



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST 2023 CHRISTMAS TREES

Clackamas River & Zigzag Ranger Districts



How do I purchase a Christmas tree permit?

Online: Permits can be purchased online! Visit www.recreation.gov/tree-permits and search for "Mt. Hood National Forest Christmas Tree Permit." *\$2.50 service fee applies. Online permits must be printed and displayed on vehicle dashboard.*

Ranger station: Visit your local ranger station during office hours to purchase a permit.

Local vendors: Christmas tree permits are available at several local businesses in the Mt. Hood area.

For more information on vendors, please visit: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/christmastreevendors

Free permit for 4th graders: 4th graders can receive a free Christmas tree permit at a ranger station or online! 4th graders must be present and have their Every Kid Outdoors pass or voucher with them.

Learn more: www.everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm

How much do permits cost? Tree cutting tips?

- Permits are \$5 each, with a limit of 5 trees per household.
- Don't forget to print your online permit & bring it with you.
- Head out early & plan to be on your way home *before* sunset – it's very dark out there!
- Forest roads are not plowed. Bring a travel kit and be prepared for emergencies! For more winter driving tips: www.oregon.gov/odot/pages/winter-driving.aspx
- Dress warmly. Bring warm drinks and extra dry clothes, food, and water.
- Much of the Forest has no cell service. Bring a paper map and/or download a map.
- Be sure someone at home knows where you are going and when to expect you back!

How do I choose a tree to bring home?

Noble fir and Pacific silver fir grow above 3,200 feet elevation, making great Christmas trees as they stay green and hold their needles for a long time. Douglas fir and hemlock trees can be found at lower elevations. Hemlock tends to brown and lose their needles quickly.



Noble fir



Pacific silver fir



Douglas fir



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Where can I cut a Christmas tree? What are the rules & regulations?

Consult Christmas tree cutting maps. Respect all signage!

- No tree cutting within 100 feet of any highway. Parking on highways is illegal.
- Cutting is prohibited in wilderness, near recreation areas & trails, within active timber sales, and certain other areas – read your permit for more details.
- Know whose land you're on! Do not cut on county, state, tribal, or private land, or areas posted "No Christmas Tree Cutting."
- When choosing your tree, ensure there is another tree growing within 12 feet.
- You can cut trees up to 15 feet tall. (For permits for larger trees, call your local Ranger District.)
- Cut down the entire tree, leaving a stump no more than 6 inches from the ground. Remove snow from around the stump so you can accurately measure stump and tree height.
- Scatter excess branches.
- Pack out everything you brought in. Please follow Leave No Trace guidelines: www.lnt.org

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- Harvesting of special forest products is allowed within burned areas, although a few roads are still closed to motorized traffic. Use extreme caution when entering burn areas – learn more: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/burnsafety

Zigzag Ranger District

- Cutting areas include Wildcat Mountain/Forest Road 3626 (beyond County Forest); Lolo Pass area, Forest Road 1828; Trillium Lake area, Forest Road 2656; and Shellrock area, Forest Road 58.
- Forest Road 42 (Skyline Rd) closes for winter at Skyline Sno-Park by December 1.
- A Sno-Park Pass is required to park at Oregon Sno-Parks. More information is available at: www.tripcheck.com/Pages/Sno-Parks-Mt-Hood

Get more info & download maps: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/christmastree

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Clackamas River Ranger District

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