

Author's Note

Hunting for Gold

Something We Love...

This book is designed to explain clearly the steps necessary for finding gold with a metal detector. It is written in simple, layman's language. Whether you have never used a metal detector or have years of successful experience with them, you will know more about hunting for gold after you read and study this book.

For, that's what it's all about...finding gold! We're not going to be talking about coins, jewelry, relics or any other popular detector targets. This book is entirely about gold-hunting.

And, believe us, hunting for gold is different! No matter how much success you've had in the park, on the beach or anywhere else in using a metal detector...no matter how many coins, relics or gold rings you've found, you'll need to acquaint yourself with different techniques to maximize your success in the gold fields. Yes, you *can* be successful. We urge you never to doubt yourself. Take our word for it. If you're using a modern detector in the proper manner and if you persevere, you *will* find gold!

For almost two decades the guidebook for seeking gold and other precious metals with a detector was one called *Electronic Prospecting*, which we wrote. Prospectors in the field recognized it as a book written

exclusively for them. We knew our subject well and the instructions we offered in it had been proven by our field experience. We believe our expertise was evident.

We two coined the phrase "electronic prospecting," which almost sounds a little too high and mighty today. What we want to talk about in this book is simply "finding gold" with a metal detector.

In this new book we will again be calling on our experiences over a lifetime. Between us we know how a prospector thinks and what he is looking for. Yet, we also understand how a metal detector can help both amateurs and professionals find gold.

And, it is true that our *Electronic Prospecting* was an instant success and remained successful. It underwent continual reprintings and its text was regularly updated. Recent developments, however, particularly in computerized metal detectors, have radically changed the metal detector as we know it. Today's instrument is a far cry from those in use even a decade ago. And, the results of all these improvements are being demonstrated daily in the field. Finding gold is so much easier now with a modern metal detector than ever before.

This new book will tell you how to find gold, whether you call it "electronic prospecting" or whatever else you please. Those of you who loved the original book and have come to memorize passages from it will occasionally encounter familiar ground here. The laws of physics and the lore of prospecting have not changed. Yet, you will also find much in this book that is new, particularly regarding the use and application of recently developed gold-hunting equipment. As its title indicates, the book is designed to prove to you that *You CAN Find Gold...With a Metal Detector*. This book is, indeed, written for the prospectors of the 21st century who are eager to make their job easier by using the most modern electronic metal detecting equipment available. If you encounter terms you don't understand, refer to the Glossary.

We find tremendous enjoyment in going out into God's great outdoors to search for gold. The times when we're able to do this (and, they are not nearly often enough) come as close to "heaven on earth" as we've ever found.

We wish that everyone could share our joy. So, whether you'll be just a "weekend prospector" or plan to get really serious about searching for gold, we sincerely believe that this book will help you. And, if it takes you outdoors into the gold fields, we'll be especially happy. For, some day when we're out searching for nuggets we hope to...

See you in the field!

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