

Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt IV: Rules and Frequently Asked Questions

- No one will be permitted to hunt without a detector.
- Headphones are required.
- Fill in all the holes you dig.
- Only registered hunters may hunt. No sharing permitted.
- Non-hunters (i.e. spouses, children) not permitted on the field during Silver and Relic Hunts. Paid participants only.
- This is a rain or shine event. Please bring proper attire.

Free Range Hunt: Open hunting in the wild is limited to areas within the First Monday trade grounds that are specifically shown on the map. Other areas will be flagged or taped off as “no hunt” areas (land that does not belong to the City of Canton). Searchers found digging in non-approved sections of the First Monday grounds are subject to ejection from the Charles Garrett Hunt without refund. Please refer to your map, and ask Garrett staffers if there is any question on whether a certain area can be detected or not.

It is mandatory that all holes be filled back in. Trash barrels will be available to dispose of your junk metal.

In addition to relics or coins that might be found during this “wild” hunt, Garrett will also seed prize tokens and coin caches throughout the park. Hand diggers or small shovels can be used in free range hunt. Headphones are required on paid hunt fields. Don’t give up on hunting the property after Friday. (Free Range areas will be re-seeded throughout the weekend.)

YOUR HUNT TAG (provided in your hunt pack) MUST BE WORN (AND VISIBLE) AT ALL TIMES.

Free Range hunting times are as follows: Friday, March 27, from Noon to 7:30pm; Saturday, March 28, from 7:30am to 7:30pm; and Sunday, March 29, from 7:30am until 3:00pm.

FREE RANGE TOKEN REDEMPTION: Prize tokens, Gold Coin Challenge tokens, and other “game” tokens found in the Free Range areas can be redeemed beginning Saturday evening at 6:15pm. Token redemption resumes at 7:30am on Sunday in the Civic Center building. Any unclaimed Free Range token prizes will be distributed Sunday after the Silver Hunt prizes have been awarded. A random drawing from all paid Basic Hunt names will be used to distribute any unclaimed Free Range token prizes. Must be present to win.

21 Game Hunt: Each registered hunter can search for and find special “21 Game” tokens planted throughout the First Monday approved search areas. Find numbered tokens (i.e., 1, 2, 3, etc.) and collect any combination of numbered tokens that add up to the number 21. Once you have located enough numbers to total 21, these can be redeemed in the Civic Center (during the times listed above) for Garrett merchandise.

Texas Poker Hunt: Each registered hunter can search for and find special tokens stamped with: A, K, Q, J, and 10. Any hunter finding the full combination of five tokens representing an Ace, King, Queen, Jack and 10 has completed an “ace-high straight” poker hand (redeem during the token turn-in times outlined above). Each finder of an ace-high straight will receive a piece of Garrett merchandise and a special ticket. The special ticket will be used for a drawing on Sunday for three Garrett prizes (a Garrett AT Max, an ACE 400, and a Z-Lynk Wireless MS-3/Pro-Pointer AT kit).

Three other Texas poker hands will earn prizes: 3 of a kind (example: three “K” tokens); 4 of a kind (example: four “Q” tokens); and full house (a pair of matching tokens, plus three matching tokens; example: J, J, K, K, K). Each person turning in tokens adding up to a full house, 3 of a kind, or 4 of a kind will receive a piece of Garrett merchandise. (Special tickets are only awarded for ace-high straight token turn-ins, as described above.)

Gold Coin Challenge: Each registered hunter can search for and find special stamped tokens for the Gold Coin Challenge. Any hunter finding a “GC” token can redeem it during the token turn-in times outlined above. Each lucky finder will be given the chance to reach into a special enclosed container and retrieve one coin. Some of these coins will be gold coins! Any unclaimed gold coins will be raffled on Sunday.

Lights Out Hunt: Held after dark on Saturday evening, using only detectors. No flashlights and no pinpointers allowed. Find surface targets in the dark, including coins and tokens redeemable for detectors and pinpointers. Only hand diggers are allowed and headphones are required. No pulse machines. Prize redemption for tokens found during this hunt will take place in the Civic Center immediately following the hunt.

Kids Hunt: Limited to children ages 12 and under. Children 6 and younger will have their own hunt area separate from the older children. Fields will be planted with coins, jewelry, relics, and prize tokens. Headphones required. No pulse machines. A parent can accompany smaller children to help with recoveries. If some tokens remain unfound, a drawing will be held from the names of all participating children. Must be present to win.

Relic Hunt: Paid participants only. Remote location will be announced Saturday morning at 9am during the pre-hunt talk. Maps will be handed out to participants. Large hunt fields, including a few lightly forested areas, will be planted with Civil War relics (minie balls, buttons, artillery shells, belt plates, etc.) and includes prize tokens. All fees collected for this hunt will be used to buy relics to put in the ground and for special prizes. Prizes and number of relics planted will increase depending on number of entries. Following the hunt, all prizes will be distributed at the Civic Center at the time listed on the hunt schedule. If some tokens remain unfound, a drawing will be held from the names of all paid Relic Hunt entrants. Must be present to win. Only hand diggers or small shovels are allowed and headphones are required. No pulse machines. For any relic tokens found after the prize distribution, please see Garrett Hunt Master.

Silver Hunt: Paid participants only. Large hunt field on the First Monday grounds will be planted with silver coins, and prize tokens (redeemable for metal detectors, pinpointers, special coins, and more). All fees collected for this hunt will be used to buy silver to put in the ground. Prizes and number of coins planted will increase depending on number of entries. Following the hunt, all prizes will be distributed in the Civic Center. If some tokens remain unfound, a drawing will be held from the names of all paid Silver Hunt entrants. Must be present to win. Only hand diggers or small shovels are allowed and headphones are required. No pulse machines. For any prize tokens found after the prize distribution, please see Garrett Hunt Master.

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

How can I get an extra Charles Garrett Memorial/Diggin' Texas hunt T-shirt?

One free hunt T-shirt will be given to each Basic Hunt Package participant who is paid on or before February 1, 2020. T-shirts will be distributed with your hunt pack that is picked up at registration at the hunt site. If any extra shirts remain at the time of the hunt, they will be made available for sale at the Hunt Pavilion. (Additional shirt copies can be ordered at time of sign-up, for an additional fee. See entry form.)

How many prizes will be given away?

Garrett will be awarding multiple metal detectors (such as the *AT Max*, *AT Pro*, *AT Gold*, *ACE 400*, and *ACE 200*) and *Pro-Pointers* for each hunt. The Free Range hunt areas will also be planted with prize tokens that can be redeemed on Saturday and Sunday at the Pavilion/ Hunt Headquarters. The premium Silver Hunt and Relic Hunt each have prize tokens corresponding to the total number of paid entrants per hunt (i.e., more hunters = more planted prize tokens).

What if some prize tokens are not found?

All prizes will be awarded. For any prize tokens not discovered and/or not turned in on time, a drawing will be held to award the prizes. For the Relic Hunt, Kids Hunt, and Silver Hunt, only the eligible participants of each particular hunt will be eligible for the drawing. (For example, the drawing for any unclaimed Kids Hunt prizes will be held using only the names of the participating children.)

Drawings for unclaimed prizes will take place according to the times listed on the main hunt schedule. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO CLAIM A PRIZE.** Should you need to leave the hunt for any reason, please leave your prize token with someone you will allow to claim your prize in your place.

What if I find a premium prize token after awards have been distributed?

Please see the Garrett Hunt Master at the headquarters pavilion.

Can I search in a hunt field after that event has ended?

Only once that area has been declared open for hunting. The Relic Hunt location can be hunted only on Saturday. As efforts will be made Saturday evening to repair any dig holes left open, we ask that contestants not return to dig that property on Sunday. Certain areas of the First Monday grounds will be closed for hunting when special hunts are being prepared. A section of land used for the Kids Hunt will be unavailable for other hunters during Saturday afternoon. A large section of land used for the Silver Hunt on Sunday will be unavailable for any hunting Sunday morning prior to the start of the Silver Hunt. Once the Silver Hunt ends at noon on Sunday, any hunter with a Basic Hunt tag can search this area for remaining coins until 3pm on Sunday.

What are the park rules for camping at First Monday?

Tent camping is covered by your Basic Hunt Package fee. Interested RV owners should check in advance with First Monday for nightly rates and availability of spaces. Portable toilets and at least two bathroom facilities will be on site for the use of all guests. A shower house is also open for tent and RV campers.

Open fires are not permitted, although a common fire pit will likely be available if burn conditions permit. Campers are allowed to use small smokers or BBQ grills that they can bring.

For more information, please visit the First Monday RV website: <https://www.firstmondaycanton.com/rv-park>

What should I bring to the hunt?

Everything you need to make yourself comfortable and enjoy some fun hunts. Suggested items include: lawn chairs, metal detectors, pinpointers, hand digger, small shovel, food, snacks, water, sunscreen, camera, camping gear (for those staying on site), trash bags, bug spray, rain gear and extra money (souvenirs, concession stand food, etc.).

Will food and beverages be available on site?

Yes, on Saturday and Sunday. Guests taking part in the activities on Friday should bring their own food and drinks. Food and beverages will be available in the Civic Center on Saturday and Sunday during the designated hours on the hunt schedule. CASH ONLY! Please note that there are a number of fast-food and other type restaurants available for guests to visit within one mile of the First Monday Trade grounds.

Is alcohol allowed on site?

No alcohol is allowed in the First Monday Civic Center building at any time.

Can I bring my 4-wheeler?

No.

Can I metal detect on the First Monday property after the hunt?

This is City of Canton property. All guests not paying to stay Sunday night are asked to vacate the property no later than 3pm on Sunday, March 29. The approved hunt areas can be hunted up until this time.