



Congratulations on wanting to become a prospector. No doubt you have a lot of questions and hopefully this kit will help to answer some of them.

One of the most useful things that you can do is talk to other prospectors. There are two prospecting clubs in the Perth region, one in Kalgoorlie and one in Mandurah. They are all keen to welcome new members. By talking to other prospectors you will find that you pick up a lot of useful information. We have enclosed information and membership details for APLA (Australian Prospectors and Leaseholders Association) and you can choose a group and location that is convenient to you.

Enclosed is the booklet The Prospector's Guide to Gold in Western Australia, and when you get your Miner's Right you will receive Prospecting in Western Australia (Govt of W.A.) These give information about the legal aspects of being a prospector and contain advice about places you can (and cannot) visit. You need to make sure that you have a Miner's Right (\$25.00) and carry that with you. The Department of Mines and Petroleum produces documents for prospectors and it is worth looking at their informative website to gain information. The application form for a Miner's Right can be found at <http://www.dmp.wa.gov.au>. You can apply over the 'phone: call 9222 3333 (ask for Customer Service) and have your credit card details ready to complete the process this way. A trip to the Mines Dept. will help you understand the Tengraph system so that you can work out places that you can go detecting.

Another way to find out about prospecting is to **read** about what has happened in the past and about places where people are still finding gold today. We carry a large number of books and recommend Douglas Stone's, Gold Prospecting in Australia \$130.00, (due to be released in 2011) and although it is expensive it does give quite detailed information about travelling in the bush, equipment needed and other general advice. It also shows new prospectors some detailed maps of known gold bearing areas where prospecting skills can be developed (subject to leasing).

Maps are another really important part of the prospector's kit. You must have good maps and we sell both **topographical** and **geological** maps. It is wise to make sure that you have basic **orientation and navigation skills** as well. However, hand held satellite navigation systems have really helped prospectors ensure their safety in the bush. (See enclosed sheet)

Buying a detector is a very expensive option. Many prospectors hire a detector initially so they can learn the skills, experience the lifestyle, become familiar with the detector and then decide which model they would prefer to purchase. **Reeds Prospecting Supplies** has a variety of hire detectors available and would recommend booking a hire detector as it can be very busy in the winter season and you may not find it easy to hire a detector for the time period you want. (See enclosed sheet for detector hire fees)

Most of all, we, at **Reeds Prospecting Supplies** wish you well in your new venture and hope that you are lucky and find lots of gold. We also hope that you enjoy the lifestyle, make lots of new friends with a similar passion and drop in to have a cuppa and tell us about your good luck and experiences.

We have a comprehensive web-site with information, products and links to appropriate sites. [www.reedsprospecting.com.au](http://www.reedsprospecting.com.au)



## **Prospecting - The Right Way**

### **Your Rights and Obligations in Western Australia**

#### **Unauthorised Prospecting is Illegal**

Unauthorised gold prospecting is illegal and carries a fine of up to \$10,000. Any gold found by a person convicted of unauthorised prospecting will be confiscated. A liability also exists to rehabilitate any damage caused to the land and to pay compensation for any loss caused. Before you begin prospecting - and this includes using metal detectors - contact the Mining Registrar for the area to find out whether your area of interest is open for prospecting. A Miner's Right is required. Plans showing mineral fields and mining tenements are available at the Mining Registrar's office for viewing and purchase.

#### **What Can I Do?**

Miner's Right holders can take up to: 20 kg of rock, ore or minerals at any one time.

Prospecting may be done only with hand held tools or metal detectors.

#### **Where Can I Prospect?**

You may prospect on:-

- unoccupied Crown land;
- pastoral leases - provided prior notice is given to the pastoralist;
- mining and exploration tenements - provided you have the written permission of the tenement holder.

#### **What is Crown Land?**

For the purposes of the Mining Act, Crown Land includes land which has not been set aside for any purpose, pastoral leases and common reserves.

National parks, nature reserves, townsites, other classified reserves and private property are excluded.

## **Prospecting on Pastoral Leases**

If you plan to prospect on a pastoral lease, notify the pastoralist by telephone, in person or in writing before beginning.

In addition, permission must be obtained (pastoralist or private landowner as the case may be) to prospect within 100 metres of land that is:-

- used as a yard, stockyard, garden or cultivated field;
- an airstrip;
- residential land where there is a house or substantial building;
- within 400 metres of a pastoral dam, well or bore.

## **Prospecting on Mining Tenements**

To prospect on a mining tenement you must have the tenement holder's permission. Information on tenement ownership can be obtained from the Department's offices.

## **No Prospecting on Burial Grounds or Cemeteries**

Burial grounds and cemeteries are protected under the Mining Act 1978. No prospecting is allowed within 100 metres of a burial ground or cemetery.

## **Aboriginal Sites and Heritage Sites are Protected and Must Not Be Interfered With.**

Damage to a site under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1980 carries a penalty of up to \$2,000 and one year imprisonment and under the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990 a fine of up to \$10,000 and two years imprisonment.

## **Environmental Responsibilities**

Care must be taken at all times to ensure minimal disturbance to the land when prospecting or fossicking. All holes must be filled in and no refuse left.



## **INFORMATION ABOUT PROSPECTING CLUBS IN THE PERTH AREA**

### **DATES for 2011**

1. **APLA Mandurah Branch**: meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every odd month except for May when it is the first Sunday, commencing at 1.30 pm in the CWA Hall, Cooper Street Mandurah.  
Meeting dates: 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1st May AGM, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
Contact: Kevin Price **9586 9026**
2. **West Coast Metal Detecting Club Inc**: meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, except December, commencing at 8pm at the Senior Centre, The Homestead, 5 Mackie Street, Victoria Park.  
Meeting Dates: Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>, Apr – Easter Camp, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Jun 28<sup>th</sup>, Jul 26<sup>th</sup>, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, Nov 22<sup>rd</sup>.  
Contact: Victor Dimov on **9309 9875, 041 274 8135**,  
Kevin Ovington on **9298 9345, 041 892 3729**
3. **APLA Perth Branch**: Meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of every second month; meeting dates are 16<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> June, August 17<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December. These are held at 7.30 pm at the Dianella Recreation Centre off Light Street, Dianella in the Lacrosse WA clubroom.  
Contact: John Plummer on **9447 4726** or Jim Andrusiak on **9299 6985**

**Look at the APLA website at:** <http://www.apla-propsectors.org.au> for lots of helpful information.



## **SATELLITE NAVIGATION SYSTEMS (GPS) AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING EPERBS.**

### **Satellite Navigation Systems:**

**GPS ETREX:** (Garmin) This is a hand/held global positioning system that is user friendly and relatively cheap. We recommend this GPS as it is easy to use and affordable. \$147.00.

**BACKTRACK (Bushnell):** This is a hand-held GPS that is very easy and simple to use. Simply mark your start point; walk and then the BACKTRACK will lead you back to your start point. \$138.00

### **Safety Equipment:**

**The Find Me/Spot Me:** This is a relatively new comer to the market. You need to purchase the hand-held device and then register on-line (annually). The benefit of this system is that it has a variety of settings you can use to notify others of your situation. Unlike an EPERB that only has an ON and OFF button, this system allows you to send regular "I'm okay", messages as well as others like "I need help but it is not life threatening", or it can be used as an EPERB and send an emergency distress signal. This appears to be a well thought out and useful safety device. \$247.00, plus the annual fee of \$148.00.

**Emergency Beacon MT410 Accusat:** This is a small, light weight; robust EPERB that has long life batteries (7 years) meets all industry standards, and is highly reliable in a variety of conditions. It has world-wide satellite coverage and is a popular model. \$499.00.

**Emergency Beacon MT410 with GPS:** This is similar to the one mentioned above but has a more accurate satellite pin-pointing system. \$649.00



## **WEEKLY HIRE FEES FOR METAL DETECTORS**

<b>METAL DETECTOR TYPE</b>	<b>WEEKLY HIRE FEE</b>
GPX 5000	\$300.00 per week
GPX 4500	\$250.00 per week
GPX 4000	\$220.00 per week
GP 3500	\$200.00 per week
GP 3000	\$180.00 per week
Eureka Gold	\$100.00 per week

**Discuss your requirements with Reeds Prospecting Supplies. Discounts for extended borrowing periods will be considered.**

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