



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

Parks, Recreation, & Beaches

Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor



Metal Detector Application

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

The applicant, should he/she be granted a permit, agrees to fully obey all the conditions set forth on this application as well as the City of New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation, & Beaches (hereinafter "PRB") Rules and Regulations and any other applicable City, State, or Federal Laws rules and regulation.

In addition, Applicant must:

- 1) Provide to Parks, Recreation, & Beaches Department an acceptable form of photo identification which documents Applicant's current address (e.g., State Driver's License or other Government issued identification).
- 2) Surrender all expired Metal Detecting Permit(s) previously issued to applicant by Parks, Recreation, & Beaches Department (if applicable).
- 3) A list of all significant objects (as defined below) found during the prior year under a duly issued Parks Permit (if applicable).
- 4) Carry current permit with you, during metal detecting activities.

Restricted Areas for Metal Detecting Activity

Metal Detecting activities are restricted to open areas, unless otherwise stated, and prohibited:

- Designated wetlands
- On beaches below low tide mark
- Archeological dig sites
- Formal gardens
- Ball Fields
- Manicured lawns, newly seeded lawns
- Monuments, memorial tree plantings
- Woodlands, native vegetation areas, or any other restricted by signage

Rules and Regulations for Metal Detecting Activities

1. Metal Detecting activity on Parks' property requires a valid permit from Parks, Recreation, & Beaches Department.
2. All recovered *Significant Object(s)* must be reported to the PRB Dept., within 48 hours of finding. Applicant shall submit a photo of the *Significant Object(s)* to PRB upon request. PRB will determine whether to retain title and possession of the recovered *Significant Object(s)*.
3. Every reasonable effort will be made by the Dept. to publicly display all such recovered *Significant Object(s)* retained by the Dept. on an annual basis. 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 PRB for delivery to the local NBPD precinct where applicable procedures will be followed. NBPD will provide PRB with a receipt and hold the object(s) for a determined period of time while Applicant assists NBPD in locating a proper owner of the lost property.
5. Applicant shall show all found objects in his/her possession to any Officer upon request.
6. Applicant shall use only hand tools that can be used one-handed for metal Detecting. Hand tools shall be limited to 4 inches wide and 12 inches long.
7. Applicant shall restore a 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 25 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, monuments, memorial tree plantings, flower bed/gardens, woodlands, native vegetation areas, or any other area restricted by signage.
9. Applicant shall comply with any directives to move or cease their actions by any PRB or City Official.
10. APPLICANT SHALL NOT GO INTO ANY CLOSED BEACH AREAS. Areas may be closed due to endangered species (24 hours a day, April 15 through Labor Day) or dangerous conditions INCLUDING STORM DAMAGE (at all times).
11. Each year, Applicant shall provide a list of all Significant Objects found under a duly issued PRB permit to the PRB Dept. before any new permit will be issued.

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 a 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.

Officer – shall collectively mean any officer from the New Bedford City Police Department.

Native Vegetation Area - shall mean any area where any species of native (i.e., North American) plants are naturally growing and reproducing. Lawn areas are not native plant areas.

Ball-fields – shall mean areas designated for athletic activities including but not limited to baseball, softball, soccer, football, and bleacher/dugout areas etc.

Woodlands – shall mean land with dense coverage of trees, shrubs or bushes.

I, hereby certify that the information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to abide by the terms set forth in this application, the metal detecting rules attached to this application and the Rules & Regulations of the City of New Bedford Parks, Recreation, & Beaches. I understand that failure to do so may lead to the cancellation of the permit, the denial of future permit application, or other legal action by PRB.

In addition, I hereby acknowledge and agree that any and all objects I find while metal detecting on City owned property shall, at the option of PRB, become the property of the City.

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

*******Office Use Only*******

Permit is good for one year.

Fee: \$10.00

Amount Due: _____

Date Issued: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Permit # _____

Payment Type: Cash _____ Check # _____ Money Order # _____ Credit Card Conf. # _____

City of New Bedford Rules and Regulations for City Parks and Playgrounds

This beautiful public space is yours to enjoy for relaxation and recreation. Please respect others and keep our park clean. Parks and playgrounds are open dawn to dusk.

Prohibited activities:

- Use of or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Use of vulgar or threatening language
- Operation of unauthorized vehicles on park property
- Parking on the lawn
- Bicycles on the lawn
- Dumping or littering
- Vandalism of a tree, plant, or park structure
- Unleashed animals or any animal within 100 ft of a recreational area
- Fires, fireworks, or firearms of any kind
- Feeding birds or wildlife
- Use of metal detectors without a permit
- Golfing
- Smoking
- Performances, solicitations, or commercial activity without license from Parks, Recreation & Beaches
- Use of the park after it is closed
- Skateboarding except where indicated
- Sleeping
- Food trucks within 300 feet of an open concession

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of New Bedford

For further information please visit: www.newbedford-ma.gov/parks

If you have any additional question please contact the office at (508) 961-1623