

Washington State Personal Use Mushroom Harvesting Rules as of November 6, 2012

District	Phone	Closures	Permit	Guide	Species	Limit	Season
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest							
Darrington	360-436-1155	None (4)	Free use	None	All combined	5 gal/yr/house	No limit
Mount Baker	360-856-5700	Wilderness(4)	Free use	None	All combined	5 gal/yr/house	2 weeks
Skykomish	360-677-2414	None (4)	None	None	All combined	1 gal/day&5 gal/yr	No limit
Snoqualmie	425-888-1421	None (4)	Free use	None	All combined	5 gal/yr/house	2 weeks (8)
Wenatchee National Forest							
Cle Elum	509-852-1100	None (4)	None	None	All but pine (9)	2 gallons	No limit
Chelan	509-682-4900	Wilderness	Free use	Paper (12)	All but pine (9)	3 gallons	4/15-7/31
Entiat	509-784-1511	&LSR(4,11)	Free use	Paper (12)	All but pine (9)	3 gallons	4/15-7/31
Naches	509-653-1401	None (4)	None (9)	None	All but pine (9)	3 gallons	No limit
Wenatchee River	509-548-2550	Wilderness(4)	None (9)	Paper (12)	All but pine (2)	3 gallons	No limit
Olympic National Forest							
Hood Canal	360-765-2200	None (4)	None	On Web	Each species All combined	1 gallon (1,3) 3 gallons (1)	No limit
Pacific - Forks	360-374-6522	None (4)	None	On Web	Each species	1 gallon (1,3)	No limit
Pacific - Quinalt	360-288-2525				All combined	3 gallons (1)	
Gifford Pinchot National Forest							
Legislative NVM	360-449-7800	Closed	No mushroom collecting, outer NVM same as Cowlitz Valley				
Cowlitz Valley	360-497-1100	SeeMap(4,5)	Free use	On Web	All combined	3 gallons (2)	10 days
Mount Adams	509-395-3400	SeeMap(4,5)	Free use	On Web	All combined	3 gallons (2)	per year
Okanogan National Forest							
Methow Valley	509-996-4003	None (4)	Usually	OnWeb(11)	All but pine (9)	3 gallons	No limit
Tonasket	509-486-2186	None (4)	none(10)	OnWeb(11)	All but pine (9)	3 gallons	No limit
Colville-Kaniksu National Forest							
Newport	509-447-7300	None (4)	None	None	All but pine (9)	60 mush or 3 gal	4/1 - 11/1
Priest Lake (IPNF)	208-443-6845	None (4)	None	None	All but pine (9)	5 gallons	No limit
Republic	509-775-7400	None (4)	None	None	All but pine (9)	60 mush or 3 gal	4/1 - 11/1
Sullivan Lake	509-446-7500	None (4)	None	None (12)	All but pine (9)	60 mush or 3 gal	4/1 - 11/1
Three Rivers	509-738-7700	None (4)	None	None (12)	All but pine (9)	60 mush or 3 gal	4/1 - 11/1
Umatilla National Forest							
Pomeroy	509-843-1891	None (4)	Usually	On Web	All combined	5 gallons	No limit
Walla Walla	509-522-6290	None (4)	none(10)	On Web	All combined	5 gallons	No limit
National parks and other federal land							
Olympic Park	360-565-3130	None (4)	None	None	Edibles Comb.(7)	1 quart	No limit
Mount Rainier Park	360-569-2211	None (4)	None	None	Edibles Comb.(7)	1 gallon	No limit
North Cascades Park	360-856-5700	All Closed	No mushroom collecting allowed in National Park and NRAs				
NRA/NSA/NM	call NF district	All Closed	Typically no mushroom collecting, for NVM see GPNF above				
Wildlife Refuges	call area mgr	Some Closed	None	None	All combined	5 gallons	No limit
Other BLM Land	509-536-1200	None	None	On Web	All combined	5 gallons	No limit
Indian Reservations	call tribe	All Closed	Typically no free use mushroom collecting by non-members				
Washington State							
NAP and NRCA	call region mgr	SomeClosed(6)	None	None	All combined	5 gallons	No limit
State Parks	see park mgr	SomeClosed(4)	None	None	Edibles Comb.(7)	2 gallons	No limit
Other DNR(state forest)	call region mgr	None	None	None	All combined	5 gallons/yr	No limit
Wildlife Areas	360-902-2515	None	None	None	All combined	5 gallons	No limit
Municipal watershed	call owner	All Closed	No public access allowed				
Private Timber Co.	call DNR	None	None	None	All combined	5 gallons	No limit
Other private land	call owner	See Owner	None	None	All combined	5 gallons	No limit
Seattle City Parks							
All Closed No foraging allowed in Seattle city parks							

(1) Chanterelles must have cap diameter > 1 inch

(2) Matsutakes must be cut in half vertically, 12 maximum

(3) One large mushroom that exceeds daily limit may be kept

(4) See web pages, signs and travel plan maps for seasonal and special closures; see signs in area for botanical area closures

(5) Special forest products harvest map are available - paper only; wilderness, RNAs, campgrounds, & administrative sites are closed

(6) All NAP, Mt. Si, Woodard Bay and all Olympic region NRCA are closed; Some NRCA site plans allow it; call site manager

(7) Pick only edibles (mushrooms, berries, nuts, etc.), other restrictions should be posted but often aren't, see manager

(8) Limit may be divided between more than one 2 week permit, 1 gallon per day does not require permit

(9) All Matsutake (pine) mushroom harvesting requires a commercial permit

(10) Free use permit sometimes required in large burn areas

(11) See current Wenatchee National Forest Woodcutting Map for LSR

(12) Recent fire location data is available on guide or at district offices

General Rules as of 11/6/2012:

This summary of guides, permits, e-mails and phone calls prior to the date above is not a legal interpretation

Daily limit is also the per person possession and transport limit

Rakes, leaf blowers or other ground disturbing devices/animals are prohibited, divots must be replaced

Only individual free personal use rules are listed (mushrooms must not be sold, bartered or given away)

Group and commercial harvesting require permits and have different regulations which are not included here

Keep permit in possession, enter product quantity removal record date at arrival, complete before leaving (in ink)

Motorized vehicles are not allowed off existing roads that are open to the public, do not block gates or roads

Permits, guides and maps are available at district offices or the web links in the table

Do not collect sensitive species:

[Forest Service](#)

[Sensitive Plant List](#)

[Bureau of Land Management](#)

[Theateded, Endangered and Sensitive Species List](#)

[Stategic Species List](#)

State Law:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=76.48>

76.48.021: ... (21) "Specialized forest products" means the following: ... (f) More than five United States gallons of wild edible mushrooms. ...

76.48.131: It is unlawful for any person to: ... (3) Harvest specialized forest products in any lesser quantities than those specified in RCW 76.48.031 without first obtaining permission from the landowner or the landowner's authorized agent or representative ...

76.48.031: (1) ... a completed specialized forest products permit issued under this chapter is required prior to engaging in the following activities: (a) Harvesting any specialized forest products from any lands, including his or her own land. (b) Possessing or transporting any specialized forest products ...

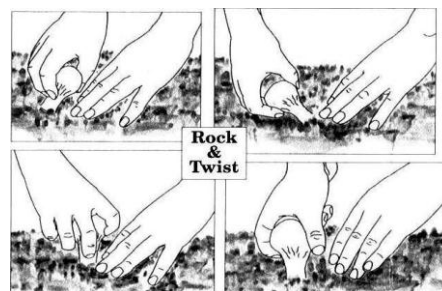
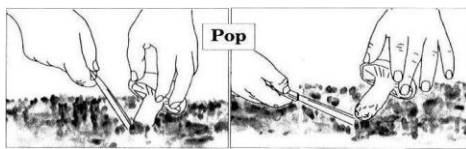
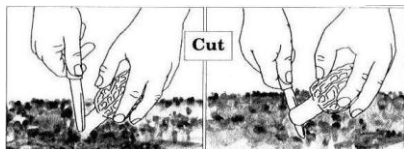
State Parks Reg. (WAC 352-28-030):

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=352-28-030>

Personal consumption: The recreational harvest, possession, or transport of edible plants and edible fruiting bodies including, but not limited to, mushrooms, berries, and nuts, is allowed up to an amount of two gallons per person per day, unless otherwise posted at the park. The harvest amount may be comprised of one or more species. The harvest may occur within the following park classification areas: Recreation, resource recreation, natural, natural forest, heritage, or in parks not yet classified. No harvest of edible plants or edible fruiting bodies, including mushrooms, is allowed within a natural area preserve. Harvest techniques that involve raking or other techniques that have the potential to degrade park natural or cultural resources are prohibited. The director or designee may close, temporarily close, or condition public access to certain park areas for recreational harvesting of edibles upon finding that the activity degrades or threatens to degrade the park's natural or cultural resources, or to protect public health, safety, and welfare. Such closure shall be posted at the entrance to the park area affected and at the park office.

Mushroom picking etiquette:

Due to the delicate life cycle of mushrooms there are a few things you can do to protect the species in your favorite areas. These few steps may help to sustain your mushroom picking pleasure into the future: 1) Pick only two-thirds of the mushrooms you find. Do not collect mushrooms from previously harvested areas; leave the rest for seed (spores) and food for wildlife. 2) Minimize the impacts to the actual fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. This means do not use rakes, dogs, pigs or other methods to dig mushrooms. Use rock & twist, pop or cut at or above ground level. Aviod collecting in campgrounds or along trails. Should not drive on water-saturated, muddy roads.



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For the most recent version: <http://www.psms.org/rules.html>