

Washington State Personal Use Mushroom Harvesting Rules as of October 2, 2006

| District | Phone | Closures | Permit | Guide | Species | Daily Limit | Days/yr |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|--|------------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest | | | | | | | |
| Darrington | 360-436-1155 | None (4) | None | None | All combined | 5 gallons | No limit |
| Mount Baker | 360-856-5700 | None (4) | None | None | All combined | 5 gallons | No limit |
| Skykomish | 360-677-2414 | None (4) | None | None | All combined | 5 gallons | No limit |
| Snoqualmie | 425-888-1421 | None (4) | None | None | All combined | 5 gallons | No limit |
| Wenatchee National Forest | | | | | | | |
| Cle Elum | 509-852-1100 | None (4) | None | On Web | All combined | 2 gallons | No limit |
| Chelan | 509-682-2576 | Wilderness | Free use | Paper (10) | All comb. (2) | 3 gallons | No limit |
| Entiat | 509-784-1511 | &LSR(4,8,9) | Free use | Paper (10) | All comb. (2) | 3 gallons | No limit |
| Naches | 509-653-1400 | None (4) | None | None | All combined | 3 gallons | No limit |
| Wenatchee River | 509-548-6977 | Wilderness (4) | Free use | Paper (10) | Matsutake(2) | 12 mushrooms | No limit |
| | | | | | Others comb. | 3 gallons | No limit |
| Olympic National Forest | | | | | | | |
| Hood Canal | 360-765-2200 | None (4) | None | On Web | Each species | 1 gallon (1,3) | No limit |
| | | | | | All combined | 3 gallons (1) | No limit |
| Pacific | 360-374-6522 360-288-2525 | None (4) | None | On Web | Each species | 1 gallon (1,3) | No limit |
| | | | | | All combined | 3 gallons (1) | No limit |
| Gifford Pinchot National Forest | | | | | | | |
| Legislative NVM | 360-547-3900 | 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) | |
| Okanogan National Forest | | | | | | | |
| Methow Valley | 509-996-4003 | None (4) | None | OnWeb(10) | All combined | 3 gallons | No limit |
| Tonasket | 509-486-2186 | None (4) | None | OnWeb(10) | All combined | 3 gallons | No limit |
| Colville-Kaniksu National Forest | | | | | | | |
| Newport | 509-447-7300 | None (4) | None | None | All combined | 3 gallons | No limit |
| Priest Lake (IPNF) | 208-443-6845 | None (4) | None | None | All combined | 5 gallons | No limit |
| Republic | 509-775-7400 | None (4) | None | None | All combined | 3 gallons | No limit |
| Sullivan Lake | 509-446-7500 | None (4) | None | None (10) | All combined | 3 gallons | No limit |
| Three Rivers | 509-738-7700 | None (4) | None | None (10) | All combined | 3 gallons | No limit |
| Umatilla National Forest | | | | | | | |
| Pomeroy | 509-843-1891 | None (4) | None | On Web | All combined | 3 gallons | No limit |
| Walla Walla | 509-522-6290 | None (4) | None | On Web | All combined | 5 gallons | No limit |
| National parks and other federal land | | | | | | | |
| Olympic Park | 360-565-3130 | None (4) | None | None | All combined | 1 quart | No limit |
| Mount Rainier Park | 360-569-2211 | None (4) | None | None | All combined | 1 quart | No limit |
| North Cascades | 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 site 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 (4) | None | None | All combined | 5 gallons | No limit |
| Wildlife Areas | call area mgr | 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 |

(1) Chanterelles must have cap diameter > 1 inch

(2) Matsutakes must be cut in half vertically

(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) Picking allowed only from April 15 through July 31

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

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

General Rules as of 9/20/2006: <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/e-resources/ebooks/records/eej7179.html>

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 or below

Web sites (some do not have detailed mushroom collecting information):

Puget Sound Mycological Society: <http://www.psms.org>
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/passes/>
Wenatchee National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/wenatchee/permits/permain.htm>
Olympic National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic/passes/>
Colville National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/>
Gifford Pinchot National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/04passes/>
Okanogan National Forest: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/oka/passes/mushroom_permits.shtml
Idaho Panhandle National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/>
Umatilla National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/passes/mushrooms.shtml>
Olympic National Park: <http://www.nps.gov/olym/index.htm>
Mount Rainier National Park: <http://www.nps.gov/mora/index.htm>
North Cascades National Park: <http://www.nps.gov/noca/mushrooms.htm>
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/columbia/forest/>
National Wildlife Refuge System: <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/index.html>
Bureau of Land Management: <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/permits.htm>
Washington State Parks: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/>
Washington Department of Natural Resources: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/htdocs/adm/comm/qa2.htm>
Washington Natural Areas Program <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/nap/index.html>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/>
National Fire News <http://www.nifc.gov/fireinfo/nfn.html>

State Law (RCW 76.48.060): <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=76.48.060>

A specialized forest products permit validated by the county sheriff shall be obtained by a person prior to harvesting from any lands, including his or own ... more than five United States gallons of a single species of wild edible mushroom. ... it is unlawful for any person (a) to possess, (b) to transport, or (c) to possess and transport within the state of Washington, subject to any other conditions or limitations specified in the specialized forest products permit by the permittor, ... more than five United States gallons of a single species of wild edible mushroom.

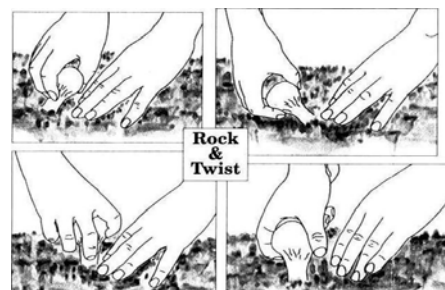
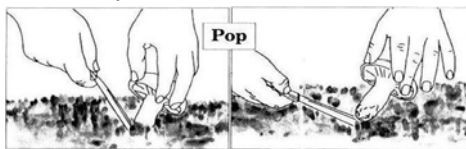
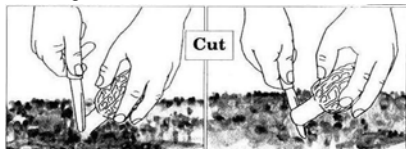
State Parks Reg. (WAC 352-28-030): <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=352-28-030>

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. Avoid collecting in campgrounds or along trails. Should not drive on water-saturated, muddy roads.



For comments/corrections contact: <mailto:ssstolt@seanet.com>

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