

Metal Detecting



Enjoy

The Wash and North Norfolk coast are jointly considered “the national capital” of metal detector finds, with thousands reported every year. Some of these finds fill in previously blank areas of the region’s history, whereas others redraw the picture entirely.

By metal detecting responsibly, you can contribute to the area’s heritage.

Respect

- Ensure you have a valid permit and/or land-access permission
N.B. Permits are required to metal detect on most beaches
- Try to detect before people are on the beach and after they have left, to minimise inconvenience to other beach users
- You should note the location of any archaeological objects you find and take these to your local Finds Liaison Officer
- If you discover any live ammunition or any other lethal object, do not disturb it. Mark the site carefully and report it to the local police and the landowner
- If you find a piece of jewellery, try to find the owner by starting at the local police station (the look on someone’s face when you return a lost item is priceless!)
- Understand the definitions of “Treasure” contained in the Treasure Act of 1996 and understand your legal obligations
- Fill in any holes you have dug, even on the beach

Protect

- Prevent damage to fields/crops
- Keep your distance from wildlife



To apply for a beach detecting permit, visit: www.thecrownestate.co.uk