Metal Detector Policy
Carters Lake

In accordance with the policy established by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, each project will have one or more areas open to the public for the recreational use of metal detectors.

**Metal detectors may be used under the following conditions:**

1. Only in those areas designated as "open"; all other government land is classified by regulation as "closed".
2. Non-identifiable item of nominal value (less than $25.00) may be kept.
3. Identifiable item such as rings, watches, wallets; items of greater than nominal value; and all historical archaeological items found will be deposited with a Park Ranger or at the Resource Managers Office.
4. Digging shall be limited to hand tools that can be used by one hand only, and are no more than 4 inches wide and 12 inches long.
5. Grass and other vegetation may not be removed or disturbed; digging is allowed in bare soil or sand only. All soil disturbed or displaced shall be returned to its original state.
6. Failure to conform with these requirements will be grounds for possible prosecution under one or more sections of Title 36, CFR, Part 327.

**The areas open for metal detector use with restrictions is:**

Recreation Season - April through October

1. **Harris Branch Beach**-Metal Detector use permitted during recreation season Monday through Thursday 7:00 p.m. until closing/dark. No restrictions during the rest of the year.
2. **Doll Mountain, Woodring Branch, Ridgeway Campgrounds**-No metal detector use during recreation season. No restrictions during the rest of the Year.
3. **Damsite, Harris Branch, Doll Mountain, Woodring Branch, Ridgeway Picnic Areas**-Metal detector use permitted during recreation season Monday through Thursday. No restrictions the rest of the year.
4. **No** metal detector use permitted any other locations on the project.