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Chapter 1 : About West Point - Home

Published in the New York Times, November 10, Today's Map This is the modern-day map, by the New York - New Jersey Trail Conference, of the area described in this article.

Travelling here from New York City takes about an hour and a half by car, train or bus. You may want to call to reserve a Highland Falls or Peekskill cab. Driving time from Peekskill to West Point is approximately 20 minutes. Short Line also has day trip packages with sightseeing and local discounts. Cross the bridge via the upper deck no toll in this direction, and stay in the right lane as immediately at the end of the bridge you will exit right on to the Palisades Interstate Parkway. Take the Palisades Interstate Parkway north approximately 37 miles until it ends at the Bear Mountain Bridge traffic circle—unless you want the more leisurely and scenic route, do not get on 9W until you get to the Bear Mountain Bridge traffic circle. Approximate driving time from midtown light traffic: Kennedy International Airport light traffic: Approximately 5 hours from Washington, D. Stay left and take your first left at Lemoine Ave. Approximate driving time from Newark Liberty International Airport light traffic: Follow signs for Route 9W South exit 10S. Stay on Route 9W for approximately 12 miles until you cross over a large mountain. As you are in your final descent off the mountain, you will encounter three exits on your right for West Point. The first exit labeled "RT. The road to this gate also will take you to the visitors center and the business district of the Village of Highland Falls--turn right at the sign immediately after you cross over 9W, and at the bottom of the long hill you will take a hard left at the T intersection. Travel on Route 32 for 1. Immediately after passing over a trestle-type bridge, you will turn left off Route 32 onto Quaker Avenue toward Cornwall. You will see a green sign pointing to Bear Mountain and 9W South. Take this right-hand exit. At this point you will merge with 9W South. Travel on Route 9W for 5. As you are in your final descent off the mountain, you will encounter three exits for West Point—see above. Army of the linked web site or the information, products or services contained therein. For other than authorized activities such as military exchanges and Morale, Welfare and Recreation sites, West Point and the U. Army do not exercise any editorial control over the information you may find at these locations. Such links are provided consistent with the stated purpose of this Department of Army web site. Only questions or comments regarding the technical aspects of the Web site should be sent to the web master. If you are reporting a broken link, please help us by identifying the page or Web site where you found the link or web address. Please click here to send an email to the West Point web team.

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Chapter 2 : Metal Detecting on Florida's Beaches: Your Treasure Awaits

West Point Home Welcome to the United States Military Academy The United States Military Academy's mission is to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation.

Deserted towns Overview Having bought a metal detector, the next step is to find good places to hunt for treasure. A good site for treasure hunting with a metal detector is an area that has been used by people for a long period of time. Other areas where it is likely to find treasure are areas that have been recently used by thousands of people in recent times. In every locality or region, there are areas of natural events or human activity that offer great potential for metal detecting. These include beaches, parks, gardens, and abandoned sites. Before going to hunt for treasure with a metal detector, it is advisable to seek permission from the relevant people. There are many items that can be found with a metal detector. These include coins, gold nuggets, lost jewellery, and ancient relics of old civilizations. Research Before setting out to go metal detecting, it is good to look for sources that might give information on old sites. These may include mining reports, local town plans, and elders. Old people have very valuable information on the playing grounds, swimming holes and hunting zones that used to be there before things changed. Armed with such information, these are some of the good places to go for metal detecting. The beach Most beaches are either private or public and permission can be obtained from the owner or from local authorities. Permits granted for metal detecting on the beach are for the offshore only. Beaches are good places to go metal detecting. There are numerous human activities that have taken place over the years. People doing sports, running around, or even lying around might have dropped some rings, coins, or even chains from their pockets or from their fingers. If it is during the holidays season, the best time to go there is before sunset before the beach is occupied or immediately the crowd has left for the day. After a storm has taken place, there is a possibility that objects which had been lodged underwater are now brought to the shore or closer to the surface. Gardens Most people have gardens or backyards. It is easy to find artifacts, relics, coins, toys or other historic items on gardens. Gardens are places for relaxing, playing and socializing. During such activities, people could have dropped some things over the years. Therefore metal detecting might unearth some treasures that might be valuable. Houses located on older gardens are also good places to go for metal detecting. Commons and Parks It is always good to seek for permission when trying to enter parks for metal detecting. Some local authorities in some places do not allow metal detecting without licenses. To avoid collision with the authorities or confiscation of the metal detector it is advisable to follow the laid down rules of the treasury act and code of conduct. These are areas that offer some of the greatest potential in making good finds. Over the past years, parks have been utilized for various activities such as circuses, fairs, fates, and concerts. Some commons were used during the world wars as shooting ranges thus full of old bullets. To make metal detecting in these places worth the time, it is good to try and establish where activities were concentrated. These may be underneath the big trees, near the swings or around benches. Most of the greatest treasures and finds have been found in fields. During ploughing and rotivation, the buried things that were underneath are brought closer to the surface. The only setback that may happen is damage of the artifacts by the digging machinery. Ploughed fields are easy to dig and look for treasure since the soil is loose. The only problem that might occur is obtaining permission from the farmer who owns the land. It is also good to sign an agreement with the farmer with regards to how the treasures found will be split. Land has been used for many activities over the past. These include burial sites, roman camps, trading sites, and training grounds. It is recommended to undertake a research of the land first to identify its history. With old maps of the land, it is easy to identify footpaths or trails that might not be there presently. Woods and Footpaths they are regarded as public, what it means is that the land owner has given right of way to the public. It does not mean it is public land. Public footpaths are good places to go for metal detecting. However, it is good to identify the owner of the land through which the

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path passes and seek permission. Throughout the years, people have been using these footpaths or walking with their dogs. Metallic objects might have been dropped during these up and down movements. Again, public woodlands are potential places to go metal detecting. These are places where old arrow heads or pieces of hunting equipment can be found. Churches Churches are ideal places where some of the oldest coins can be found. This is based on the fact that churches are some of the oldest buildings in the community. Some were even built many centuries ago after the first homes in the area. Every Sunday, worshippers would gather in those churches carrying offering in the form of coins and other treasures. The best place to find old coins in churches is under old trees. This is where people would rest under the shade or children would play. Apart from coins, old relics can also be found in the backyard of churches. Deserted towns There are many deserted towns or settlements in many places countrywide. Old mining or transportation towns hold hoards of treasure. However, some might have been turned into protected areas by the government with some restrictions. With the required permission, deserted towns can be good places to go for metal detecting. With the trading activities that used to happen, it is possible to find old coins. Conclusion A metal detector can locate lots of hidden treasure when used in the right places. As indicated above, the best locations to go for metal detecting are those old places that have been used for many years. Good research will identify such sites and permission has to be obtained for those areas that are protected by law including private properties. You Might Also Like.

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Chapter 3 : Good Places to Go for Metal Detecting

When I looked his family up I found his wife Ann Northup on the New York, Saratoga County, Saratoga Spring Twp census. Our Awesome U.S. Census Genealogy is digging for treasure without a shovel.

Please widen your search. Get Free Enrollment Help! Military Academy at West Point is the oldest and perhaps the most prestigious of the federal service academies. Thomas Jefferson selected the location at the mouth of the Hudson River to protect what was then the capitol of the nation in New York. Because it changed from its original intent as a fort, named Fort Clinton, to an educational institution, it has become the longest continuously operated military installation. Upon graduation they are also awarded commissions as second lieutenants in the U. Since its founding, the U. Military Academy has had as its primary goal the preparation of cadets to assume leadership roles as U. With this goal uppermost in mind, requirements from admission to graduation, physically as well as mentally, are stringent. Bradley, and many others. Admissions Despite the high standards for not only admission but to stay and eventually graduate, the numbers of those who apply for admission is always far more than there is room to admit. Part of the reason for this is that just as is the case with all federal service academies, there is no cost to attend. Instead, in addition to their educational costs being covered by the government, each cadet is paid an amount comparable with enlisted ranks until they graduate. Cadets enter the Academy by either attending the West Point Preparatory School or any number of other educational institutions. Regardless, most cadets have credentials that include honor roll membership, letters in various sports, and numerous extracurricular activities. Cadets spend not only time during the week, but summers in the field surrounding the main campus learning military skills that they might take into battle. Subjects such as brigade tactics, military instruction, and professional military ethics and leadership. Another important aspect of daily cadet life is athletics. The Academy is known around the world for the teams it fields in such sports as football, basketball, lacrosse, boxing, wrestling, and many others. As part of its role in the development of leaders, cadets are strongly encouraged to take part in all manner of physical education programs. Merchant Marine Academy Grades: Founded in , it is also the oldest federally approved college for maritime instruction. The school is a part of the State University of New York system. The school welcomes students from grades 6 to La Salle Institute is an independent, Catholic college preparatory school serving young men in grades six through twelve. La [â€™] Christian Brothers Academy Grades: Their curriculum is based on Roman Catholic values with a heavy emphasis on military-style leadership development. Their athletic program is top notch, and their basketball team has multiple championship wins.

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Chapter 4 : TreasureNet - The Original Treasure Hunting Website

Dutch Schultz's Stash - New York Dutch Schultz was an infamous crime boss in New York's underworld, and amassed an empire valued at \$20 million a year while he was in his prime. Dutch was consistently hounded for tax evasion, and was eventually caught and indicted by a Grand Jury.

Less than 50 miles north of New York city, along the banks of the Hudson River, the state-of-the-art sports facilities and academic lecture halls of the academy provide a perfect juxtaposition for the terrain-rich environment used for cadet military training. The academy develops cadets to live honorably, with uncompromising integrity, as U. S Army officers in service to the nation. The United States Military Academy has been educating, training, and inspiring leaders of character for our United States Army and for the nation for more than years. West Point provides a month leader-development program steeped in academic rigor, military discipline, and physical challenges, all built upon a moral-ethical foundation. West Point provides a broad-based and balanced curriculum to ensure graduates acquire knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary for them to effectively address the complex and uncertain challenges they will face in their personal and professional lives. As they begin their military careers, they become leaders of Soldiers, and each new promotion brings additional responsibility and increased opportunity. West Point is about choosing a direction in life that puts service to the nation first and allows each graduate to be a standard-bearer for their generation and the generations that follow. The cadets who graduate as commissioned officers and serve the nation are our lasting legacy and are what makes West Point great. The Academic Program West Point strives to admit the best and brightest each year to ensure that the classrooms are places of intellectual rigor and stimulation, places where knowledge passes not just from instructor to cadet, but from cadet to cadet as well. It includes a substantive set of fully integrated core courses that, together, provide an appropriate balance between technical topics and the humanities. Cadets choose their areas of depth from more than 40 academic majors that span a broad spectrum of academic disciplines. The academic curriculum culminates with an integrative experience that is often an interdisciplinary and team-based project. Through the Senior Capstone experience, students draw upon and apply knowledge in their chosen majors as well as knowledge gained throughout the course of their studies. Often these projects provide real answers to real-world problems, result in presentations at academic conferences, and bring national recognition. It contributes to mental and physical fitness and allows the cadet to achieve the highest levels of physical development through a program that emphasizes a lifelong pursuit of personal fitness. The physical education curriculum spans all four years, and physical education class grades are incorporated into the cadet grade point average, highlighting the importance of physical fitness in the Army. Every cadet must participate in competitive sports throughout the academic year, whether in varsity intercollegiate athletics, intercollegiate clubs, or company athletics. The program challenges cadets every day but is widely regarded as both rewarding and enjoyable. Cadets are immersed from day one in a military environment where they are organized in companies and serve in leadership positions within the Corps of Cadets. The heart of the military training takes place during the summer. Each summer of training builds the leadership skills of the previous, so that by graduation each cadet is prepared to lead Soldiers and serve our nation. No matter what major course of study they choose, cadets graduate with the knowledge, confidence, and ability to be successful in their careers. Army of the linked web site or the information, products or services contained therein. For other than authorized activities such as military exchanges and Morale, Welfare and Recreation sites, West Point and the U. Army do not exercise any editorial control over the information you may find at these locations. Such links are provided consistent with the stated purpose of this Department of Army web site. Only questions or comments regarding the technical aspects of the Web site should be sent to the web master. If you are reporting a broken link, please help us by identifying the page or Web site where you found the link or web address. Please click here to send an email to the West Point web team.

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Chapter 5 : THE 10 BEST West Point Hotel Deals (Nov) - TripAdvisor

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Gold bearing quartz reported near Havre de Grace 23 Possible gold prospect Gold has been mined, panned or prospected intermittently since that date. Active mining ended prior to World War II in and the last recorded production from prospecting was 21 ounces found between The accompanying graph shows gold production in Maryland from to Prospecting continues even today. There is a surge of gold panning interest every few years, especially following an increase in the price of gold. No great fortunes were made by Maryland gold miners. In , Emmons stated that there was little likelihood of any new ventures that would result in sure riches for the operator. There is some reason to assume that many of these failures have been due to ignorance and bad methods of working The area around Great Falls has yielded most of the gold found in Maryland. Individuals hoping to find gold in Maryland are still looking in this area. Gold recovered by panning is mostly very fine grained but can range up to coarse sand size. Rarely, nuggets were found, some weighing as much as 4 ounces. The ideal spot for panning is downslope from a vein quartz outcrop along the first curve in the stream. The gold, freed from the rock by weathering, washes downhill from the outcrop and settles to the bottom of the stream. Since gold is heavier than sand, it will remain on the bottom of a pan full of swirling water and sediment and can thus be easily separated. Another source of gold is old mine dumps. MacArthur Boulevard, built near the Potomac River just before the Civil War, was later repaved with gold-bearing quartz rock from the mining areas Shosteck, Maryland has strict property right laws. Mining, panning and prospecting must be done with permission from the property owner; otherwise, you are trespassing. Collecting of rocks is prohibited on State owned lands unless permission is obtained from the Maryland Forest and Park Service. On Federal Park property, site of many of the old gold mines, permission must be obtained from the Superintendent of the Parks prior to any panning operations. One other caution is that it is extremely dangerous to enter any of the old mine shafts or openings. Series, Map IE, scale 1: Rocks and Minerals, V. This pamphlet was prepared in by Karen R. Compiled by the Maryland Geological Survey, St.

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Chapter 6 : 19 real life lost treasures that have yet to be found (19 Photos) : theCHIVE

At this very moment, you might be sitting or standing on buried treasure. With his metal detector, my second cousin, Steve Rettew, could help you find that treasure and then dig it up.

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General notes on Image 12 This is the image for November and the immigration reference is to Russia. This image is thought to be linked to Verse 10 and a casque in the New York City area. Both sites are important historical landmarks where treasure hunting is completely prohibited. There is no chance that the New York casque is buried at either of these sites, and attempting a dig on either island would very likely result in serious criminal charges. The visual references to these two islands in Image 12 strongly suggest that one should see the islands on the way to an ultimate destination in a less sensitive spot somewhere on the perimeter of the New York harbor. Specific Observations Please record your notes about this image in the list below. C6 - The head of the bird is similar to at least two monuments in the New York area see below. D3 - The doorway could represent Ellis Island, the doorway to America. D4 - The dark rectangle could be the World Trade Center completed in and destroyed in or it could be the berth where ships docked at Ellis Island. D5 - The building shown as an outline has the onion domes that are commonly but not exclusively found on Russian Orthodox churches. They could also be a match for the spires on the main building at Ellis Island see below. D6 - The face is a good match for the face on the Statue of Liberty see below. D7 - The time on the clock is F4 - The flower is a chrysanthemum, the birth flower for November. J6 - The distinctive shape formed by the bottom of the dress is often interpreted as a match for Manhattan because of its position, hanging down from above but it is actually a stronger match for a rotated outline of Staten Island see below. K6 - The jewel is a topaz, the birth stone for November. L3 - There appears to be a lion or some other animal in the waves see below. M3 to M8 - A breaking wave forms a ridge of water. If the wave is in a bay, it could be considered a "bay ridge," possibly in reference to that neighborhood in Brooklyn. O6 - There appears to be a "74" in the water see below. The Image 1 - Image 12 Connection: Image 1 , the first painting in *The Secret*, is paired in several ways with this final painting, Image 12. Most obviously, these two images are the only paintings in *The Secret* to have a narrow shape with a rounded top. The shape is very similar to the interior opening in each of the two towers of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge see photo below. Both images also feature a solitary woman in flowing robes, and the dotted background behind the dragon in the front panel of the dress in Image 1 is very similar to the dotted areas that appear at the top of Image 12. Beyond the visual similarities, Images 1 and 12 are also linked in their meanings. The casques associated with those two images are thought to be located in major port cities - San Francisco and New York - on opposite sides of the country. Those cities have been shaped and defined by immigration and by the millions of people who arrived in America through their ports. The entrances to both harbors are spanned by huge and historic suspension bridges that mark the entrance to a new country and a new world. The two images may also be linked by the mythology behind *The Secret*. Image 1 features a dragon and Image 12 possibly includes the legendary dragon-slayer Saint George. In both images, the nose on the female figure is directly above the jewel. The vertical line that passes through the nose and jewel in this image is exactly the same line that passes through the nose and jewel in Image 12. By combining the longitude 74 and the visual references to the Statue of Liberty, we can direct this search to the New York metropolitan area. The images of breaking waves and islands in a sea of blue suggest that we should focus on the area around New York Bay. There are at least three strong references to Ellis Island in the picture, but Ellis is north of Liberty Island and would not allow visitors to "gaze north to the isle of B. A line heading directly south of Liberty Island would pass under the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and head out to sea without ever hitting land, but presumably "north" is meant more as a general direction. The combination of evidence suggests that we should be looking for a place near the waterfront, in either Brooklyn or Staten Island, where one could have a view northwards to the Statue of Liberty. The map lists the species of Fair Folk that hail from that region as: If the fairy from each

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painting is a depiction of one of the Fair Folk from the same country of origin as the immigration reference, the creature pictured in Image 12 is likely a Rusalka singular of Rusalki. It is possible this information factors into the solution.

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Chapter 7 : Visiting West Point - Directions

West Point, New York. - Court Martial of James W. Smith, the African-American Cadet - Smith Reading His Defense, January 12th. Marriage of an African-American soldier at Vicksburg by Chaplain Warren of the Freedmen's Bureau.

This Poor Soul Graduated from the U. It grew to its present size, acres, between and , when 4. He was given permission to prey on suspected ships. He was arrested in and charged with five charges of piracy and one murder. He was sent to London to stand trial He said his captured booty was lawful but he was convicted and was hanged in Treasure-hunters are hard to discourage but some people looking for the buried treasurer has found more than they bargained for. One treasure hunter had a dream that his friend was helping him dig up the money. In his dream he saw a vision of a heavy iron wagon tire hanging from an oak tree. When he woke up he went to the area that he dreamed about. He found the oak tree with the heavy iron wagon-tire hanging in it. His friend held the lantern while he dug. All of a sudden a white ghostly form floated up out the hole and stood looking at him. They both fled and never went back. Was there and is there a treasure stashed someplace on Governors Island? Governors Island was a quarantine for those afflicted with the plague. Was he the quiet school teacher of Sleepy Hollow fame? Crane and Washington Irving were contemporaries while in the military. There he could also attract attention and perhaps investment. The first challenge was to make a waterproof cable. Wire itself was a rare commodity in , so he first had to find a metalsmith who could draw a strand of 2 miles continuous length that the project required. Then Morse had to wrap it by hand "with hempen threads well saturated with pitch, tar, and surrounded with India rubber. Next, Morse and an assistant had to row across the channel while slowly unrolling the cable and letting it settle to the bottom with enough slack so that it would not be an obstacle in the shipping lane. As they went along, they inspected every inch for cracks in the insulation, patching the cable with raw rubber everywhere that the corrosive salt water might seep in. They worked all day and well into the night. Finally, the task complete, Morse rowed back to the Battery, and they tested transmission and reception. The next morning, October 19, the New York Herald announced the demonstration. With Leonard Gale manning the instrument on the island, Morse commenced his demonstration. He sent a few characters and received a few back. Then, as the instrument was in the midst of punching dots and dashes into the paper tape, the line went dead. Unable to restore the circuit, Morse had to cancel the demonstration, much to the delight of the derisive and jeering crowd. Peering out into the harbor, Morse saw the answer. One of them had weighed anchor and hooked the cable in the process. Mistaking it for a rope, the sailors had cut it away. Morse had no immediate way to repair the physical or the public relations damage. Fortunately, since there was yet no telegraph to disseminate the news widely, the negative publicity was confined to New York. The earliest reference about the school is found in a book "Ten Years in the Ranks, U. Army" written by a young soldier age 12, Augustus Meyers. He wrote about his experiences at the school. The living quarters were sparse, consisting of double bunk beds with insufficient space for comfort or convenience. The beds were large sacks stuffed with straw. The meals consisted of boiled salt pork and beef, rice soup, bread, potatoes, bean soup, and coffee. At , the guard mount ceremony commenced followed by a period on uniform and equipment maintenance. School started at till followed by musical training from to and to The young drummers and fifers performed at retreat. This schedule occurred every day except Saturday when all instruction ended at Wilbur Wright makes the first powered airplane flight over Manhattan, flying from Governors Island in New York Harbor up the Hudson River to Grants Tomb Riverside Drive and West nd Street and back, in an airplane outfitted with a red canoe for emergency water landings. This Governors Island Railroad was only eight miles long, but was completely equipped with cars and engines - Year Note: I suspect the 8 miles is in error as the Island was only 2. An educated guess would be eight tenths of a mile long 2nd note: Supposedly there were 8 miles to begin with when it was built in I found a Quartermaster Corps map which shows a track running up the middle of the landfill and side tracks running to every warehouse along the water I assume that makes up the 8 miles. I pretended like there was one unpublished Debussy work

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that I kind of improvised. I was sure somebody was going to find me out and bust me. I felt so fraudulent in what I was doing. The cast has changed many times through the years. The original cast featured Alfred Drake and Patricia Morrison as the bickering leads. The photo is of Patricia Morrison with Col. Wood and Mueller hydrants. Most Governors Island hydrants also have an additionalIt spring attachment on the bonnet. As a side note, almost all the hydrants on the island are painted red and white, although a few black hydrants by both manufacturers can be found.

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Chapter 8 : Digital Schomburg Images - Reconstruction

Military Academy at West Point Established by an act of Congress in , the U.S. Military Academy at West Point is the oldest and perhaps the most prestigious of the federal service academies. Thomas Jefferson selected the location at the mouth of the Hudson River to protect what was then the capitol of the nation in New York.

The whir in my headphones rises in volume, signaling something metallic lies beneath the search coil of the metal detector. A sweep of the hole reveals no whir, so I know whatever set off the detector lies snuggled in the scoop. As I dump the sand next to the hole, my fingers sift through it until I grasp a hard flat object about the size of a quarter. Cleaning off more sand, its irregular shape and black tone sets my heart aflutter. Metal Detecting in Florida: They hoped to remain on a northerly course until ultimately branching off and crossing the Atlantic Ocean to Spain. None of the ships made it, wrecking and scattering their cargo close to the shorelines from Stuart to Cape Canaveral. Millions of dollars worth of gold and silver coins, jewelry, ship artifacts and other relics were strewn along the east-central coast of Florida. Best Places to Use a Metal Detector in Florida Treasure salvors still have leases to search the waters, so stay on the beaches beyond the surf line. You also must respect private property whenever encountered between where the beach sand ends known as the escarpment to U. Highway A1A that parallels the coast. Sort through the debris and inspect anything unusual. A screened device at the end of a handle can reduce a lot of stooping, but simple garden tools, such as a hand scoop or pail, will suffice. The heavy wave action stirs up the sediment and at times picks up objects, like coins, and tumbles them right onto the beaches. Look for areas with more shell deposits than others, as this might indicate where strong currents are sweeping across the bottom and depositing loose objects onto the beach sand. One of my favorite locations involves Vero Beach. I stay at the Vero Beach Holiday Inn due to its proximity to other productive beaches. I also work the beaches just north and south of the hotel, where I found four silver coins on only two visits. One of the more popular types for a saltwater environment involves pulse induction detectors, such as my Garrett Infinium. A set of headphones helps block out extraneous noise so you can quickly detect the increased sound level when the detector head sweeps over something metallic. If you do see people sweeping the sand with metal detectors “ and you will in many areas on a daily basis “ let them move along without disturbance. Glassed showcases display gold and silver coins, glittering jewelry and historical objects such as navigational equipment used in the 17th and 18th centuries found among wrecks. Some of the galleon cannons were found literally right where the tide breaks onto the beaches. When I recently visited the museum, the kindly woman at the entrance offered that the hottest site where finds were being made involved Bonsteel Park. Off I headed to the park about three miles north of Sebastian Inlet. After parking, I strode to the beach via the boardwalk. I noted three people metal detecting to the north along the beach, so I sauntered about a quarter mile south before seeing a promising location with lots of debris and shells near the high-tide mark. After about an hour of sweeping the detector over the sand and turning up nothing but junk, I registered a faint hit. My scoop dug into the soft sand, and a subsequent sweep of the hole with the detector resulted in a stronger tone in my headphones. I sank to my knees and scooped out the sand with a right hand as the left kept the detector aloft. I grasped a clod of sediment and held it over the hole. Lightly cleaning away caked-on sand and small shells, I broke open the mass. Something resembling an old tin container pulverized in my fingers. In a frenzied excitement, I swung the detector back over the hole “ another strong signal. My hand felt something solid and seconds later I clutched two silver reales. The coins possibly were kept in the tin along with perhaps tobacco, and the heavier coins eventually sank beneath the deteriorative tin. To say I felt overjoyed would be an understatement “ I let out a whoop so loud that a nearby seagull walking the beach took to the air. I had once again found Spanish treasure. Not only might you literally strike gold, the whole family will enjoy the beach experience that much more. And when you happen upon all the men, women and children waving metal detectors, give them a thumbs-up signal “ you just might be wishing me good luck as well.

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Chapter 9 : West Point, New York - Wikipedia

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It started this way: Was it coming from neighboring West Point? They confiscated the stuff. Who had blown away the mountainside, and why? They gave it up, finally, but kept on watching. On the morning of October 27 one of the rangers saw four little men, all hunched under heavy loads of mining tools and more dynamite, toiling up the rude trail of the mountain. He concealed his men to see what would happen. One drilled a hole in the mountainside, another plugged it with dynamite, a third set a match to the fuse. It carried more dynamite and more tools. Apparently the little men had left it there to throw off suspicion and had hiked the rest of the way up the mountain. The first indication of their mission in the mountain, and the reason for the great scar in old Letterrock, came from a curious contract, copies of which were found on each of the prisoners. Saw Map in Morgan Library. The secret of the spot and how to reach it, they insisted, came out of a faded map in the Morgan Library in New York. Wenk of East th Street in which the writer had asked permission to search for a cave in the Harriman section of the park which he believed contained treasure. No answer ever came from Wenk and the matter was dropped. He is a little man, with intelligent features in a childishly round face, soft speech and cultured bearing. A woman emerged from the shadows and listened silently to the interview. How these men found this place I cannot understand. I have spoken to no one about my letter to the Governor. I was not prepared at this time to begin my hunt for the treasure. It seems that George Gyra, with whom he worked some years ago int he Vanderbilt Garage in Thirty-third Street, near Lexington Avenue, came home one day last Spring, from a CWA project int he Interstate Park where he had been employed, with the story of the cave. It was barely large enough to admit a man, but he crawled inside. He got in six or eight feet and it was all dark. Then he crawled out again. And I might as well tell you â€” George said that when he got out into the light again he found bits of silver of gold clinging to his breeches. We were going to go there when my health was better. One tells of a lode called Spanish Silver Mine, on Black Mountain, a mile east of Letterrock, where Spaniards who came up from the West Indies were supposed to have mined great fortunes in silver. He has a copy which is dated or around that period. It is old and yellowed, cracked in the folds, and in several pieces. You follow marked oak trees, and when you get on the mountain, turn to the right hand. Keep on till you come to a bog meadow. You cross an old dam. Keep on until you come to old Indian fields, then Stony Brook. Keep up that brook half a mile, then turn to the right hand to a brook that leads between two mountains. Then you are close to the mine. In the mine is bars of silver and two barrels of dollars. In a crack on of the rock is the bars of silver hid. This brook empties into the Hudson River. Or who hired the men to blast the stuffing out of the mountain. And then I found another article, dated the following day: Carr of the American Museum of Natural History said yesterday. Carr described the four as being between 50 and 60 years of age, quite tall, and apparently not miners, although they knew how to employ the hand drills and dynamite with which they had succeeded in blasting a deep hole in the solid granite. This rock pointed to a cave where, centuries ago, Spaniards had secreted the bodieds of 3, Indians whom they had killed; then, liking the qualities of the hiding place, the same Spaniards buried their own valuables in it, the men asserted. It all looked plausible, said Mr. Carr, but for one thing. The marks on the rock had been caused by weathering, and there were similar ones on the other boulders in the vicinity; but that did not deter the treasure seekers. But the park authorities were determined; the men had to leave. Carr and John T. Tamsen, superintendent of the section of the park in which the hunt had been carried on, were impressed. They got some dynamite and set it off to make sure that Letterrock did not have just such a cave as the men had been seeking. If the vibrations have a certain tone, there is a hollow near by; if they sound steady and solid, there is no cave. Carr and his companions heard somber, forbidding vibrations; there was no cave. They had a large supply of canned goods, and a liverwurst and a ham were suspended carefully from the ridgepole of their tent, away from small animals. They were

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prepared to stay as long as necessary to bore through the granite. See a place where the brook flows between two mountains? You can hike the area to scout for the gash in Letterrock created by these four men dwarfs, gnomes, little people by parking on Tiorati Brook Road closed in the dead of winter in the parking area just east of Lake Tiorati, where the road bends away and intersects the Red Cross Trail. I passed another hiker and we talked about West Point.