



National Council for Metal Detecting
Member of: The Sport and Recreation Alliance

SEARCH AGREEMENT



I.....being the owner / occupier of land premises known
as.....situated
at..... agree that in consideration
of the payment to the landowner / occupier of.....% of the value or rewards arising from the recovery of
any property or objects found by the undersigned [herein after called the licensee(s)] over the value of £.....,
the licensee(s) may enter the said land or part thereof to search for items of buried or other material, whether
antique or modern.

This agreement shall continue in force from (date)until (date)
Provided that: - 1 The licensee(s) shall hold a current NCMD membership card showing, details of their
£10,000,000 Public Liability Insurance cover. 2. The licensee(s) shall always observe and adhere to the Code of
Conduct as set out by the NCMD which is a condition of membership and includes reference to the voluntary
Code of Practise for Responsible Metal Detecting. 3. The licensee(s) shall strictly observe and adhere to any
guidelines or special conditions and area boundaries, which may be set out by the owner / occupier from time
to time and to any terms and conditions with respect to metal detecting access specified in agri -environment
agreements which may cover all or part of the said land. 4. The licensee(s) shall record finds made on the said
land with third parties including The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS), Historic Environment Records (HER)
or any museum service only after gaining the appropriate permission of the landowner to do so and then only
to an accuracy of findspots that all parties are comfortable with. All parties must abide by the terms and
conditions of any agri-environment schemes that specify mandatory reporting of all finds made on land
covered by such agreements with the PAS. Detail of any special conditions and boundaries,

Signed _____ Licensee NCMD Membership No _____

Date _____ Address _____

Signed _____ Owner/Occupier Date _____

The National Council for Metal Detecting Code of Conduct

1. Do not trespass. Obtain permission before venturing on to any land. 2. Respect the Country Code, leave gates and property as you find them and do not damage crops, frighten animals or disturb nesting birds. 3. Wherever the site, do not leave a mess or an unsafe surface for those who may follow. It is perfectly simple to extract a coin or other small object buried a few inches below the ground without digging a great hole. Use a suitable digging implement to cut a neat flap (do not remove the plug of earth entirely from the ground), extract the object, reinstate the grass, sand or soil carefully, and even you will have difficulty in locating the find spot again. 4. If you discover any live ammunition or any lethal object such as an unexploded bomb or mine, do not disturb it. Mark the site carefully and report the find to the local police and landowner. 5. Help keep Britain tidy. Safely dispose of refuse you come across. 6. Report all unusual historical finds to the landowner, and acquaint yourself with current NCMD policy relating to the Voluntary Reporting of Portable