

## INTRODUCTION

Some treasure hunters may wonder why I say that treasure hunting with a metal detector on the beach or in the surf is *different* than hunting in other areas. Certainly, it is possible to use the same detector that so ably found coins in the park and a cache at that old homestead. It would therefore seem reasonable that similar search and recovery techniques that have been successful in the past should work just as well on the beach. Honestly, it's difficult for me to argue with such reasoning.

If you intend to prosper as a beach hunter, however, you're going to have to learn to use that familiar detector in a different way. You may even find that you want to use a different detector. In order to achieve maximum success on the beach and in the surf, you'll also have to learn how to adapt your hunting style to this radically new environment.

That's the goal of this book: to help you—whether a beginner or an old-timer—learn those new techniques that will make you as successful at the water's edge as you've been in parks, fields and ghost towns.

In carrying out this task, I plan to share my nearly half-century of experience with you by using the old familiar journalistic method of *who, why, what, where, when* and *how* to search surf and sand. I will also cover important points related to clothing and safety, because beach and surf hunting *are* different.

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