

General Rules

- Valid permits must be in possession while harvesting personal use mushrooms.
- Permits and maps are available at any Flathead National Forest office.
- All mushroom harvesters over the age of 12 who are issued a permit, need a parent/legal guardian or sponsoring adult to cosign the permit.
- **All mushrooms must be sliced lengthwise in half at time of harvest.**
- Get permission first before picking on State or private land.
- Protect future harvests. Reduce impacts to the fungi by not disturbing the soil. No raking, digging, or other ground disturbances are allowed when collecting mushrooms. Cut or break off mushrooms at ground level.
- Road access - Motor Vehicle Use Maps for designated motorized roads and seasonal closures are available at all Flathead National Forest offices. Motorized travel off designated roads and trails is prohibited.
- Please do your part in taking care of this valuable resource by respecting the land and all forest visitors.
- No collecting and/or transporting mushrooms in Glacier National Park.
- Resale of mushrooms harvested under a personal use permit (free) is prohibited.

Flathead National Forest Contact Information

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Tally Lake Ranger District**
650 Wolfpack Way
Kalispell, Montana 59901
(406) 758-5200

Swan Lake Ranger District
200 Ranger Station Road
Bigfork, MT 59911
(406) 837-7500

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PO Box 190340
10 Hungry Horse Drive
Hungry Horse, MT 59919
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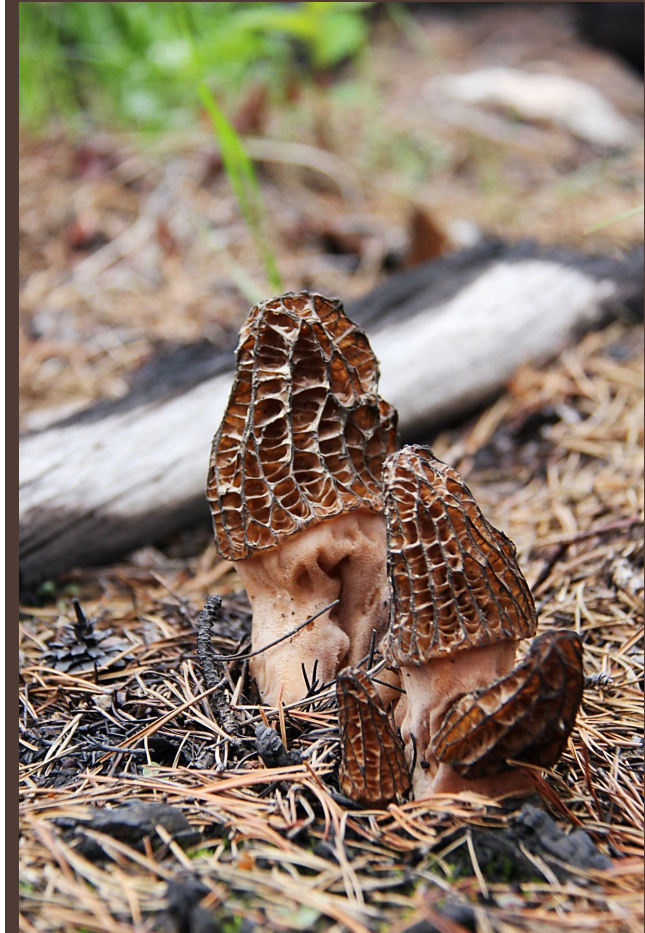
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Flathead National Forest Mushroom Harvest Guide



Types of Mushroom Permits

Incidental Use

Up to 5 gallons

No permit required up to 5 gallons per season, with a *one gallon per day possession limit*.



Personal Use Free Permit

Between 5 and 20 gallons

Personal use free permits are required for each person 12 years and older to collect between 5 and 20 gallons with a *5 gallon per day possession limit*.

Harvested mushrooms must be cut lengthwise in half



Resale of mushrooms is prohibited.

Gathering any product to be sold is considered commercial harvesting.

Commercial harvest permits are not currently available on the Flathead National Forest.



Know Your Mushrooms

Properly identifying and determining whether a mushroom is edible is your responsibility. **Many forest mushrooms are poisonous.**

Guidebooks can help you identify mushrooms. Some national forests offer field guides for sale.

Your local library, websites, county extension office, and local Mycological Societies are good sources of information.

WHEN IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT IN THE WOODS!

Camping

A person or group may not occupy a single location for a period longer than 16 consecutive days.

Food storage orders are in place across the forest. All human food, including canned goods and beverages, pet and livestock food (except baled or cubed hay without additives), garbage, and wildlife carcasses or parts must be stored in a bear-resistant manner. See the Special Orders at <https://go.usa.gov/xHCYu> for details.

Leave No Trace

- Follow Leave No Trace principles: **Pack it in. Pack it out.**
- Don't leave cigarette butts on the ground.
- Bury human waste a minimum of 12-18 inches deep and 300 feet away from any water source or open road.
- Remove and properly dispose of pet waste.
- Discharging firearms within campsites is prohibited.
- Never leave your campfire unattended. **Make sure your fire is DEAD OUT before you leave!** Campfires may be restricted during periods of high fire danger.
- Do not block gates, roads or interfere with the use of trails.
- Forest roads are frequently busy with other traffic. Please drive defensively.
- If you are hunting or fishing, understand the local regulations.