

Module 2: Equipment

Essentials:

- ▶ Metal detector
 - ▶ Coil Cover
 - ▶ Digging tool
 - ▶ Finds Pouch with large area & small pocket
 - ▶ 1/2 or silver dollar Coin tube or pill bottle (1/2 full with tp or cotton balls)
 - ▶ Pinpointer
 - ▶ Headphones
 - ▶ Gloves
 - ▶ Drop cloth
 - ▶ A way to log your finds (searchable database is best)
 - ▶ Backpack or duffle bag
 - ▶ First aid kit with snakebite kit
 - ▶ Extra batteries
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Optional:

- ▶ Extra coils (larger and small)
- ▶ Dust/rain cover and Screen cover
- ▶ Knee pads
- ▶ Foldable shovel
- ▶ Foldable wood saw (for cutting roots)
- ▶ Swingy thingy (helps hold the detector up so less stress on shoulder and arms)
- ▶ GPS, smart phone, or tablet for navigation
- ▶ Multi tool (great for tight connectors)
- ▶ Head lamp for night hunting





Choosing a metal detector:

What is “the best” metal detector?



Tips for shopping

- ▶ Set a budget and stick to it
 - Spending can get out of hand quickly
 - Purchase used one and virtually no loss when upgrading
- ▶ Only purchase a major brand

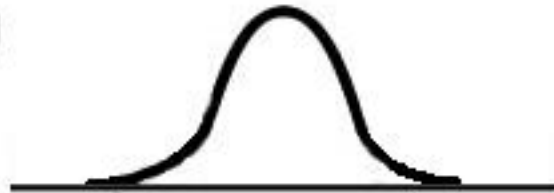
Consider factors such as:

- Intended Use (general, coins, jewelry, relics, prospecting, beach)
- Soil type in your area (high mineral or not?)
- Recovery speed
- Depth
- Detector frequency (2k-10k, 10-20k, 20k+)
- Weight
- Signal Type (digital or analog)



Audio Signals

Analog



Digital



Features:

- ▶ # of target id segments
- ▶ # of audio tones
- ▶ Ground balance options (if high mineralized soil do not get preset GB)
- ▶ Discrimination type (notch?)
- ▶ Depth meter?
- ▶ Screen or no screen?

Read reviews and watch videos about different units in your price range

All detectors are not created equal



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Detecting
Success**

Equipment

User

