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Garrett Metal Detectors

The Timeless Pursuit of Gold

John Sutter's little sawmill on the American River near present Sacramento, California, was known to few people outside of that immediate remote area prior to January 25, 1848. Once word spread that one of his employees, James Marshall, had found little glittering flakes of gold in the river, Sutter's Mill became known to more people than he ever would have imagined.

Gold fever seized men of many cultures as journalists began spreading stories of the Californian gold. The great Gold Rush that ensued brought tens of thousands of "Forty-niners" stampeding into the western mountains and streams from countries as far as Europe, Asia and Australia.

Gold-panning was the method of choice for many prospectors, while others began utilizing more sophisticated recovery techniques. Just imagine being around in those days with a modern metal detector or a Garrett Gravity Trap® Gold Pan. Such advanced tools would have made short work out of cleaning up on gold!



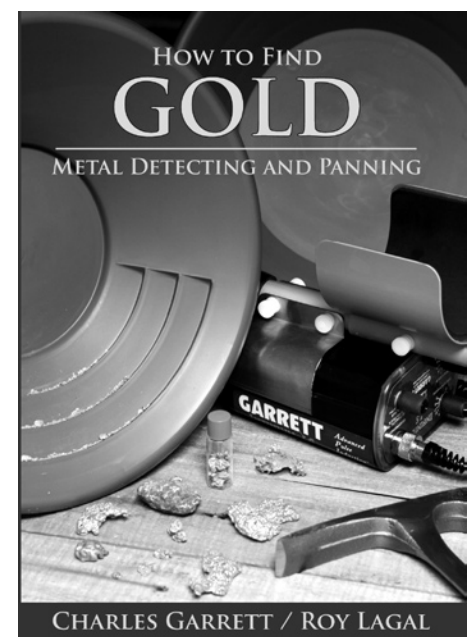
States such as Georgia, in the early 1830s, and Idaho, in the early 1860s, experienced their own gold rushes as significant quantities of the precious metal were unearthed. The fact is that even today, you can find traces of gold to some degree in all 50 states.

I've been searching for gold for more than 40 years with my metal detectors and gold pans. My friend Roy Lagal patented the famed green pans with the Gravity Trap riffles after he had spent years panning the old 19th-century way. Roy and I teamed up for Garrett's latest field guide to treasure hunting,

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Field testing my company's gold pans and metal detectors has taken me to many beautiful areas in search of gold. My latest field guide, written with Roy Lagal, offers insight on how to find gold. See offer on back cover of this newsletter!



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called *How to Find Gold: Metal Detecting and Panning*. Just like the popular *How to Find Lost Treasure* book, this new gold book is aimed at both the brand-new gold hunter and at the more

seasoned prospectors.

Through words and photos, we show the proper methods of both wet and dry panning for gold. This field guide also gives tips on how to hunt for gold with such quality metal detectors as

Garrett's Infinium™, Scorpion Gold Stinger®, GTI 2500™ and Master Hunter® CX Plus models.

Whether you are searching for nuggets in creeks and rivers or in mines and dredge tailing piles, it is vital that you know how to use your gold pan or metal detector properly. The amount of success you find will be in proportion to the amount of time and study you put into your search.

Even youngsters can enjoy God's great outdoors and delight in finding nature's gold. Finding a piece of that shiny precious metal is still as exciting as it was in the gold rush days.

I hope to see you in the field!

Charles Garrett



Carole T. of Campbell, CA (above) was thrilled to find this large gold nugget (right) with her Garrett ACE 250 on a 2007 hunting trip in Alaska. Photos courtesy of Gerry's Detectors in Boise, Idaho.



J. K. (right) displays recent gold finds made with his Garrett gold pans. His success in panning led J.K. to invent a new prospecting tool called GoldTube which is used to suction gold from bedrock cracks and crevices.



Gold Panning is Easy

J.K. is a master gold sleuth. He has been using Garrett Gravity Trap gold pans for years in the mountain streams of Arizona and he continues to collect impressive quantities on his excursions. "This picture shows gold flakes, nuggets and 'pickers' I've found in about six months using Garrett's Super Sluice pan," he says of the photo shown at left. J.K. successfully uses his Gravity Trap pans in conjunction with a gold-syphoning device called the Gold Tube which he invented.

—J. K., Arizona

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My Maiden Voyage With the ACE 250

"As a self-proclaimed history buff, I have long been interested in metal detecting. I spent a great deal of time trying to decide what would be the perfect detector for my needs without breaking the bank. After many hours of research I decided on the Garrett ACE 250, a detector with outstanding reviews and every feature a novice could want at a great price.

"When the detector arrived, I was immediately amazed by its compact size and light weight. I had been itching to search the land around my mother's house for quite some time. The house was built in the 1860s and the land in this area had been settled for quite some time, leaving a great possibility for old coins and relics.

"I began locating metal objects underground with great precision. Soon I produced my first coins, some newer clad pennies. Before long I uncovered my first wheat penny, minted in 1941! At this point I was extremely excited knowing that there were old coins in this area. As I approached the front walk of the house, I found a quarter, two dimes and two pennies just off the walkway.

"Working my way up to the house, I suddenly got a very strong signal. About 5" from the edge of the walkway something was registering as a \$1 piece on my machine. Using the pinpoint mode, I located the

exact spot of the object and began digging. Before long I was about 4" in the ground. I waved the detector back over the hole and it confidently sounded off, reassuring me that I was digging in the right location. Deeper and deeper I dug, every few inches checking the site again to ensure I hadn't mistakenly dug the object up. After some time, I heard a distinctive "CLUNK" emit from the hole. My heart skipped a beat. This was it, the moment of truth!

"I brushed the loose dirt aside to reveal a circular object about 2.5 inches in diameter. Staring back at me was an antique brass Columbia '6-Lever' push-key padlock that hadn't seen the light of day since the 1870s! The lock was in amazing condition for its age. Before covering the hole back up I measured it with a tape measure and revealed it to be a staggering 14 1/4" deep.

"With no experience at all in an hour of putting the Garrett to



Jeremy H. found this historic 1870 brass lock on his first ACE 250 hunt.

work for the first time, I had uncovered a near-mint condition relic from the 1800s and a handful of coins. I am amazed at the power, precision and simplicity of the ACE 250 and I couldn't be happier with my purchase. Thank you for making a great metal detector."

—Jeremy H., Richmond, IN



"My 5-year-old daughter, Robin, was very excited to find her first quarter with her Garrett ACE 250. At first, we thought this would be too big for her, but she manages very well. Robin is also a member of the Cascade Treasure Club. She may be the youngest member."

—John B.

Letters From the Field

Garrett Owners Share Their Success Stories



“During a recent visit to an old church no longer active here in Riverside California, I decided to spend a couple of minutes, surveying the church’s yard using my Master Hunter from Garrett.



“To my surprise, the first alert I got was to find this little pocket purse of coins. I guess it is not the amount of money, but the fun I got out of it. I enjoy Garrett’s metal detectors very much.”
 —Miguel M., Riverside, CA

“Just got back from Galveston where I wet-tested my new 8” monocoil on my Infinium. This picture is a 10k bracelet weighing in at 15.5 grams. It came on the fourth target.”

—Curtis F., Houston ▼



Gold Prospecting Word Search

Treasure hunters: search for these hidden words from Charles Garrett and Roy Lagal’s latest field guide, *How to Find Gold*.
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| Bedrock | Mines |
| Black Sand | Nugget |
| Classifier | Placer |
| Dredging | Prospector |
| Dry Panning | Riffles |
| Gold Guzzler | Shovel |
| Gold Pan | Sluice Box |
| Gold Vial | Tailings |
| Gravity Trap | Wet Panning |

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Hint: All words listed above may appear in the puzzle horizontally, vertically, diagonally or backwards.

Fabulous Finds

Garrett Owners' Success Stories



Chris' unique frog ring discovery, along with his first silver coin, a 1944 quarter, found with his ACE 250.

A Rare Frog

"This neat little sterling frog ring was found with a Garrett ACE 250. It is the first ring I found with my new detector and registered as a half dollar. I found it right at the end of my first what I would call serious

hunt as I was beginning to learn the intricacies of the unit.

"It was a tough recovery as it was lodged in a crack between the roots of a large elm tree near the main field of our local ballpark. The mother of one of the boys, who was practicing baseball, kept looking at me and shaking her head so when I found it I walked over to her and asked if she wanted to see what I had spent so much time looking for. She said, "It's a frog and it's so cute! Would you like to sell it?" It was special because it was ring number one and because the woman's opinion of the hobby changed so quickly when she saw the treasure that could be found and because it's just so dang nice!

"My ACE 250 has paid for itself three times over in only three months. You have made a believer out of me!"

—Chris W., Saugerties, NY



Historic Relics

"This is some of the Civil War grape shot, also called cannister fill, that I've recovered over several weeks at a spot in Georgia. I was able to pinpoint each one with my Garrett 2500 and the smaller 9.5" coil."

—Jimmi K., Marietta, GA



Super Sniping

"My friend and I returned to an old house we had hunted before. The owner was going to bulldoze it and allowed us to hunt his yard. I used the Super Sniper coil on my ACE 250 and started finding clumps of wheat back pennies. I kept checking the hole and they kept popping out. When I got to about five inches, I found three neat rows of coins. When I got home and



counted the coins in my pouch, I had 432 in one day!"

—Jim T., Dallas, TX



Georgia Gold Unearthed With GTI 2500

"I just wanted to tell you that I have found my first gold nugget after having my GTI 2500 for six weeks. I found it at an old gold mine here in Georgia. It is 7.2 grams or 4.6 Dwt and it is a beauty!

"Recently, I bought a GTI 2500 used and sent it to Garrett to install the new mineralization chip in it. I was so happy with it when I got it back. It would punch through this extremely high mineralization ground here in Georgia and I could run it with much higher sensitivity!

"To make this story short, I found this nugget in a creek near the edge of the embankment



Alan M. displays the 7.2-gram gold nugget he recently found with his Garrett GTI 2500.

at an old gold mine. It was at about five inches down on the bedrock. I was using the stock 9.5" coil and it read at number 6 on the GTA scale. Usually I find



many bullets at this mine and they usually read at number 7.

"Many thanks to Garrett for this awesome machine! It will do it all! I have also found many Civil War relics since having my GTI 2500."

— Alan M., Marietta, Ga.

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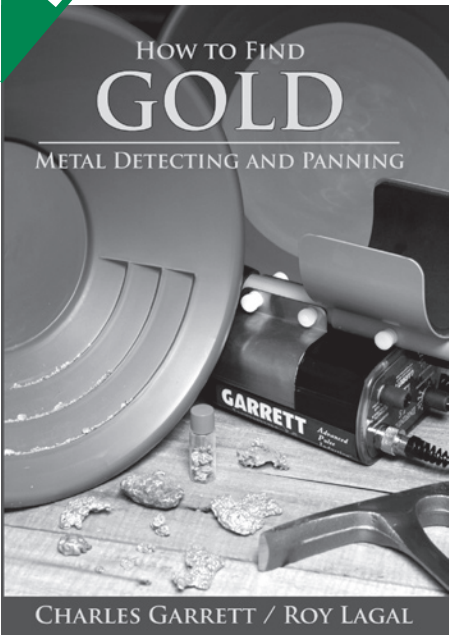


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