the Council. The areas to which the permit relates will be shown on an attached schedule and map.
4. If the permit applies to tenanted farmland, the permit holder will only be permitted to detect, within the permitted area, at times and in places so directed by the tenant farmer.
5. The permit must be carried by the applicant each time he/she visits the agreed holding with a metal detector, and must be produced if required by an authorised officer of Hampshire County Council or its agents.
6. Permits will be specific to an individual applicant and cannot be transferred. However, at the discretion of the Council a companion may be given permission to detect providing the Council is notified in advance. The companion will only be permitted to detect providing he/she accompanies the permit holder and must abide by the terms and conditions agreed by the permit holder. The companion must also have adequate Public Liability Insurance. The permit holder will be responsible for ensuring that the companion adheres to the terms and conditions of the permit.
7. Bye-Laws applicable to the particular area must be observed.
8. The applicant must provide evidence of adequate Public Liability Insurance to HCC; and in the case of being accompanied by a companion (as allowed for in Clause 6 above) the companion must also provide evidence of adequate Public Liability Insurance to HCC.
9. The permit holder will take care to minimise damage to plants and other wildlife and must adhere to any restrictions, temporary or otherwise, notified to him/her by Hampshire County Council or its agents.
10. To avoid noise nuisance to other users of the area headphones must be worn at all times when detecting.
11. All holes made by the permit holder must be promptly, carefully, and safely backfilled, and any disturbed turf must be replaced.
12. All objects and coins found must be retained and removed, excepting where otherwise defined in any agreement. These will be made available to the Hampshire Museum

Service, which will retain such objects and coins for the time required to adequately examine and record them, unless otherwise agreed within the conditions of the permit.

13. It is expected that most ancient, and some more recent, objects will be retained by the Council for future allocation to a museum or other permanent collection. The Council may, in their absolute discretion, return objects or coins to the finder.
14. All objects and coins found (with the exception of finds covered under the terms of the Treasure Act) will remain the property of Hampshire County Council, and be disposed of at its discretion.
15. The permit holder must be familiar with the Code of Practice of the Treasure Act (1996) and must abide by the terms of the Act and to any subsequent revisions which may, from time to time, come into force. If a find is declared as Treasure and retained by the British Museum or other collection any payment of reward made to the finder will, in turn, be paid to the Council. In the event of a find being disclaimed the find will remain the property of and be retained by the Council. The Council may, in its absolute discretion, return the find, or any payment of reward to the finder.
16. In the event of the permit holder believing he/she has discovered a hoard (whether scattered or undisturbed) or other undisturbed deposit of archaeological interest, work should cease immediately and the matter be reported as soon as possible to the County Archaeologist on 01962 832339, so that a controlled excavation or other survey can be arranged if necessary.
17. The permit holder must create a good record of the search results. The permit holder record as closely as possible, and to a minimum accuracy of an 8-figure Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference (preferably using GPS), the findspots of all finds of archaeological interest, should record the depth of find and confirm if it was from plough soil, present the results on a plotted map or plan and provide this information to the County Archaeologist.
18. It is a condition of this permit that a record of detecting activity and finds is submitted to us at the end of the permit period. This should include dates on which detecting has taken place and a summary of any significant or historic finds. Detecting permits will not be renewed unless this record has been submitted.
19. Any breach of the above terms and conditions will render the permit invalid.

ADVICE: If live ammunition or other lethal object is believed to have been found the permit holder is advised not to uncover it further but to mark the spot clearly and to report the matter at once to the Site Manager and the Police.

APPLICATIONS for PERMITS should be sent to:

Countryside Service
Culture, Community & Business Services
Castle Avenue
Winchester
SO23 8UL

Or emailed to countryside@hants.gov.uk

Please mark the envelope or email with the words metal detecting