

PERMISSION PACK · FREE RESOURCE

Private Land Permission Agreement

A clear, editable agreement covering access, land care, guests, finds, privacy and when permission can be withdrawn.

What's inside

- ✓ Clear, practical steps you can use straight away
- 📄 Written for real UK detecting, not theory
- 📄 Plain-English guidance, checked against official sources
- ☆ Free to print, keep and share



**Written by
detectorists**



**Checked against
UK guidance**



**Free to print and
keep**

What this is. This document records the practical permission agreed between the landowner or authorised occupier and the detectorist. It states where, when and how detecting may take place, to prevent misunderstandings. Keep a signed copy each.

Agreement summary

Permission giver		Detectorist	
Property		Start date	
End date	_____ or ☐ until withdrawn	Renewal	

The permission giver is the: ☐ Owner ☐ Authorised occupier ☐ Tenant ☐ Manager

☐ and confirms they have authority to grant access and agree find arrangements

✓ 1. Permission granted

- ☐ Detecting only ☐ Detecting and recovery of targets ☐ Guests (named) ☐ Vehicles ☐ Photography
- ☐ Specific fields / areas only (list below)

Fields / areas			
Days & times		Advance notice required	

👥 2. People covered

- ☐ Named detectorist only ☐ Named guests (list below) ☐ No transfer of permission to others

Named guests	
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3. Land care rules

- ☐ Fill holes neatly and replace turf
- ☐ Avoid growing crops and newly seeded ground unless specifically permitted
- ☐ Do not interfere with livestock, machinery or farm operations
- ☐ Close gates and follow any biosecurity instructions
- ☐ Remove modern rubbish where safe to do so
- ☐ Report damage, hazards or unusual discoveries promptly

4. Restricted areas (do not enter)

- ☐ Buildings
- ☐ Gardens
- ☐ Livestock areas
- ☐ Scheduled / protected areas
- ☐ Archaeologically sensitive areas
- ☐ Any land shown on attached map

5. Insurance & risk

Insurance held?	Yes ☐ No ☐	Policy / membership	
Emergency contact			

Finds & reporting

Use the separate Finds Split Agreement to record how finds and any reward are shared. Any object that may be Treasure will be left uncleaned and reported through the correct official process, within 14 days of realising it might be Treasure.

6. Photography, social media & location privacy

- ☐ No field names or identifiable landmarks shared without permission
- ☐ No public announcement of significant finds before official advice

7. Liability

The detectorist takes reasonable care and detects at their own risk. This agreement does not remove either party's legal responsibilities, and nothing here limits any right or duty set by law. The detectorist confirms they hold their own public liability cover (see section 5).

8. Ending this permission

- ☐ Either party can end this permission at any time, in writing where practical
- ☐ Immediate end for unsafe, dishonest or damaging conduct
- ☐ On ending, the detectorist stops access and returns any keys or passes

✓ 9. Signatures

Permission giver

Signed

Name

Date

Detectorist

Signed

Name

Date

Attach a map marking permitted and restricted areas if it helps. Keep a signed copy each.

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