

Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt V

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.
- For any questions on hunt tokens, the huntmaster's decision will be considered final.

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 (private property). Searchers found digging in non-approved sections of the First Monday grounds are subject to ejection from the Garrett Memorial Hunt without refund. Please refer to the 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 throughout the park. Hand diggers or modest-sized shovels can be used in free range hunt. Headphones are required on paid hunt fields.

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

Free Range hunting times are as follows: Friday, April 14, from Noon to 7:30pm; Saturday, April 15, from 7:30am to 7:30pm. Note: contestants are free to hunt the allowed areas of the First Monday grounds on Sunday, April 16, but only for native finds. All Garrett tokens are required to be redeemed by Saturday evening in the Civic Center. A drawing for unclaimed tokens will be held Saturday evening at 7:45pm. (Any Garrett tokens recovered on Sunday are simply souvenirs for your hunt pouch.)

TOKEN REDEMPTION: See posted Garrett schedule for any changes. The currently posted token redemption times are as follows: Saturday, April 15, from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm. Around 7:45 pm on Saturday, a random drawing will be held to distribute any unclaimed token prizes. Contestant must be present to win during this drawing.

Not Quite Night Hunt: Held late Friday afternoon, at approximately 7:00 pm. Targets will be buried shallow in the hunt field. Shovels and pinpointers are allowed. Headphones are required. No pulse machines. Prize redemption for tokens found during this hunt will take place in the Civic Center during the posted hours (beginning at 9:30 am on Saturday).

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 or seeded on the surface 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 with tickets given to all participating children. Must be present to win.

Relic and Coin Hunt: Paid participants only. Location will be announced Saturday morning during the pre-hunt talk that starts in the Civic Center around 8:00 am. The large hunt field, including a few lightly forested areas, will be planted with Civil War relics (minie balls, buttons, artillery shells, belt plates, etc.), non-silver coins (Indian Head pennies, Buffalo nickels, etc.), and prize tokens. Contestants can begin redeeming prize tokens in the Civic Center approximately one hour after the start of this hunt. Note: the afternoon Silver Hunt will take place in this same hunt area. Any unfound Relic and Coin Hunt tokens will likely be found during the Silver Hunt. Therefore, a drawing for unfound hunt tokens will not take place until Saturday evening around 7:45 pm.

Only hand diggers or small shovels are allowed and headphones are required. No pulse machines.

Silver Hunt: Paid participants only. Large hunt field will be planted with silver coins and prize tokens (redeemable for metal detectors, pinpointers, special coins, and more). Following the hunt, all prizes will be distributed in the Civic Center. If tokens remain unfound from any of the Garrett hunts, a drawing will be held about 7:45 pm from the names of all paid entrants. Must be present to win.

Only hand diggers or small shovels are allowed and headphones are required. No pulse machines.

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Can I get an extra Garrett Memorial/Diggin' Texas hunt T-shirt?

No. These were printed based on the number of paid contestants as of March 1, 2023.

How many prizes will be given away?

Garrett will be awarding multiple metal detectors (such as the *AT Max*, *AT Pro*, *ACE Apex*, *ACE 400*, etc.) and *Pro-Pointers* for each hunt. The Free Range hunt areas and some of the premium hunts will also include instant-win cash tokens, which are redeemable in the Civic Center during posted token redemption hours.

What if some prize tokens are not found?

All prizes will be awarded. For any prize tokens not discovered and/or not turned in by 7:30 pm on Saturday, a drawing will be held to award the prizes around 7:45 pm. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT IN THE CIVIC CENTER 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. For the Kids Hunt, any unclaimed token prizes will be awarded via a random drawing, including only the participating children.

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

Please see the Garrett Hunt Master at the headquarters pavilion. There will be no Garrett token redemption on Sunday.

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

Only once that area has been declared open for hunting. The location for the Relic and Coin Hunt and the Silver Hunt can be hunted only on Saturday until 7:00 pm. After 7:00 pm, that location will be closed, as TAMDC may use the same location for their Sunday Silver Hunt.

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 Not Quite Night Hunt on Friday will be unavailable for any hunting from about 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday. Garrett staff will mark this area as temporarily unavailable for hunting. Note: there will be no "instant-win" prize tokens planted in this area for Free Range hunting. Those tokens will be seeded in other Free Range areas.

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 or 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?

Food trucks will be open outside the Civic Center for lunch on Friday through lunch on Sunday. Please note that there are a variety of fast-food and sit-down restaurants available for guests to visit within one mile of the First Monday Trade grounds. Overnight campers are welcome to bring their own food with them.

Is alcohol allowed on site?

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

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, April 16. The approved hunt areas can be hunted up until this time.