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PARK DIRECTIVE 3225

RECREATIONAL METAL DETECTING

Metal detecting will be allowed only at public swim beaches located at the following parks:

Crowley's Ridge	Daisy	DeGray Lake Resort
Lake Catherine	Lake Charles	Lake Dardanelle
Lake Ouachita	Village Creek	Woolly Hollow

- I. The rules and procedures regarding the use of metal detectors are:
 - A. Metal detecting may occur from the day after Labor Day through the weekend preceding Memorial Day Sunday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
 - B. Metal detectorists must complete a registration form (see attached copy) and have it on their person when metal detecting;
 - C. Digging implements and hole sizes will be regulated;
 - D. Items of historical and/or archeological significance will not be removed. Park staff must be contacted immediately upon the discovery of such items;
 - E. Uncovered "valuables" will be left at the park office until a reasonable time has passed for the original owner to claim the item (30 days per Arkansas Lost and Found laws – Excludes coins in circulation). All persons using metal detectors must complete a found property report before leaving a park. If no claim is made within the thirty days, the item may be collected by the finder.

- II. Persons using metal detectors shall:
- A. Observe all laws, regulations, and procedures;
 - B. Observe the metal detectors code of ethics (see *www.fmdac.com*);
 - C. Never destroy or disturb park facilities, natural features, historical, or archeological resources;
 - D. Conduct themselves with thoughtfulness, courtesy, and consideration for others by not interfering with other recreational activities or allowing any emitted sound that is audible to other park users;
 - E. Limit digging implements to ice picks, screwdrivers, and probes not to exceed two (2") inches in width and sand scoops not to exceed six (6") inches in width and eight (8") inches in length, containing perforations no less than one-half (1/2") inch in width, to be used only on sand surfaces;
 - F. Limit any holes dug to six (6") inches maximum depth, refill holes immediately following searches, and restore surfaces to previous conditions;
 - G. Properly dispose of all found or recovered trash or litter.

APPROVED BY: _____
GREG BUTTS, DIRECTOR
Arkansas State Parks



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Metal Detecting Procedures

Use of metal detectors in Arkansas State Parks will require that:

- Detectorists will register at the park visitor center, complete this registration form upon each visit and keep it on their person.
- Historical and archeological items will not be removed from the Park – but such finds will be immediately reported to uniformed park staff.
- Uncovered “valuables” will be left at the park office until a reasonable time has passed for the original owner to claim the item. If no claim is made within thirty (30) days, the metal detectorist may collect the item.

METAL DETECTORISTS SHALL:

- Observe all laws, regulations, and procedures.
- Observe the FMDAC “Code of Ethics” (www.fmdac.com).
- Never destroy or disturb park facilities, natural features, or historical or archeological resources. It is against the law and violators will be prosecuted.
- Never metal detect outside the locations approved by Arkansas State Parks.
- Conduct themselves with thoughtfulness, courtesy, and consideration for others by not interfering with other recreational activities or allowing emitted sound audible to other park users.
- Properly dispose of all found or recovered trash or litter.

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- Digging implements are limited to ice picks, screwdrivers, and probes.
- Probes are not to exceed 2” in width.
- Sand scoops are not to exceed 6” in width and 8” in length and contain perforations no less than 1/2” in width.
- Holes may be dug to a maximum depth of 6” and must be refilled immediately following a search.
- Surfaces must be restored to original conditions.

Metal Detecting is currently allowed at designated State Park Public Swimming Beaches from the day after Labor Day until the weekend preceding Memorial Day.

It may occur from the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Sunday through Saturday at the following locations: Crowley’s Ridge, Daisy, DeGray Lake Resort, Lake Catherine, Lake Charles, Lake Dardanelle, Lake Ouachita, Village Creek, and Woolly Hollow

REGISTRATION for Metal Detector Use

NAME (First, Middle, Last)

Street Address

City

State

Zip

I have read and understand the procedures for using a metal detector in Arkansas’s State Parks

Signature

Date

For More Information Contact:
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