

Garrett ACE Apex

| New Treasure Hunter Toolkit

Get the Most Out of Every Hunt

This guide helps you use the ACE Apex Multi-Flex power with less guesswork: start charged, pick the right search profile, tame chatter, and dig cleaner signals.

START SMART

BEGINNER FIELD CHECKLIST

Check items before, during, and after each hunt. The boxes are fillable onscreen and printable on paper.

Before you leave

- ☐ Apex fully charged, USB cable in your bag, and optional power bank packed for long hunts.
- ☐ Latest firmware checked before a big trip so the detector is ready for current features.
- ☐ Headphones, 1/4-inch wired option, or wireless setup ready so faint targets are easy to hear.
- ☐ Digging tool, finds pouch, gloves, and a small trash bag ready to go.
- ☐ Permission secured for private property; local rules checked for parks, beaches, and schools.
- ☐ Water, weather-appropriate clothing, and surface-protection pad packed.

At the site

- ☐ Choose a mode: Zero to hear it all, Coins for parks, Jewelry for mixed sites, or Relics for older ground.
- ☐ Select a Multi-Flex option: Multi for most hunts, Multi-Salt for wet salt, or a single frequency if EMI is noisy.
- ☐ Ground balance when the site changes or the Apex starts sounding jumpy.
- ☐ Keep the coil low and level with smooth, overlapping sweeps. Do not lift at the end of the swing.
- ☐ Listen for repeatable tones from multiple directions; use iron audio to check questionable targets.
- ☐ Cut clean plugs and recover neatly, especially on manicured lawns or public spaces.

After the hunt

- ☐ Sort your finds: coins, jewelry, relics, and trash.
- ☐ Clean the coil and lower shaft; remove grit from coil-cover edges.
- ☐ Log where you hunted, which mode/frequency you used, and what trash patterns appeared.
- ☐ Wipe down the Apex and recharge it so it is ready for the next hunt.

GEAR THAT ACTUALLY MATTERS

MUST-HAVE GEAR FOR THE ACE APEX

Essentials - day-one kit

Garrett ACE Apex headphones or wireless audio hand digger finds pouch gloves power bank

- Detector: Built-in versatility for parks, fields, and beaches.
- Headphones: Preserve concentration and help you catch softer target tones.
- Hand digger and pouch: Keep good finds separate from trash and speed recovery.
- Gloves and towel: Protect hands and clean mud, wet sand, or salt residue.

Highly recommended upgrades

Garrett Pro-Pointer AT pinpointer holster sand scoop for beaches rain cover or control cover

- Garrett Pro-Pointer AT: Finds the target in the plug faster and protects the hole.
- Knee protection: Saves your knees during long hunts and repeated recoveries.
- Sand scoop: The beach and volleyball-court tool that pays for itself quickly.
- Rain/control cover: Protects the Apex screen and controls from weather and grime.

DIAL IN YOUR DETECTOR

ACE APEX: HUNT PLAYBOOK

RECOMMENDED MODES

Coins Jewelry Relics Zero

- Coins: Parks, schoolyards, and modern drops.
- Jewelry: Trashy spots and small non-ferrous items.
- Relics: Old homesites and mixed-era ground.
- Zero: Learning, scouting, and iron-heavy sites.

SETUP + SENSITIVITY

- Multi: Choose for most inland parks, fields, and yards.
- Multi-Salt: Use for wet salt sand and surf edges; wet mineralized ground can chatter in normal Multi.
- Single 5 kHz: Good for deeper, high-conductive targets like copper or silver.
- Single 10-15 kHz: Solid all-around choice for mixed hunting.
- Single 20 kHz: Better for smaller, lower-conductive targets in many sites.
- Noisy area: reduce sensitivity 1-4 bars; clean fields or beaches can often run higher.

UNDERSTANDING ACE Apex TONES

- Low tone: iron and many deep junk targets.
- Mid tone: nickels, many gold rings, pull tabs, and some foil.
- High tone: copper and silver coins plus some high-conductive jewelry.

DIG CONFIDENCE

ACE APEX SIGNAL QUALITY CHECKLIST

Touch the boxes on a tablet or phone before you recover a target. A strong target usually earns more than one check.

- ☐ Can you repeat the signal from at least two directions?
- ☐ Does the target ID narrow down, or is it jumping all over the scale?
- ☐ Does the depth reading make sense for the target and soil?
- ☐ Does iron audio or a 90-degree sweep change the story?
- ☐ Would you still dig it with only ten minutes left?

QUICK FIELD NOTES

What did the signal do? What changed after a 90-degree sweep? What will you remember next time?

THINK LIKE A DETECTORIST

READING TRASH PATTERNS TO FIND GOOD TARGETS

Trash is activity. The junk map shows where people stood, sat, washed, dropped, and gathered. Learn to read that map and you will know where jewelry, coins, and relics are hiding.

- ☐ **Lots of pull tabs**
Prime areas: sidelines, picnic tables, sports fields, and places people sit. Expect rings to hide nearby.
- ☐ **Foil and gum wrappers**
Kids areas, concessions, picnic zones, and shallow modern drops. Good gold can share this zone.
- ☐ **Deep iron nails and rusty bits**
Older homesites, fence lines, and former structures. Slow down and listen for masked targets.
- ☐ **Bottle caps and can slaw**
Parking edges, bleachers, and party spots. Use repeatable tone quality to separate better targets.
- ☐ **Suddenly quiet ground**
You may have moved out of the activity zone. Recheck maps, paths, shade, and natural stopping points.

BUILD REAL SKILL

30-DAY ACE APEX SKILL-BUILDING PLAN

Follow this month-long plan to build confidence, learn tones, and start finding better targets instead of random digs.

WEEK 1 - LEARN THE BASICS

- ☐ Hunt 20-30 minutes in clean parks or playgrounds using Coins mode and Multi.
- ☐ Dig solid repeatable signals to learn tone and ID language.
- ☐ Practice pinpointing and clean plug cuts.

WEEK 2 - MODES, IRON AUDIO AND MID TONES

- ☐ Switch between Coins and Jewelry at the same park to hear differences.
- ☐ Spend one full hunt chasing mid tones and logging what you find.
- ☐ Use Iron Audio on iffy targets to learn trash tells.

WEEK 3 - RESEARCH OLD GROUND

- ☐ Use maps or history to find older gathering places.
- ☐ Run Zero on a test pass, then hunt the site in your preferred mode.
- ☐ Work slowly around trees, sidewalks, curb strips, and old paths.

WEEK 4 - BEACH AND REFINEMENT

- ☐ Run Multi-Salt on wet sand and compare it to Multi on dry sand.
- ☐ Review your notes to find which signals produced the best finds.
- ☐ Build a go-to plan for each site type.

By the end of 30 days, you should know your detector voice, recognize common trash, and have a repeatable plan for the next hunt.

AFTER-ACTION NOTES

ACE APEX HUNT LOG

Use this page to capture patterns. Future you will thank present you with a pocketful of better signals.

DATE

LOCATION / SITE

WEATHER / GROUND CONDITION

MODE / FREQUENCY / SENSITIVITY

BEST SIGNAL OF THE DAY

FINDS RECOVERED

TRASH PATTERN NOTICED

WHAT I WILL TRY NEXT TIME

LEAVE IT BETTER CHECK

- ☐ Plug or sand fill restored
- ☐ All sharp trash removed
- ☐ Gate/fence/property returned as found
- ☐ Detector cleaned or rinsed if needed

Tiny ritual, big reputation: clean holes, removed trash, and respectful hunting keep sites open.