

Lane County Parks Metal Detector Use Permit



Submit completed form along with valid photo ID to: [Laneparks@lanecountyor.gov](mailto:Laneparks@lanecountyor.gov)

**All vehicles are subject to the year-round parking fee at all Lane County Parks. This permit does not include parking. If you have any questions, call the Parks Office at 541-682-2000.**

THIS PERMIT IS VALID ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING LANE COUNTY PARKS:

- Armitage Park – Day Use
- Hendricks Bridge Wayside

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (to be filled out by Parks staff upon issuance)

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver’s License #/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The final approved permit is based on representations made on this application. Misrepresentations of facts are grounds for voiding the permit. Permit holder agrees to comply with the park rules and to all conditions of approval listed below.

Permit holder agrees to hold Lane County harmless against all claims for loss or damage resulting from permit holder’s use of premises.

We are glad you chose a Lane County Park for metal detecting and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us to maintain and preserve the beauty of our parks. Please leave areas you use clean so others may also enjoy the park. You may be charged for repairs and/or excessive clean-up costs attributable to your use of the park.

## CONDITIONS FOR USE OF METAL DETECTOR

### STANDARD CONDITIONS:

1. Permit is good for one (1) year from date of issuance.
2. Only short probing rods and garden trowels (or similar garden tools that are small and have short handles) are allowed. No shovels, spades, or similar implements may be used.
3. Holes shall be limited to 3 inches in diameter; no hole shall be dug more than 5 inches deep and all holes must be refilled. Repairs must not be detectable. For turf areas, leave one edge of sod plug attached so it can be folded back into refilled hole.
4. Metal detecting activities shall occur during park hours. Unless otherwise indicated, all parks are open from dawn to dusk.
5. Metal detecting is NOT permitted in the Howard Buford Recreation Area.

*Metal detecting in these parks will follow the Metal Detector Policy for Fern Ridge Lake Project dated March 10, 2005 as attached and made part of this permit.*

7. Metal detectors may not be used on any prehistoric or historic archaeological site or at any human burial location. Applicant shall report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with applicable Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules.
8. Permit holder will carry approved permit while metal detecting and present approved permit to Parks staff if asked.
9. It is the Permit Holder's responsibility to remain on Parks property. See attached maps for property boundaries.

"By signing this application, the permit holder agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Lane County and the U.S. Government and their officers, employees, and agents, including the Parks Department and Parks Advisory Board, from any and all liability, damage, and injury of any kind that may arise from or is in any way related to the permit holder's activities, acts, and omissions, including the activities, acts, and omissions, or permit holder's family, guests, or others who may accompany permit holder".

NOTICE: Oregon law (ORS 105.682, et seq.) provides the owner of land is not liable in contract or tort for injury, death, or property damage that arises out of use of the land for recreational purposes (known as "recreational use immunity"). That immunity from liability does not apply if the owner makes a charge for permission to use the land. This fee is only for the use of the park for metal detecting activities. Other uses of this park, or any use of the property outside of designated metal detecting areas are not subject to a charge and, therefore, Lane County and the U.S. Government is not liable for injuries, death, or property damage arising out of such uses of the property for which no specific charge has been made.

### PERMIT APPROVAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parks Representative)










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(Date)

Approved       Disapproved

## How to Retrieve Detected Targets

The following “Hinged Door Method” of digging is widely recommended to minimize damage to lawns. Careful recovery in multiple-use well-groomed areas is the responsibility of all metal detector users.

### Hinged Door Method

<p><b>#1.</b> After locating a good target (metal), pinpoint the center. If your instrument has depth reading, take note of the depth. Practice on surface metals with the loop held several inches above target.</p> 	<p><b>#2.</b> Using a sturdy digging tool, preferably a trowel or knife, cut a horseshoe-shaped size plug around the pinpointed target. Leave an uncut hinge area to keep the grass in place.</p> 	<p><b>#3.</b> Cut through the turf, being careful to cut around the target and not damage it.</p> 
<p><b>#4.</b> Use your digging tool to pry the turf flap up and hinge it over. Your pinpointed target now rests down-side up.</p> 	<p><b>#5.</b> Check for the target visually, and with your detector, to see if the target is in the flap or remains in the hole.</p> 	<p><b>#6.</b> A pinpointing probe can be used to speed the process of finding the target in the flap or in the hole.</p> 
<p><b>#7.</b> If additional dirt needs to be removed from the hole, place it on a drop cloth.</p> 	<p><b>#8.</b> After recovering the target, the dirt can then easily be replaced with a minimum of spreading.</p> 	<p><b>#9.</b> Replace the turf flap and step on it firmly. Once completed very little indication of digging should be seen.</p> 

**It is very important for the future of metal detecting that you use care in digging - - -**

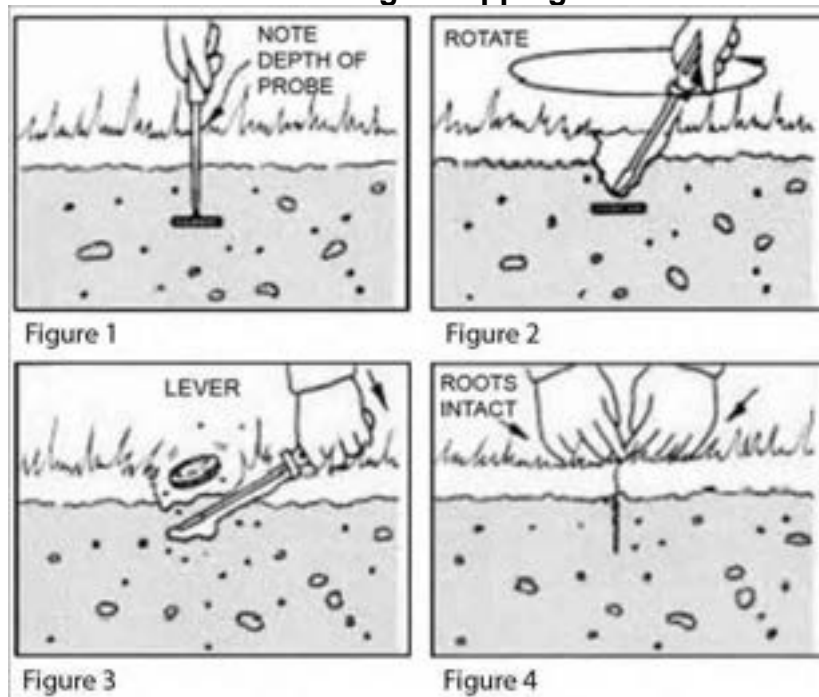
# Popping

Metal detectorists who started detecting before the advent of electronic probe/pinpointers are generally well experienced in the art of probing and “popping” shallow coins. Early detectors generally did not get much depth, so popping techniques were adequate for almost all target retrievals. Modern detectors have greater depth capabilities, so the plugging method has become necessary and more popular. For quickly retrieving coins from just under the surface to about 2” deep, with practice, the popping method is the fastest and least invasive.

There are probes made of brass specifically for metal detecting. Brass is softer and less likely to scratch or damage a coin. With that caveat, I have always used a cheap, \$1.00 variety 8” regular-tipped screwdriver from the hardware store. You can round off the blade or just the sharp points with a file, grinder or Dremel tool if you like. Another advantage of the screwdriver is that if I lose one in the field, it’s so cheap, I’ll just get another rather than wasting much time searching for it.

The probing technique takes some practice, but once you’ve learned it, you can easily tell the difference between a metal object and a rock, tree root or even aluminum can scraps just by the feel of the probe. I describe coins as having a “tap-tap-tap” sound that other stuff in the ground just doesn’t have. Obviously probing will not work well in especially rocky or gravelly areas.

## Probing & Popping





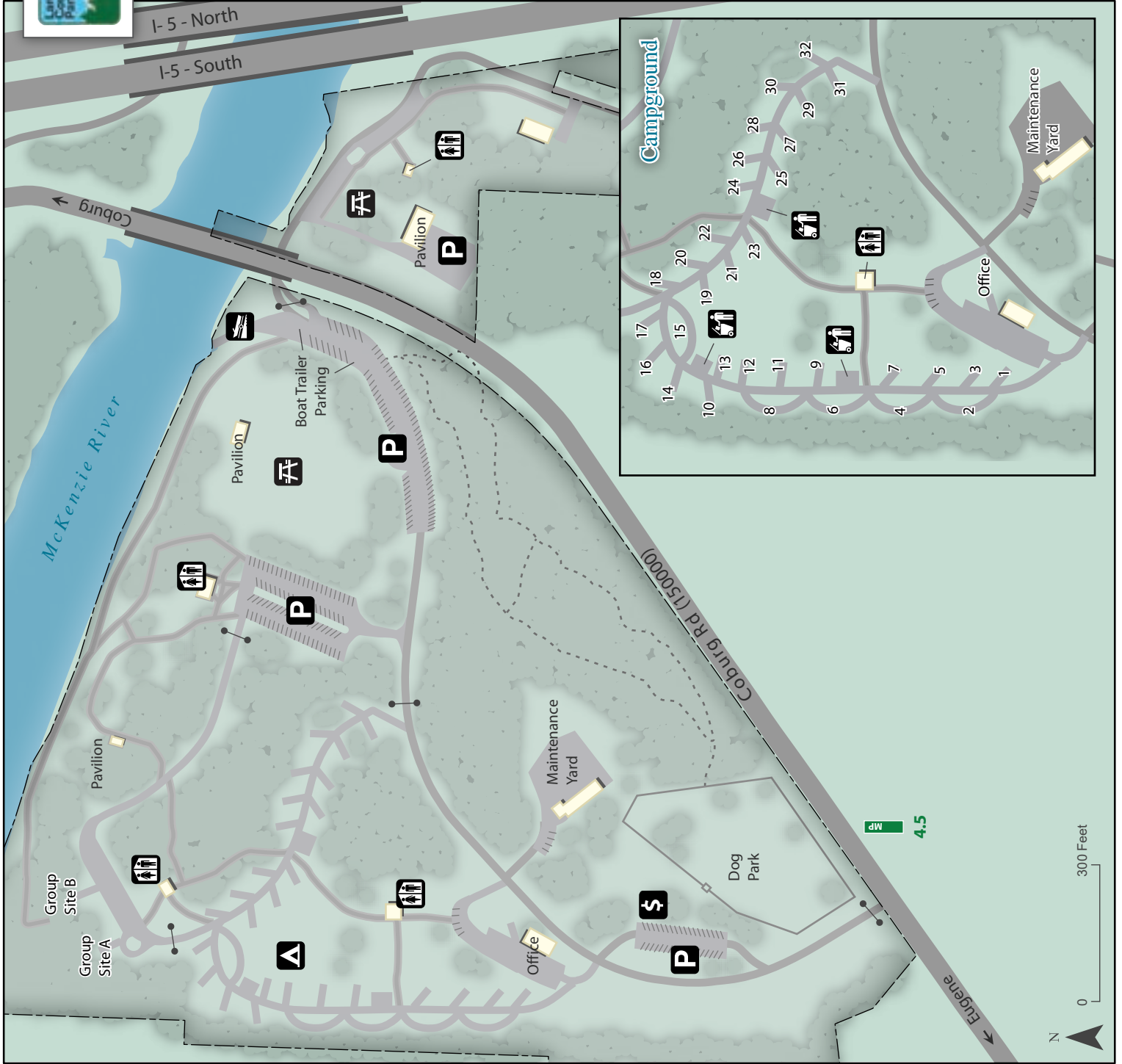
# Armitage Park

## Lane County Parks

- Parking (250 Cars, 10 Cars & Trailers)
- Disabled Parking Available
- Restrooms (ADA)
- Picnic Areas (With Grills)
- Boat Ramp
- Camping (ADA)
- Trash Receptacle
- Fee Station
- Park Boundary
- Paved Walkway
- Trail

Latitude: 44° 6' 39.8"  
 Longitude: -123° 3' 5.36"  
 Acres: 63.9  
 TRS: 170309 & 170310

Ownership: Lane County



# Hendricks Bridge Park

## Lane County Parks



11.6  
MP

HWY 126  
To Springfield

Hendricks Park Rd (106400)

Hendricks Bridge Wayside (196500)

Park Host

Pavilion

Foot Bridge

McKenzie River

- Parking (56 Cars, 11 Cars & Trailers)
- 30 Minute No Fee Parking (4 Spaces)
- Disabled Parking Available
- Restrooms (ADA)
- Picnic Area (With Grills)
- Boat Ramp
- Unsupervised Swimming
- Volleyball
- Interpretive Sign
- Fee Station
- Park Boundary
- Trail

Latitude: 44° 3' 21.6"  
 Longitude: -122° 49' 33.6"  
 Acres: 17.8  
 TRS: 170129 & 170132  
 Ownership: Lane County

