

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

District	Phone	Closures	Permit	Guide	Species	Daily Limit	Days/yr
<b>Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest</b>							
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
<b>Wenatchee National Forest</b>							
Cle Elum	509-852-1100	None (4)	None	On Web	All combined	2 gallons	No limit
Chelan	509-682-2576	Wilderness	Free use	Paper (9)	All comb. (2)	3 gallons	No limit
Entiat	509-784-1511	&LSR(4,7,8)	Free use	Paper (9)	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 (9)	Matsutake(2)	12 mushrooms	No limit
					Others comb.	3 gallons	No limit
<b>Olympic National Forest</b>							
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
<b>Gifford Pinchot National Forest</b>							
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)	
<b>Okanogan National Forest</b>							
Methow Valley	509-996-4003	None (4)	None	OnWeb(9)	All combined	3 gallons	No limit
Tonasket	509-486-2186	None (4)	None	OnWeb(9)	All combined	3 gallons	No limit
<b>Colville-Kaniksu National Forest</b>							
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 (9)	All combined	3 gallons	No limit
Three Rivers	509-738-7700	None (4)	None	None (9)	All combined	3 gallons	No limit
<b>Umatilla National Forest</b>							
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
<b>National parks and other federal land</b>							
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				
<b>Washington State</b>							
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	All Edibles Comb.	2 gallons (10)	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) See current Wenatchee National Forest Woodcutting Map for location of Late Successional Reserves

(8) Picking allowed only from April 15 through July 31

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

(10) Other restrictions should be posted but often aren't, see manager

**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](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>

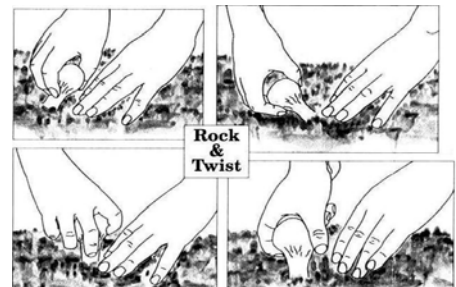
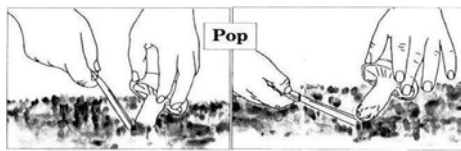
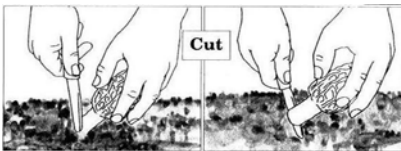
A specialized forest products permit validated by the county sheriff shall be obtained by a person prior to harvesting from any lands, including his or own ... more than five United States gallons of a single species of wild edible mushroom. ... it is unlawful for any person (a) to possess, (b) to transport,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



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