



METAL DETECTING/TREASURE HUNTING

Metal detecting is **NOT** allowed at the **Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Avon Nature Area, Borden Park or Helen Allen Park.**

Rochester Hills Parks welcomes metal detectors at **Avondale, Bloomer, Innovation Hills, Nowicki, Spencer, Wabash and Yates Parks** with the following guidelines:

- Not on or within 50 feet of sports fields
- Only in designated swim area at Carter Lake
- Not around water features or playgrounds at Innovation Hills
- Hours are 8:00 a.m. until dusk, 10:00 a.m. until dusk for Spencer Park
- Metal detecting on Park property only, do not trespass on private property

Code of ethics for metal detecting:

- Do **not** litter, always pack out what you take in and remove all trash dug in your search.
- Please leave all gates and other accesses as found.
- Please fill all holes, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage, be damaging to or kill any vegetation.
- Please report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation.
- Please be responsible and use common sense and consideration for others when detecting.
- Please protect our woods, water and wildlife.

Reference Ordinances

74-96 Malicious Destruction

74-98 Littering

74-99 Sanitation



GEOCACHING

Geocaching is a welcome activity in Rochester Hills Parks under the following guidelines:

Geocaching Rules and Etiquette

#1 Keep it Safe

- Be aware of your surroundings and all vehicle crossings.
- Do not place a cache higher than 6 feet or require any dangerous climbing to reach it.
- Use only Park and Trail property, do not trespass on private land.
- Hours: 8:00 a.m. until dusk, 10:00 a.m. until dusk at Spencer Park.
- Follow Geocaching guidelines when placing a cache.

#2 Respect the Environment

- Never bury a cache in the ground – you may place rocks or brush over the cache.
- Avoid sensitive ecosystems. Place caches so they can be reached using existing trail or path access.
- Obtain permission from Museum Staff on acceptable locations on Museum property.
- Do not deface any object, natural or man-made.
- Follow “Leave No Trace” guidelines in the natural environment.

#3 Cache Contents

- No food of any kind
- No pocket knives or weapons
- No alcohol, tobacco or illegal substances

To get started you need to sign up online for a free geocaching account at:

<https://www.geocaching.com/guide/>

The website has online maps showing the locations of the existing caches along with their coordinates. Phone apps are also available for free as well.

NOTE: A cache may be removed by Parks & Natural Resources Department staff for operational reasons without notification.

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RECREATIONAL UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAVs) & DRONES

Recreational UAVs and drones are welcome in Rochester Hills Parks under the following guidelines:

- The pilot must be at least 16 years of age or accompanied by an adult.
- The UAV, including any attached equipment or cargo, must weigh less than 55 pounds and be flown at a maximum altitude of 400 feet.
- UAVs must be flown with a clear line of sight. At all times the UAVs must remain close enough to the person manipulating the flight controls to be seen with vision unaided by any device other than corrective lenses. No GPS guided flights or goggles, (first person view camera does not satisfy the FAA “see and avoid” requirements).
- UAVs may not fly over anyone not directly participating in its operation. UAVs cannot fly over crowds, sporting events, playgrounds or parking lots. **UAVs may not fly over Spencer Park between Memorial and Labor Day.**
- UAVs cannot be flown inside buildings or under shelters or tents.
- Do not harass wildlife.
- Do not fly near emergencies, accidents or law enforcement and fire/EMS activities.
- Hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. until dusk, 10:00 a.m. until dusk for Spencer Park.
- No careless or dangerous operation of UAVs.
- UAVs must stay over Park property. No trespassing. Flights over other properties requires the permission of the land owner.
- **Commercial use of UAVs/drones over Park property is by permission only.**

For information visit: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/>

74-69 Exhibitions and Performances
74-96 Malicious Destruction (c) Harassing Wildlife
74-103 Disorderly Conduct