

Wake County Parks Metal Detector Guideline

There is not an official County ordinance that prohibits the use of metal detectors in the County's parks, but rather this is governed by our Division's internal guidelines and policies. Our guideline on the use of metal detectors is that you can use a metal detector to look for an item you have specifically lost, but not to "treasure hunt" in general.

Our guidelines are based on several parameters including: that several of our parks are on leased land and some of our leases prohibit the use of metal detectors in specific parks; that Wake County Parks, Recreation & Open Space has a "No Collection" policy that does not allow visitors to take things (natural or man-made) from the parks; and finally, all of our parks contain either historically significant historic structures, or documented cemeteries that we do not wish disturbed.